

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 7, 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**
 Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**
 Kipling Godwin
 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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

David L. Dutton, Jr.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL of FIRE TAX SERVICE DISTRICT for NAKINA FIRE DISTRICT:

Chairman Wilson stated a Public Hearing had been duly advertised and held on April 3, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at the Nakina Fire and Rescue Building to allow the citizens to vote on a fire tax service district. As a result from this Public Hearing, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve an eight (\$.08) cents Fire Tax Service District known as the Nakina Fire District. The motion was seconded by Chairman Memory. The motion so carried.

(Agenda Item #26): RESOLUTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION and AGREEMENT for the CAPE FEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM for PURPOSE of IMPLEMENTATION of the WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT of 1998:

Ms. Margie Parker, Cape Fear Council of Governments, requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution. This Resolution is approving updates to the language of the Workforce Development Consortium Agreement and will allow the Commissioner's representative on the Consortium Board to sign the Consortium Agreement.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLUTION AMENDING
 ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND AGREEMENT FOR THE CAPE FEAR
 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM FOR PURPOSE OF
 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has established the *Workforce Investment Act* of 1998, PL 105-220 on August 7, 1998, requiring full implementation by States no later than July 1, 2000:

WHEREAS, North Carolina has opted to be an early implementing state and will implement July 1, 1999 and has elected to follow provisions in the Workforce Investment Act which permit the utilization of North Carolina's existing delivery structure, the Governor of the State of North Carolina will designate the current "service delivery area" under the Job Training Partnership Act as the "workforce investment area" under the provisions of the federal workforce Investment Act of 1998 which includes the Counties of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender, to be known as the Cape Fear Workforce Development Consortium;

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 is authorized under a different piece of federal legislation than the Job Training Partnership Act and current agreements only govern receipt of JTPA, NCETGP and WtW funds and do not include local liability for Workforce Investment Act funds, the issue of responsibility for the Workforce Investment Act must be addressed. It will be necessary to execute and update the existing **State/Service Delivery Area Memorandum of Agreement and the local Articles of Association and Agreement for the Cape Fear Workforce Development Consortium** to reflect the liability, additional functions and responsibilities associated with the Workforce Investment Act to include designation of the "chief elected officials" for the Consortium and Chief Elected Official for the workforce investment area, designation of an administrative/fiscal agent to administer the program on behalf of the Consortium, and certification of existing Workforce Development Board to serve as the workforce investment board for WIA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this County does hereby approve the amended **Articles of Association and Agreement for the Cape Fear Workforce Development Consortium** to include the additional liability, functions and responsibilities associated with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, designates the "chief elected officials" for the Consortium and the Chief Elected Officials for the SDA/WIA and requests certification of the existing Cape Fear Workforce Development Board as the workforce investment Board for purposes of the Workforce Investment Act;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Lynwood Norris, as the representative Chief Elected Official for the Counties of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender is authorized, upon receipt, to execute the amended **State and Service Delivery Area Memorandum of Agreement** to reflect the inclusion of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is further authorized to execute the **Administrative/Fiscal Agent Designation Form for the Workforce Investment Act** designating the Cape Fear Council of Governments as the administrative/fiscal agent to carry out the duties of the Consortium associated with WIA program management, financial management (receipt and disbursement of grant funds), and support to the local Cape Fear Workforce Development Board;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County's board member on the Cape Fear Council of Governments' Board, designated as the "chief elected official" of this County for the Cape Fear Workforce Development Consortium Board and all purposes as required by the Job Training Act and Workforce Investment Act and foregoing Articles of Association and Agreement for the Cape Fear Workforce Development Consortium is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the County the amended **Articles of Association and Agreement for the Cape Fear Workforce Development Consortium** and to take any and all actions which may be appropriate to carry out the foregoing resolutions into effect.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003 at Columbus County, North Carolina.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I hereby certify that during a regular meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held on Monday, April 7th, 2003, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

(SEAL)

(Agenda Item #3): BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the March 17, 2003 Board Minutes as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

(Agenda Item #4): 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
03-17-03

TOTAL HOUSES			491		
Houses Inspected			491		
Replacement		294		293	
Repair		197		198	
Repair Work			197		
Work Write-up	0			0	
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0			0	
Board Awarded, No Construction	21			30	
Title Opinion NOT Requested		0			0
Waiting on Title Opinion		0			0
Waiting on Prom.Note/D.O.T.		3			14
Waiting on Contractor		18			16
Under Construction	25			18	
Complete	151			150	
Replacement Work			294		
Work Write-up	0			0	
Board Awarded, No Construction	31			46	
Title Opinion NOT Requested		6			6
Waiting on Title Opinion		5			6
N.O.E. Not Sent		4			5
Waiting on Client		16			29
Under Construction	83			79	
Complete	180			168	
Not Visited				0	0
Legal Work					
Total Titles NOT Requested		6		6	
Total Titles Requested		485		485	
Titles Requested, Not Complete		5		6	
Preliminary Title Complete		78		81	
Prom.Note/D.O.T. Requested, Not Signed		30		46	
Prom.Note/D.O.T. Recorded		372		352	

Floyd Adams, stated there were one hundred sixty (160) houses left and everything that needed to be done would be completed by June 30, 2003 and the remainder would be under contract and would be completed by September 30, 2003.

(Agenda Item #5): APPOINTMENT - PARKS and RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (COLUMBUS COUNTY):

David Bone, Manager for the Town of Chadbourn, requested approval of the appointment of Guy Long on the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a representative for the Town of Chadbourn. Commissioner Godwin made a motion to appoint Guy Long, 105 Edmund Street, Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431, Telephone: (910) 654-5669, for a two (2) year term with term expiring April 7, 2005, as an additional member to the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to represent the Town of Chadbourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

(Agenda Item #7): COMMUNITY CENTER REQUEST:

Joe Hooks, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, made the following presentation to the Board:

1. We are attempting to develop a Recreational Community Parks Center.

2. This Center will be adjoining the existing Nolan Park.
3. We have received the following funds towards the development of this center:
 - a. \$250,000 = State
 - b. \$450,000 = City of Whiteville
 - c. \$200,000 = Private Supporters.
4. This endeavor would benefit Columbus County citizens of all age levels.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Hooks why should Columbus County participate in this project. Mr. Hooks replied stating that sixty (60%) percent of the participants are rural Columbus County residents and this would provide an alternative place to utilize for anyone who wishes to do so.

Mr. Hooks stated that twenty (20) additional acres had been donated behind the existing Nolan Park and the City of Whiteville will have a full-time person on staff at all times to monitor the center.

After discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Norris made a motion to take this under advisement, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion so carried.

Joe Hooks requested that during the Budget discussion, he would like to see the City of Whiteville' Parks and Recreation involved.

(Agenda Item #8): POTENTIAL SALE OF BEER AND WINE:

James Register, a private citizen of Columbus County, addressed the Board regarding the potential sale of beer and wine in the unincorporated areas of Columbus County. Mr. Register stated the following:

1. I have here with me a multitude of petitions which have been signed by a large number of Columbus County citizens who are in favor of the sale of beer and wine in the incorporated areas of Columbus County.
2. I am requesting a referendum to be held in Columbus County for the sale of beer and wine in the unincorporated areas of Columbus County.
3. If this is voted in by Columbus County citizens, this would generate tax revenue which we need.
4. The sale of beer and wine would create jobs through cash flow.
5. I am formally requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to request a referendum be held by the Columbus County Board of Elections for the citizens of Columbus County to vote on the issue of the sale of beer and wine in the unincorporated areas of Columbus County.

Chairman Wilson stated that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners would allow the citizens of Columbus County to speak on this issue.

Vice Chairman Memory stated he dittoed Chairman Wilson's statement.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to request the Columbus County Board of Elections hold a Referendum for the Sale of Beer and Wine in all of the unincorporated areas of Columbus County. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Memory.

Commissioner Godwin stated he understood the presentation and would like to go on record as being opposed and will vote against this issue. Commissioner Godwin sated the Board had more important issues to deal with than this matter and there would be repercussions to develop from the sale of beer and wine in the unincorporated areas of Columbus County. He stated that this was nothing personal, but I can foresee problems in the unincorporated areas where there exists a lack of a controlled environment with law enforcement being readily available.

Chairman Wilson called for a vote. The result of the roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners McKenzie, Jacobs, Norris, Wilson and Memory.

Nays: Commissioner Godwin

Absent: Commissioner Dutton.

(Agenda Item #9): WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV (COLUMBUS COUNTY) UPDATE:

Leo Green, Engineer, presented the following update to the Board on Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

1. This system was originally designed at a total cost of six million (\$6,000,000) dollars with two (2) elevated tanks with a twelve (12") inch line running between with four (4") inch, six (6") inch and eight (8") inch lines running from this line.
2. This system was designed to accommodate nine hundred eighty-five (985) users.
3. As of the last count, only three hundred sixty-nine (369) users had signed up.
4. In order for any system to function properly, it must be self supportive.
5. With the number of users we have signed up at this time and the way this system is designed, there will not be enough consumption to keep the water potable.
6. I am proposing that a water line be run from Water District III to supply the water for Water District IV versus the tanks and wells that have been proposed at one hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$150,00.00) to two hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$200,000.00) dollars each.
7. There is sufficient water supply and there will be sufficient pressure to supply the water that is needed for Water District IV.

Vice Chairman Memory asked if there would be enough consumption for the two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallon tanks to keep the water fresh for the consumers. Mr. Green replied stating the tanks may have to be downsized to accommodate freshness.

Commissioner Jacobs stated a meeting had been held and interest was expressed in the Carver Moore Road and additional roads where no water lines were scheduled to be run.

Vice Chairman Memory asked if Lake Waccamaw had the capacity to sell water to Water District IV. Billy Joe Farmer replied stating no they did not and they were contemplating purchasing water from District IV when operable.

Commissioner Godwin asked if Water District IV purchased water from Water District III, would there be enough water supply to sell water to Lake Waccamaw. Mr. Leo Green replied stating yes there was adequate water supply to accommodate this.

Mr. Leo Green stated the deadline on the Bond Authorization was for seven (7) years and this Bond was put out in the year 2000 and there was some time left for a decision to be made.

After further discussion was conducted by the Board, it was the general consensus to get the overall plan that Mr. Leo Green had presented to the Board approved by the State.

(Agenda Item #10): TRANSPORTATION (COLUMBUS COUNTY) - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE for the RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP):

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requesting the Board to set a date for a public hearing for the EDTAP (Elderly and Disabled) Grant Program. He explained he had requested one hundred sixty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$165,000.00) dollars with no cost to Columbus County. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve a public hearing date be set for April 21, 2003 at 5:15 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

(Agenda Item #11): APPOINTMENT - DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER for SOCIAL SERVICES:

Marva Scott, Director of Social Services, requested Board approval to be appointed as a Deputy Finance Officer to enable her to sign checks for the DSS Trust Account.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the appointment of Marva Scott, Director of Social Services, as a Deputy Finance Officer, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

(Agenda Item #12): SOCIAL SERVICES - APPROVAL of CONTRACT for NATASHA

PATRICK:

Marva Scott, Director of Social Services, requested Board approval of the following Contract between the Columbus County Department of Social Services and Natasha Patrick. Ms. Scott stated she had a worker that had been out since February 18, 2003 and she needed some temporary help. This would be for thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours a week at ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars per hour. This is in the Child Support Division and our staff in this area is not adequate to ensure the child support payments are received in a timely manner.

Chairman Wilson asked Ms. Scott if this Contract had an ending date. Ms. Scott replied stating no it did not, it was open ended.

CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Columbus County Department of Social Services (hereinafter "Department") and Natasha Patrick (hereinafter "Contractor") as of the date set forth below.

WHEREAS, Department and Contractor hereby enter into a contract and agreement whereby Contractor will render certain work, services and labor to and for the benefit of Department for valuable consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Department and Contractor do hereby contract, covenant and agree as follows in connection therewith:

1. Contractor does hereby agree to render and provide work, services and labor in accordance with certain specifications, to wit: fulfill and perform all duties and responsibilities of the position of Child Support Enforcement Agent I.
2. Department and Contractor do hereby agree that such work, services and labor as described above will not require more than thirty-seven and one half hours per any work week.
3. In consideration of Contractor fulfilling the duties and responsibilities set forth above and herein, Department shall pay Contractor ten dollars per hour of work, service, or labor commencing on April 9, 2003 and ending upon the decision of either party to terminate this agreement.
4. Department and Contractor do hereby agree that the total amount of compensation paid by Department as consideration for Contractor's work, service, or labor will not exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars for any week.
5. Department and Contractor do hereby agree that this employment contract is completely terminable at will by either party at any time.
6. Department and Contractor do hereby agree that Contractor will be paid on the last day of the month for whatever amount of work, service or labor that Contractor has provided for Department.
7. Contractor agrees that it is not an employee of Department for any purpose whatsoever, including unemployment tax, social security contributions, income tax withholding or worker's compensation, whether state or federal. Contractor agrees to pay and be solely responsible for all applicable taxes, both state and federal, in connection with amount paid by Department to Contractor.
8. Contractor does hereby for itself, and its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, agree and covenant to indemnify and hold harmless Department from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits at law or in equity, damages, costs, expenses, and losses of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether now known or unknown which may not

exist or which may thereafter arise out of or from the work, services, and labor to be rendered and provided by Contractor to or for the benefit of Department.

9. This Agreement shall be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

10. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to its subject matter and no supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by all parties.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURES of the parties hereto on this 7th day of April, 2003.

By: /s/ Natasha Patrick
Contractor

/s/ Marva Scott, Director
Columbus County Department of Social Services

/s/ Billy Joe Farmer, Administrator
Columbus County

/s/ Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Officer
Columbus County

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Contract between the Columbus County Department of Social Services and Natasha Patrick, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #13: PROCLAMATION - APPRECIATION WEEK for COUNTY DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES:

Marva Scott, Director of Social Services, requested Board approval of the following Proclamation. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion so carried.

APPRECIATION WEEK
for **COUNTY DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES' EMPLOYEES**
2003 PROCLAMATION by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, dedicated men and women across North Carolina work in local county departments of social services to provide services and support for thousand of our citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, these Social Services professionals accomplish many goals in their life's work: they provide financial and medical assistance for those unable to meet basic needs; protect children, older adults and the disabled; guide the needy toward self maintenance through education and job placement; assure that children receive financial support from their parents who are legally responsible for that support; offers services to children, older adults and the disabled that enhance their quality of life; and provide administrative support for program operations; **and**

WHEREAS, Social Services' professionals are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the citizens of this county. They also strive to improve the delivery of services and to operate Social Services programs as efficiently and effectively as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2003, as "**Appreciation Week for County Department of Social Services' Employees**" in Columbus County and urge our citizens to recognize these professionals and commend them for their efforts.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Agenda Item #14: CONTRACT - TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT for WORK FIRST CLIENTS APPROVAL:

Marva Scott, Director of Social Services, requested Board approval of the Transportation Contract for Work First Clients between the Columbus County Department of Social Services and L & D Transport Services. This Contract was submitted on February 21, 2003 with a fixed rate of ninety-three (\$.93) cents per mile. Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried. A copy of this contract will be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and the Columbus County Department of Social Services.

Agenda Item #15: AGING - ADDITIONAL STAFF POSITION (Multi-PURPOSE COORDINATOR):

Ed Worley, Director of Aging, requested Board approval of an additional staff position entitled Multi-Purpose Coordinator. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda #16: AGING - POTENTIAL CHADBURN SENIOR CENTER and NUTRITION SITE:

Ed Worley, Director of Aging, requested Board approval of a Chadburn Senior Center and Nutrition Site. The following information was presented to the Board by Ed Worley:

1. There will be two thousand (2,000) senior citizens to participate;
2. This site, if approved, will provide better distribution to our senior citizens; and
3. This center will cost eighty-one thousand three hundred and 00/100 (\$81, 300.00) dollars the first year of operation

Agenda Item #6: SENIOR CENTER in the TOWN of CHADBURN:

David Bone, Manager of the Town of Chadburn, addressed the Board regarding the location of a Senior Center in the Town of Chadburn. I am presenting to you Resolution R-03-007, A Resolution of Support for the Placement of a Senior Center in the Town of Chadburn, on behalf of myself and the Town of Chadburn. I strongly support this project. The Town of Chadburn, through diligent efforts, has recently acquired a Civic Center which would be an ideal location for this Senior Center. I have with me a petition which has been signed by one hundred thirty-seven (137) people who are sixty plus (60+) years old in support of this project.

Commissioner Memory asked Ed Worley if this would take some pressure off of the Whiteville Senior Center. Ed Worley replied stating yes.

Chairman Wilson asked how long the distance was between Whiteville and Chadburn. Ed Worley replied stating seven (7) miles.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Chadburn Senior Center and Nutrition Site if the funds can be located, seconded by Commissioner Memory.

After lengthy discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Jacobs withdrew the motion to approve the Chadburn Senior Center and Nutrition Site if the funds can be located, Commissioner Memory withdrew the second.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the development of the Chadburn Senior Center and Nutrition Site, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #17: AGING - ANNUAL REPORT:

Ed Worley, Director of Aging presented his Annual Report to the Board. A copy of this

report will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office. The highlights of his presentation are as follows:

1. We suffered from State Budget cuts and still managed to serve five hundred four (504) clients;
2. We experienced some personnel changes;
3. The total revenue generated by our programs was four million eight hundred nineteen eighty-five and 14/100 (\$4,819,085.14) dollars; and
4. Our space has been exhausted. I have utilized all available space and will be addressing the Board for some additional space.

Agenda Items #18: RESOLUTION (TAX OFFICE) - APPOINTMENT of REVIEW OFFICER:

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, is requesting Board approval of the following Resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing Review Officer" appointing Daniel P. Meares as a Review Officer for the Columbus County Tax Department.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING REVIEW OFFICER

WHEREAS, S.L. 1997-309 (S875) makes a number of significant changes in the procedures for recording maps and plats; and

WHEREAS, the main purpose of the law is to transfer the responsibility for reviewing plats to determine whether they meet recording requirements from the Register of Deeds to a Review Officer; and

WHEREAS, the new G.S. 47-30.2 requires the Board of County Commissioners in each County, by resolution, to appoint a person to serve as Review Officer to review each plat before it is recorded and certify that it meets the statutory requirements for recording; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to ensure and expeditious review of all maps and plats as required by G.S. 47-30.2 before they are presented to the Register of Deeds for recording.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective April 8, 2003, that Daniel P. Meares in the Columbus County Tax Office, is hereby appointed to perform all responsibilities as required for Review Officer under the appropriate North Carolina General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, designating the Review Officer, be recorded in the Columbus County Register of Deeds Office and indexed in the name of the Review Officer.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

I, Roxanne Coleman, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that C.E. Wilson, Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioner, personally appeared before this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my had and seal this 7th day of April, 2003.

/s/ Roxanne Coleman, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 12/10/1007.

Recorded at the Register of Deeds' Office _____, Book _____, page _____.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Resolution Appointing Review Officer, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #19: HEALTH - HIPAA POLICIES APPROVAL:

Theresa C. Smith, Privacy Officer, requested Board approval of the HIPAA Policies. Ms. Smith informed the Board these policies had been developed by an attorney with her addition of some verbiage at certain locations. Ms. Smith requested the Board's approval of the condition where any changes to the policies occur, these changes would be brought to Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, and then if the changes warranted the need, they would presented to the Board. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the HIPAA Policies and any changes to the policies would go through Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Items #20: CONTRACT - CONTRACT to AUDIT ACCOUNTS APPROVAL (THOMPSON, PRICE, SCOTT, ADAMS):

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, is requesting Board approval of a Contract to Audit Accounts with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company at the cost of twenty-nine thousand and 00/100 (\$29,000.00) plus the Addendum which reads as follows: The additional work required to comply with GASB 34 will be billed at our standard hourly rates up to a maximum of one thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars. Our standard hourly rates for this purpose will be fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars per hour. In the addition to the previously stated cost is one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars for the preparation of the financial statements.

A copy of this Contract will be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and in the Office of the Finance Officer. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Contract to Audit Accounts, plus the Addendum, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #21: CDBG GRANT # 03-C-1089 - ACCEPTANCE of the FUNDING APPROVAL, GRANT APPROVAL and ADOPTION OF DESIGNATION of APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION:

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board acceptance of the funding approval, grant agreement and adoption of a signatory resolution for the CDBG Grant #03-C-1089.

This is the Concentrated Needs Grant. These documents will be kept on file in the Office of the Assistant County Administrator for review. The Resolution is as follows:

**DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has received a Concentrated Needs Housing Grant (No. 03-C-1089) from the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Community Assistance, and

WHEREAS, Columbus County wishes to authorize certain individuals to sign the Requisition for Funds forms and act as the County's Agent;

WHEREAS, Columbus County is required to adopt this resolution in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Scattered Site Housing Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the following people be authorized to sign the Requisition for Funds forms and act as the County's Agent:

**C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Chairman
Bill Memory, Vice Chairman
Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator
Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Director**

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **C.E. "GENE" WILSON, CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the acceptance of the funding, the grant agreement and the adoption of the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #22: LEASE - FARMERS MARKET (APPROVAL):

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, is requesting Board approval of a Lease between Columbus County and Columbus County Farmers Market, Incorporated contingent upon approval by James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney.

Larry Nobles, Columbus County Farmers Market Board representative, addressed the Board with the following information.

1. We received a grant in the amount of sixty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$65,000.00) dollars in 2002;
2. We need the Lease on the property to enable us to put out bids for the building;
3. The Lease that has been supplied to us contains many errors and there is not way we can sign this Lease as prepared; **and**
4. I have prepared a Lease which I have given you a copy and all we are asking for is a Lease we can live with.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to table until the next meeting. This motion died for a lack of a second.

After lengthy discussion was conducted by the Board members, Commissioner Godwin made a second motion to table until the next meeting and a meeting to be held in the interim to work out the details, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Larry Shuman, Columbus County Farmers Market representative addressed the Board by stating that it appeared the Board was trying to detain this project for whatever reason. We have been trying to get this Lease approved for over a year and have yet to do so. All we are asking for is a workable Lease where nobody tells us what we can do with the Farmers Market.

After further discussion was conducted, a vote was taken. The results of the vote are as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Jacobs, Norris, Wilson, Memory and Godwin.

NAYS: Commissioner Memory.

Commissioner McKenzie stated his recommendation, for the sake of time, was to allow the people involved to meet and work out the necessary details and get the Lease executed. Apparently, the ball was dropped at some point in time.

Agenda Item #23: CONTRACT - BLANKET WORK CONTRACT, SCOPE of WORK to INITIATE the WACCAMAW RIVER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM and PERMISSION to HIRE JOSEPH ETHERIDGE:

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval of the blanket Work Contract listed below along with the attached Scope of Work to initiate the Waccamaw River Maintenance Program and permission to hire Joseph Etheridge to begin the maintenance of the Waccamaw River.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this the ____ day of _____, 200__, between COLUMBUS COUNTY, sometimes hereinafter called *county*; and _____, sometimes hereinafter called the *contractor*;

WITNESSETH:

That Whereas, the Columbus County is prepared to contract for certain professional services for the benefit of the citizens of Columbus County and has determined that the contractor has the general reputation for being capable of fulfilling the required services; and

Whereas, the contractor has assured the county that the contractor is capable of rendering the required services in a workmanship manner and within acceptable standards within the contractor's particular industry;

Therefore, for and in consideration of the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars paid by the county to the contractor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and in the further consideration of the the premises to be preformed by the parties hereto as herein set forth on the Specification Sheet, the parties hereto **CONTRACTED, AGREED and are BOUND ONE TO ANOTHER** as follows:

- 1. That the County of Columbus shall do the following:
 - _____ a. Give to the party of the second part the sum of \$_____ dollars for the work to be preformed by the contractor at such times as set out on the Specification Sheet which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set out herein.
 - _____ b. The County of Columbus shall do the follow special contracted services as part of this contract: _____

2. The Contractor shall preform all services as set out on the attached Specification Sheet within _____ (weeks) or (months). The Contractor shall not discrimination based upon sex, age, national origin, religion, or race.

3. In so far as it is legally authorized to do so, the said party of the contractor will indemnify and hold harmless the County of Columbus from any and all lawsuits, claims, damages, or liabilities which result from or injury to any person who is engaged in any activity as outlined on the attached specification sheets, from any and all damages to any and all persons or loss or damage to any and all properties in such suits, claims, demands, liabilities arising out of or institute as a result of the contractor preforming his, her or its contractual duties.

4. The contractor has assured the county that the contractor maintains and has in full force and effect a workman's compensation policy covering any and worker of the contractor while preforming the duties under this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been executed in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties hereto.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Contractor
By: _____

Attested:

_____, Secretary

Attested:

_____, Secretary

COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: _____
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Attested:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

CERTIFICATION

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Office certifies that _____
Provision for the payment of the monies to fall due under this Agreement, shall be made by
application duly made duly authorized as required by the County Fiscal Control Act.

This the _____ day of _____, 20__.

GAYLE GODWIN, County Finance Officer

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 _____, 200__.

County Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, _____, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby
certify that _____, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged
the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal this the _____ day of _____, _____.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

M y C o m m i s s i o n E x p i r e s :

_____.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

(e) the Board will not reduce appropriations to the School Board based upon a reduction of energy costs in a manner that would inhibit the ability of the School board to make payments under the Contract, provided that the county is not bound in any manner to appropriate funds to the School board in amount sufficient for the School Board to make such payments.

2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April 2003

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

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

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of April 2003.

DATE: 04-07-2003
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD

Commissioner Godwin asked if anyone was in attendance that could provide some details pertaining to this matter. There was no response. Commissioner Godwin made a motion to table this matter until a school representative could be present and explain and provide some backup information. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Chairman Wilson stated he was not in agreement with Item 1(d). James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated we could change the verbiage to read "will not" in lieu of "are not".

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery by the Columbus County Board of Education a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with corrections to Item 1(d), seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Commissioner Godwin stated the energy savings with the city schools stated who would be performing the work. In this Resolution, it does not state who will be performing the work and it could be an out-of-state company. I think this matter should be tabled pending further information.

Chairman Wilson called for a roll call of the Board. The results of the roll call were as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Memory, Jacobs, Norris, Wilson, Memory.

NAYS: Commissioner Godwin.

Agenda Item #25: PROCLAMATION - LITTER SWEEP 2003 by the COUNTY of COLUMBUS a PROCLAMATION:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following Proclamation entitled "Litter Sweep 2003 by the County of Columbus a Proclamation" proclaiming April 10 - April 10, 2003 as Litter Sweep. This is recommended by the Governor and is usually done every year.

LITTER SWEEP
2003
BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus annually organizes a spring countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the spring 2003 "**LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place April 10, - April 30, 2003 and we encourage local businesses, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by organizing cleanups in their communities; **and**

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, community leaders, local government agencies, community and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and environmentally concerned citizens annually conduct community cleanups during "**LITTER SWEEP**" and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; **and**

WHEREAS, the "**Litter Sweep**" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of our great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Columbus Countians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; **and**

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid wastes; **and**

WHEREAS, the 2003 spring cleanup will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and the thousands of volunteers who contribute their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 10 - April 30, 2003 , as "**LITTER SWEEP**" time in Columbus County, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **C. E. Wilson, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Litter Sweep 2003 by the County of Columbus a Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #27: RESOLUTION - (RURAL CENTER) RESOLUTION by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution for the study of the feasibility of providing public sewer service.

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987, Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 have 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**

WHEREAS, The County has need for and intends to undertake the study of the feasibility of providing public sewer services in the County in order to eliminate failing septic tanks and

prevent further environmental impacts as a result of such failures within the Columbus County;
and

WHEREAS, The County intends to request state grant assistance for the project through the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center's Capacity Development Grant Program.

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

That the Columbus County will arrange for the funding of the required match (\$4,100.00) to the grant funds in accordance with requirements of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center cost thresholds, if approved for a capacity grant award in the amount of \$35,900.00

That Columbus County will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of a project to construct a sewer system, a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system.

That Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Columbus County with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

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

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

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003 at Columbus County, North Carolina.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. Wilson, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina to be forwarded to the Rural Center for the study of the feasibility of providing public sewer service, seconded by commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #28: CONTRACT and AGREEMENT for THE TOWN of TABOR CITY:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following Contract and Agreement for The Town of Tabor City in which additional verbiage is being changed in reference to USDA.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

CONTRACT and AGREEMENT

THIS CONTRACT and AGREEMENT, made and entered into this the 5th 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 **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 ten (10) years from date hereto 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**

ATTEST:

/s/ June B. Hughes, Clerk

/s/ C. E. "Gene" Wilson , Chairman

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 asrequired by the County Fiscal Control Act.

This the ____ day of March, 2003.

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: _____

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Contract and Agreement for The Town of Tabor City, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #29: Deleted.

Agenda Item #30: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-650-6000	Fuel Purchases	\$87,000
Revenue	10-335-1000	Fuel Sales	\$87,000
Expenditure	65-695-6000	Hurricane Floyd FEMA PW #4335	\$107,885
Revenue	65-348-2002	NCCCPS - Hurricane Floyd PW #4335	\$107,885
Expenditure	10-620-6000	Special Programs	\$2,082
Revenue	10-335-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,082

Expenditure	10-606-6300	Special Projects	\$70,789
Revenue	10-348-0010	NC Emergency Management - EWP Program	\$70,789
Expenditure	10-495-4501	Incentive/Grants	\$18,000
Revenue	10-348-0015	Incentives	\$18,000
Expenditure	12-606-3300	Department Supplies	\$2,189
	12-608-3300	Department Supplies	\$3,683
	12-612-3300	Department Supplies	\$6,328
Revenue	12-348-0101	Federal Grant TCSC	\$5,695
	12-348-0401	Federal Grant BHSC	\$3,315
	12-348-0504	Federal Grant BSC	\$1,970
	12-397-0101	Co. Approp. TCSC	\$633
	12-397-0600	Co Approp BHSC	\$368
	12-397-0801	Co Approp BSC	\$219
Expenditure	12-613-3300	Department Supplies	\$6,093
	12-613-7200	Buildings	\$360
	12-613-7400	Capital Outlay	\$8,500
	12-618-3300	Department Supplies	\$5,508
	12-619-3300	Department Supplies	\$3,217
	12-619-7400	Capital Outlay	\$2,500
Revenue	12-348-0100	Federal Grant WSC	\$13,458
	12-348-0402	Federal Grant FBSC	\$4,957
	12-348-0503	Federal Grant ECSC	\$5,145
	12-397-0100	Co Approp WSC	\$1,495
	12-397-0201	Co Approp FBSC	\$551
	12-397-0800	Co Approp ECSC	\$572

B. Amendment to the March 17, 2003 Refunds and Releases:

NAME	YEAR	DETAILS
Lloyd E. Hinson	2002	Reason: Release the value of a boat, the Cerro Gordo Fire Fee (.33) and the Columbus Rescue Fee (.07). The boat was sold in 2001.
Marie Smith	2001	Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire Fee (50.00), and the Columbus Rescue Fee (4.30). The home was repossessed in 1998.
Marie Smith	2002	Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire Fee (50.00), and the Columbus Rescue Fee (4.15). The home was repossessed in 1998.
Mitchell Strickland	2002	Release the value of a boat, the Hallsboro Fire Fee (.24), and the Columbus Rescue Fee (.02). The boat was sold in 2000.

C. Tax Refunds and Releases:**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):****April 7, 2003**

Request a refund in the name of Campbell, Craig, 6285 Whitehall Rd., Clarkton,, NC 28433. Refund the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Stanley C. Campbell. Amount \$220.18, Value \$6,270.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-02343, Bill # 84860.

Request a refund in the name of Strickland, Jeff & Amanda, 4547 Cherry Grove Rd., Cerro Gordo, NC 28430. Refund user fee. Deal fell through on purchase of double wide. Did not get trash can. This has been verified by Litter Patrol Office. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # N/A, Bill # N/A.

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):**April 7, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Carroll, James (ETAL). Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is doubl listed in the name of Herbert Jack Ward and Cheryl. Amount \$68.00, Value \$8,500.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-05447, Bill # 85232.

Release the Property Value in the name of Batten, Lacy W.. Release the value of a boat, the Cerro Gordo fire fee (1.13) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.23). Boat junked years ago. Amount \$11.17, Value \$1,127.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-00937, Bill # 81082.

Release the Property Value in the name of Batten, Lacy W.. Release the value of a boat, the Cerro Gordo fire fee (.97) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.19). Boat junked years ago. Amount \$9.57, Value \$967.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-00937, Bill # 58567.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bowen, Jamie A.. Release the value of a boat, The Cerro Gordo fire fee (2.04) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.41). Boat sold in 2000. Amount \$20.15, Value \$2,035.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-00511, Bill # 60099.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Agnes W.. Release a portion of the property value. Customer failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$173.68, Value \$22,267.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-04920, Bill # 60632.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Odell. Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco fire fee (26.45) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.41). Home double listed in the name of Odell Brown, Jr. Amount \$223.05, Value \$22,040.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-03905, Bill # 61072.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carroll, James (ETAL). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Herbert Jack Ward and Cheryl. Amount \$61.20, Value \$8,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-05447, Bill # 85138.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Ralph W.. Release the value of the farm equipment, the Yam City fire fee (20.19) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.04). Equipment was sold at auction in 2001. Amount \$199.88, Value \$20,190.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-28440, Bill # 92344.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carroll, James (ETAL). Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Herbert Jack Ward and Cheryl. Amount \$68.00, Value \$8,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-05447, Bill # 62786.

Release the Property Value in the name of Clark, Bobbie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Gregory Terrell. Amount \$143.00, Value \$7,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-03015, Bill # 63654.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coastal Fabrication. Release the value of a boat for the city of Cerro Gordo. Boat was sold prior to 2002. Amount \$55.06, Value \$9,100.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-00107, Bill # 4158.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cribb, Bronson L.. Release the value of a boat, the Williams fire fee (1.18) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.39). The boat was destroyed in 2000. Amount \$18.59, Value \$1,965.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-05240, Bill # 65048.

Release the Property Value in the name of Enzor, James P.. Release the value of a boat for the Town of Cerro Gordo. Boat is outside the town limits. Amount \$1.87, Value \$937.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-02318, Bill # 4461.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, Rodney. Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick fire fee (.31) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.09). Boat sold three years ago. Amount \$4.26, Value \$445.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-29441, Bill # 69242.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rose, Marie. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick fire fee (.70), and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.20). Home was destroyed prior to 1999. Amount \$8.64, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-77897, Bill # 27953.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carroll, James (ETAL). Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Herbert Jack Ward and Cheryl. Amount \$59.08, Value \$8,500.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-05447, Bill # 4237.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, James G.. Release a portion of the boat value, and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Boat was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$112.62, Value \$13,952.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-05757, Bill # 71745.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rose, Marie. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick fire fee (1.82) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.52). Home was destroyed prior to 1999. Amount \$24.88, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-77897, Bill # 88358.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rose, Marie. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick fire fee (1.68) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.48). Home destroyed prior to 1999. Amount \$21.43, Value \$2,405.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-77897, Bill # 9492.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rose, Marie. Release the value of one of two mobile homes, and the Columbus Rescue fee. There is only one mobile home at this location. Amount \$42.78, Value \$4,862.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-03609, Bill # 88359.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, George O.. Release the value of a house, the Williams fire fee (7.02) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (2.34). Old house has no value. Amount \$100.62, Value \$11,700.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 98106.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, George O.. Release the value of a house, the Williams Fire fee (15.96) the Whiteville Rescue fee (5.32). The old house has no value. Amount \$212.80, Value \$26,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 97685.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, George O.. Release the value of a house, the Williams fire fee (15.96) and the Whiteville Rescue (5.32). Old house has no value. Amount \$206.15, Value \$26,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 16525.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, George O.. Release the value of a house, the Williams fire fee (15.96) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (5.32). Old house has no value. Amount \$206.15, Value \$26,600.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 54601.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, George O.. Release the value of a house, the Williams Fire fee (15.96) and the Whiteville Rescue (5.32). Old house has no value. Amount \$206.15, Value \$26,600.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 49986.

Release the Property Value in the name of Haynes, Rossie D.. Release the value of a mobile home for the Town of Cerro Gordo. Home is outside the town limits. Amount \$59.09, Value \$26,858.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-08057, Bill # 4526.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Albert L.. Release the value of a mobile home for the Town of Cerro Gordo. Home is outside the town limits. Amount \$5.72, Value \$2,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-07520, Bill # 4515.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graves, Christopher. Release the personal property value for the Town of Cerro Gordo. Property is not inside the town limits. Amount \$6.80, Value \$3,090.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-05771, Bill # 4486.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rose, Marie. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick fire fee (1.78) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.51). Home destroyed prior to 1999. Amount \$24.31, Value \$2,540.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-77897, Bill # 10310.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bethea, James. Release one of three user fees. Only two trash can's here. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-01689, Bill # 81847.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cherry, John W.. Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-05761, Bill # 63485.

Release the User Fee in the name of Betha, James. Release one of three user fees. Only two trash can's here. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-01689, Bill # 59348.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cherry, John Wesley. Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 11-05761, Bill # 43270.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cherry, John Wesley. Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-05761, Bill # 4863.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cherry, John W.. Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-05761, Bill # 85791.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cherry, John W.. Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-05761, Bill # 85923.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Michael. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Ronald Pridgen. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-05339, Bill # 64402.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph D.. Release user fee. Customer has used a commercial hauler for years. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-08064, Bill # 69217.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph D.. Amount , Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # , Bill # .

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph D.. Release user fee. Restaurant closed prior to 2002. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-08061, Bill # 69214.

Release the User Fee in the name of Inman, George O.. Release user fee. House vacant. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 54601.

Release the User Fee in the name of Inman, William M.. Release user fee. House vacant and no trash can. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-12920, Bill # 76021.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bethea, James. Release one of three user fees. Only two trash can's here. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-01689, Bill # 81826.

Release the User Fee in the name of Inman, George O.. Release user fee. House vacant. Verified by Chuck Stanley. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-45909, Bill # 16525.

D. Permission to release taxes for classified motor vehicles for tax years 1996 - 1999.

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested Board approval to write off the taxes for classified motor vehicles for tax years 1996 - 1999. Mr. Gore stated the Tax Department had tried everything they knew to do to collect these taxes but were unsuccessful. He stated after so many years, the value of the vehicles were greatly depreciated and was not worth spending too much time trying to collect.

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

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Item #1: RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION to SUPPORT the LOCATION of a CORRECTIONAL FACILITY in TABOR CITY:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, informed the Board that Senator R. C. Soles, Jr. is requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution to be submitted to the Governor and local representatives.

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE LOCATION OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN TABOR CITY

WHEREAS, Columbus County, North Carolina, understands that the State of North Carolina Department of Corrections is seeking locations in which to site correctional facilities to ease the overcrowding of the correctional system population in our state; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of corrections has instituted plans for the construction of one thousand cell Close Security Prototypical Prisons to meet the demands of the corrections systems in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, such a correctional facility will create approximately four hundred and three new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Tabor City has met with North Carolina Department of Correction officials, and those officials have toured three sites in the Tabor City area; and

WHEREAS, Tabor City has worked conjunctively with the Columbus County Government to locate a one-hundred fifty acre site in southern Columbus County to place a correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County is in need of additional employment opportunities for our citizens, and is in need of major water and sewer utility customers, and natural gas customers may now be recruited to Columbus County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the location of a one thousand cell Close Security Prototypical Prison to be located in the Tabor City vicinity of Columbus County.

AND, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does voice its support of the location of such a correctional facility by authorizing its employees and agents to develop cost estimates for property acquisition, utility extensions, and other such costs. The County employees and their agents are authorized further to bring said estimates back before the Board of Commissioners, at which time, Columbus County will invest cooperatively with other governments and agencies in our region to meet the locational requirements of the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April 2003.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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

Item #2: AGING - APPROVAL to ADVERTISE for NUTRITION BIDS for the BUDGET YEAR 2003 - 2004:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval to advertise for Nutrition bids for the Budget Year 2003 - 2004 in the same manner as previously done. Commissioner Norris made to approve Ed Worley, Aging Director, to advertise for Nutrition bids for the Budget Year 2003 - 2004 in the same manner as previously done, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Item #3: AGING - APPROVAL to HOLD a HOME COMMUNITY and CARE BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE MEETING BETWEEN APRIL 15 and MAY 15, 2003:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, request Board approval to advertise a Home Community and Care Block Grant Committee Meeting between April 15 and May 15, 2003 in the County Administration Building and the Columbus County Courthouse. Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve this advertisement, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Item #4: RESOLUTION - NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CHANGE MEETING TIME of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

It was the general consensus of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners to approve and adopt the following Notice and Resolution to Change Meeting Time of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

**NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CHANGE MEETING TIME
of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 7th day of April, 2003 the following Resolution.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 7:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of changing the regular meeting scheduled for the third Monday in April to

be scheduled at 5:30 P.M. to accommodate a duly scheduled and advertised Public Hearing that was recessed on March 17, 2003 until April 21, 2003 at 6:30 P.M., for its completion, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to change the regular meeting time of the said Board for the April 21, 2003 meeting only, to be held at 5:30 P.M. This meeting shall take place in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a copy of this Resolution and Notice shall be placed on the Courthouse Door and the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Door, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF**

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Agenda Items #31: COMMENTS:

A. Public:

Robert Adams: I am from the Western Prong area and I would like to know the status of the school merger situation. Chairman Wilson replied stating this process is underway and we are searching for the money to accomplish this task.

B. County Commissioners:

1. Resolution:

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs presented the following Resolution for approval and adoption by the Board.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION of HIGHWAYS
REQUEST for PAVING of STATE ROAD #1812 (SALTER ROAD)
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has been contacted of a need for State Road #1812 (Salter Road) to be paved by the citizens of the Armour Community; **and**

WHEREAS, we have received information pertaining to this unpaved road relating to the number of families that reside thereon, the condition of the declining health of one citizen and the impassable condition of the same under rainy conditions; **and**

WHEREAS, it is our duty to ensure emergency services are available to our citizens in Columbus County and a passable route for their vehicles to travel; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has an ever growing populace of elderly citizens who will need accessibility of health services and easy ingress and egress to their dwellings. A large number of our elderly citizens desire to remain at their own dwelling in lieu of a nursing facility; **and**

WHEREAS, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, are of the opinion that the above stated road is in great need of paving based on sound reason and requests submitted by the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, is hereby requested to pave State Road #1812 (Salter Road).

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF**

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Highways, Request for Paving of State Road #1812 (Salter Road) Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

2. Lumber River COG Request:

Chairman Wilson stated that the Lumber River Cape Fear Council of Governments had requested a donation of five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars for the cost of making the video tapes that were distributed to the Board members. He stated this was a good and beneficial project and requested the donation to be forwarded. Commissioner Wilson made a motion the requested donation of five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars from Lumber River Cape Fear Council of Governments be forwarded, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:29 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 Memory. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:53 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

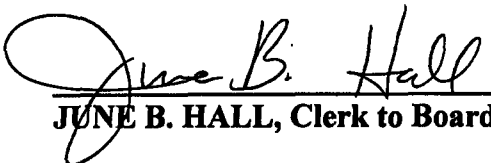
FARMERS MARKET LEASE:

It was the general consensus of the Board for a meeting to be scheduled to finalize the details of the Farmers Market Lease involving the following people: Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie, Commissioner Bill Memory, James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, and one (1) Board member of the Farmers Market, for this Lease to be presented to the Board at the April 21, 2003 Meeting.

Agenda Item #32: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:55 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board


C.E. WILSON, Chairman