

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, May 19, 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 third Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Administrator**  
 James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney** (Arrived at 8:09 P.M.)  
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Administrator**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT of R.S.V.P. PLAQUE:**

Chairman Wilson informed the Board that Columbus County had received a plaque from R.S.V.P. at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, which reads as follows:

**RECOGNITION AWARD**

With sincere appreciation from the  
 Retired & Senior Volunteer Program,

**Columbus County Commissioners**

RSVP's gratitude for your untiring work is only matched by our  
 appreciation for your loyalty and concern for the residents of  
 our great county. Thank you for 30 years of support.

Presented this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May  
 in the year of our Lord, 2003

/s/ **Melody Prevatte**  
 RSVP Director

**Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the May 5, 2003 Workshop at 6:00 P.M. and the May 5, 2003 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Board Minutes as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #4: CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE:**

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

TOTAL HOUSES				491		
<b>Houses Inspected</b>				491		
Replacement				295	295	
Repair				196	196	
<b>Repair Work</b>				196		
Work Write-up				0	0	
Bids Complete, Not Awarded				0	0	
Board Awarded, No Construction				5	7	
Title Opinion NOT Requested						0
Waiting on title Opinion						0
Waiting on Prom.Note/D.O.T.						3
Waiting on Contractor						15
Under construction				36	35	
Complete				155	154	
<b>Replacement Work</b>				295		
Work Write-up				0	0	
Board Awarded, No Construction				11	19	
Title Opinion, NOT Requested						3
Waiting on Title Opinion						8
N.O.E. Not Sent						3
Waiting on Client						5
Under Construction				91	90	
Complete				193	186	
<b>Not Visited</b>					0	0
<b>Legal Work</b>						
Total Titles NOT Requested					3	3
Total Titles Requested					488	488
Titles Requested, Not Complete					7	8
Preliminary Title Complete					42	45
Prom.Note/D.O.T. Requested, Not Signed					53	65
Prom.Note/D.O.T. Recorded					386	381

Floyd Adams informed the Board that all contracts would be signed by next week and they were running a month ahead of schedule.

**PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST for DATE to be ESTABLISHED for the CONCENTRATED SITE HOUSING NEEDS GRANT (CDBG #03-C-1089):**

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, informed the Board the two (2) required public hearings had been called for and held. However, due to an oversight, the notice for the second required public hearing was not advertised as it should have been. Therefore, the State is requiring that another public hearing be called for and held and this time it will be properly advertised. Commissioner Norris made a motion that a public hearing date be set for June 2, 2003 at 7:15 P.M in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 for the purpose of receiving views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County with regard to the Concentrated Site Housing Needs Grant (CDBG #03-C-1089). This motion was seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION of EMS SYSTEM CERTIFICATE:**

Connie Batson, Officer of Emergency Medical Services Specialist, State Office of Emergency Medical Services presented the following EMS System Certificate to Columbus County for the EMS System Plan.

**EMS SYSTEM**

Whereas, COLUMBUS COUNTY has made a commitment to providing quality emergency medical care to its citizens and has demonstrated that it meets the criteria of an EMS SYSTEM as defined by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, it hereby receives approval as a NORTH CAROLINA EMS SYSTEM.  
This approval shall be effective until June 30, 2009.

/s/ Robert J. Fitzgerald  
Director, Division of Facility Services

/s/ Drexdal Pratt  
Chief, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Ms. Batson stated she represented thirty-eight (38) counties in North Carolina and that Columbus County was number two in the eastern region. She commended Columbus County for a job well done. She introduced Mr. Keith Harris, Regional Manager of Emergency Medical Services, who stated the following comments:

1. Columbus County put a lot of time and effort in this EMS System Plan;
2. Through discovery, it became apparent that Columbus County was already practicing all the right rules and procedures but they just needed to be formalized on paper; and
3. Commended Columbus County for all the time and effort expended on this matter and for a job well done.

**Agenda Item #6: CONTRACT - MODIFICATION of CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT between the CITY OF WHITEVILLE and COLUMBUS COUNTY to PROVIDE WATER to SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK:**

Carlton F. Williamson, Attorney for the City of Whiteville, requested Board approval of an Agreement between the City of Whiteville and the County of Columbus modifying the Contractual Agreement bearing date of November 1, 1996 to provide water to the Southeast Regional Park. The Agreement is as follows.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

THIS AGREEMENT made this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, by and between the CITY OF WHITEVILLE, a municipal corporation, of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called "City"), and COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, a body corporate and politic (hereinafter called the "County");

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the City and County entered into a Contractual Agreement dated November 1, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that provided among other things that the City contractually agreed to provide to the County water from the municipal water supply in order to serve the facilities within Southeast Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, since the commencement of the Agreement, the County has constructed its own water system known as "District 2" which is located in and around the Southeast Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the County no longer needs to purchase water from the City in accordance with the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the original Contract may be modified or altered by mutual written agreement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to modify the Agreement to cancel the provisions relating to the purchase and sale of water and further desires to alter the Agreement to provide for the supply of water in the event of an emergency situation that may restrict the water supply of either the County or the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, and conditions contained herein according to the benefit of each of the respective parties, it is agreed as follows:

1. That the contractual agreement dated November 1, 1996 between the City and County is hereby modified as follows:

(a) Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are hereby terminated.

(b) The following provision is added to and made a part of the Contract:

In the event that an emergency situation exists whereby either party shall be in need of water from the other, each party agrees to provide to the other at such times and in such amounts as is available, water for the purposes of responding to the emergency situation that may then exist. The

cost for such water shall be in accordance with the usual and customary rates then existing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed by their proper designated officials and their respective seals to be hereunto affixed on the day and year first above written, and this instrument is executed in duplicate.

CITY OF WHITEVILLE  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

COLUMBUS COUNTY  
/s/ C.E. WILSON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Agreement modifying the Contractual Agreement bearing date of November 1, 1996 between the City of Whiteville and the County of Columbus to provide water to the Southeast Regional Park, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #7: FRANCHISE AGREEMENT for NON-EMERGENCY SERVICE in COLUMBUS COUNTY:**

Linda Stocks, owner of Columbus County Emergency Medical Services, Incorporated, requested Board approval of a name change on the Franchise Agreement for Columbus County Medac-EMS to be Columbus County Emergency Medical Services, Incorporated. The Franchise Agreement is listed below.

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT for  
NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE  
in COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**SECTION I: GRANT**

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Columbus County Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance, **COLUMBUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED**, its successors and assigns, is hereby granted from and after the effective date hereof, the right, privilege and franchise to provide scheduled non-emergency ambulance service within Columbus County for the purpose of providing adequate non-emergency ambulance service to the citizens of Columbus County; all subject to present and future ordinances of Columbus County.

**SECTION II: TERM**

This Franchise is granted for the term of five (5) years from the date of Franchise awarding, provided that either party, at its option, may terminate the Franchise upon one hundred twenty (120) days written notice to the other party.

**SECTION III: TERRITORY**

This Franchise shall apply to all of Columbus County.

**SECTION IV: RENEWAL**

This Franchise is renewable at the option of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

**SECTION V: NON-EXCLUSIVE**

The right herein granted shall be non-exclusive, and Columbus County reserves the right to grant similar franchises to any person or persons at any period during the present Franchise or any

extension thereof.

#### **SECTION VI: STANDARDS**

The standards for this franchised ambulance service, its drivers and attendants, its vehicles and equipment, and its communication facilities shall, at all times during the term of this Franchise or any extension hereof, comply with all of the laws and requirements of the State of North Carolina and the requirements of Columbus County's Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance, all of the terms and conditions of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part hereof, the same as if fully set forth.

#### **SECTION VII: INSURANCE**

The grantee herein shall, at all times during the term of this Franchise and any extension thereof, maintain in full force and effect insurance coverage, issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina, sufficient to provide all the insurance necessary to meet the requirements of Columbus County's Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance.

#### **SECTION VIII: RECORDS**

Grantee will submit all required records for County inspection and will permit the County to inspect Grantee's records, premises and equipment at any time to ensure compliance with Columbus County's Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance.

#### **SECTION IX: RATE and CHARGES**

Grantee shall submit a schedule of rates to Columbus County for approval and shall not charge more than the approved rates without specific approval by Columbus County.

#### **SECTION X: ACCEPTANCE of FRANCHISE**

This Franchise and the right, privileges and authority hereby granted shall take effect and be in force from and after final passage hereof, as provided by law, provided that within thirty (30) days after the date of the final passage of this Ordinance, the Grantee shall file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners its unconditional acceptance of this Franchise and promise to comply with and abide by all of its provisions, terms and conditions, and said acceptance to be in writing and in the form and executed in the manner as provided in this Franchise.

#### **SECTION XI: GRANTEE'S REPRESENTATION and COVENANTS**

The acceptance of this Franchise Ordinance by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, shall constitute representations and covenants by it, that:

- A. It accepts and agrees to all the provisions of this Ordinance and those instruments and documents incorporated herein by reference;
- B. It has examined all of the provisions of this and the Columbus County Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Ordinance and waives any claim that any provisions hereof are unreasonable, arbitrary or void;
- C. It recognizes the right of Columbus County to make reasonable amendments to the Franchise Ordinance or Franchise Agreement during the term of this Franchise, provided that no such change shall compromise the ability of the **COLUMBUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED** to perform satisfactorily its obligations or right under this Ordinance. It further recognizes and agrees that Columbus County shall, in no way, be bound to renew the Franchise at the end of the Franchise term.

#### **SECTION XII: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Franchise shall be in full force and effect from and after its final approval by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

Franchise granted to the **COLUMBUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED** at the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

This **Franchise Agreement** is to be retroactive with an effective date of January 6, 2003.

(Seal)

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

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**  
**CLERK TO BOARD**

(Corporate Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CORPORATION NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRESIDENT/CEO**

**ATTESTED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SECRETARY**

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the name change in the Franchise Agreement for Non-Emergency Ambulance Service in Columbus County from Columbus County Medac-EMS to Columbus County Emergency Medical Services, Incorporated and for the Franchise Agreement to be retroactive as of January 6, 2003. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #8: PROPOSAL to INCREASE TAX COLLECTION:**

Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, presented the following Proposal to Increase Tax Collections to the Board for consideration and discussion.

**PROPOSAL to INCREASE TAX COLLECTIONS**

- A. User fees for waste collection to be billed by Tax Department with collections, releases, and refunds administered by Solid Waste Department.
1. Separate notice sent in July for waste collection fees.
  2. Bill will state that partial payments may be made through January <sup>31</sup> with no interest.
  3. Bill will state that waste collection fees will be collected in the same manner as property taxes and will become a lien on real property if not paid
  4. Waste collection bills will be connected to an account number and a specific property number as they have in past years.
- B. Hiring of collection assistant to work with Deputy Tax Collector on garnishments, payment schedules and foreclosures.
1. Will allow a more systematic and orderly schedule for dealing with delinquents.
  2. More contacts can be made.
  3. Telephone relief that will enable collector to spend more constructive time on legal process.
- C. Restructuring of present GIS Department (located in same building as tax records) that will include hiring of a GIS Director who is capable of writing programs and installing software that will benefit all departments.
1. County presently paying two (2) vendors for this service.
  2. Tax department has the general GIS base that will benefit all county departments.
  3. A capable director can build from this base programs that will provide statistics about each department.
  4. GIS data is constantly changing and is a great tool to study county demographics.

- S. In my opinion a full time GIS Director can get the full benefit of a GIS system at a lower cost than specific benefits obtained from outside vendors.
- D. Two percent (2%) discount for August payment.
1. Early payments insure collection rates that could prove difficult if waiting after December to pay.
  2. Tremendous work load relief for end of December through January 5th.

I feel that these changes will allow us to bring tax years 2000 - 2002 to an acceptable collection percentage that will in turn show an increase in the current collection rate. Results should be seen within the first year. (See attachment of prior year collection rates).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to take this Proposal in Increase Tax Collections under advisement until after the Budget Workshops since two (2) new positions were being requested, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #9: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for SB 841 and SB 1003:**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support for SB 841 and SB 1003.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
for SB 841 AND SB 1003**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is determined to promote the use of the Port of Wilmington and has devoted substantial funding to the improvement of the Port; **and**

**WHEREAS**, access to the Port from a substantial part of the State is less than adequate; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the military facilities in the Fayetteville area, as well as the businesses in that area, would benefit from enhanced access to the Port of Wilmington; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Asheville, Charlotte and all the counties, including Columbus County along the U.S. Highway 74 corridor, would greatly benefit from access to the Port of Wilmington; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the tourist industry of North Carolina would benefit from providing better roads between the major tourist destinations of Asheville, Charlotte and Wilmington; **and**

**WHEREAS**, highway planning by regions may overlook the synergies of projects in which the whole is greater than the sum of the parts; **and**

**WHEREAS**, construction of a four-lane limited access road from Asheville to Wilmington through Charlotte has been proposed for years but not treated as a priority; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund should allocate money to be used on this Intrastate project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, the County of Columbus Board of Commissioners, meeting in Regular Session, hereby pledges its support to the immediate passage of SB 841 and SB 1003.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ C.E. WILSON, Chairman

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for SB 841 and SB 1003, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #10: EMERGENCY SERVICES - CREATION of an E-911 COMMITTEE:**

It has been brought to the County's attention that a seven (7) member E-911 oversight

committee, created in lieu of the existing committee of Commissioners, and appointed by the Board of Commissioners, could be beneficial for the holding of monthly advisory meetings with Emergency Services Management.

Commissioner McKenzie requested that this committee be explained as to its purpose. Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, stated this committee would be comprised of one (1) member appointed from each Commissioner's district to represent that district and it would be beneficial to appoint a representative with knowledge and expertise in the field of emergency medicine. Commissioner Dutton made a motion that a seven (7) member E-911 Committee be created, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #11: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items with the exception of the last four (4) Tax Releases. These are to be placed on hold until verification has been received by Chuck Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):  
May 19, 2003**

Request a refund in the name of Beatty, Cleo, 381 Gum Swamp Rd., Bolton,, N.C. 28423. Refund the value of a old house and the Columbus Rescue fee. House burned 1-14-2000. Amount \$368.20, Value \$25,400.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-00360, Bill # 81202.

Request a refund in the name of Beatty, Cleo, 381 Gum Swamp Rd., Bolton, NC 28423. Refund the value of a old house and the Columbus Rescue fee. House burned 1-14-2000. Amount \$380.20, Value \$25,400.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-00360, Bill # 58693.

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):  
May 19, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$10.23, Value \$1,384.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61294.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Philip D.. Release the deferred tax, the Brunswick Fire fee (1.20) and the Whiteville Rescue Fee (.34) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$15.00, Value \$1,726.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-05300, Bill # 61279.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Philip D.. Release the deferred tax, the Brunswick Fire fee (1.20) and the Whiteville Rescue Fee (.34) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$15.00, Value \$1,726.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-05300, Bill # 61280.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Philip D.. Release the deferred tax, the Brunswick Fire fee (1.20) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.34) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$13.96, Value \$1,726.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-05300, Bill # 61281.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Philip D.. Release the deferred tax, the Brunswick Fire fee (1.20) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.34) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$13.53, Value \$1,726.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-05300, Bill # 61282.

Release the Property Value in the name of Enzor, Judy S.. Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire fee (2.40) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.48) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$21.60, Value \$2,400.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-04938, Bill # 61284.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue Fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$26.31, Value \$3,290.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61287.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$26.31, Value



\$3,290.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61288.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$24.33, Value \$3,290.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61289.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$23.51, Value \$3,290.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61290.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gurkin, Cecil. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$56.01, Value \$7,570.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-35760, Bill # 61308.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.06, Value \$1,384.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61293.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, James W.. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (.97) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.32) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$13.98, Value \$1,628.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-05120, Bill # 61275.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$9.88, Value \$1,384.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61295.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Harold K.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$41.60, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-02637, Bill # 61297.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Harold K.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that were calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$41.60, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-02637, Bill # 61298.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Harold K.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$38.48, Value \$5,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-02637, Bill # 61299.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Harold K.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$37.18, Value \$5,200.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-02637, Bill # 61300.

Release the Property Value in the name of Green, Edwin. Release the deferred tax, the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (2.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.46) that was calculated using the incorrect rate. Amount \$20.73, Value \$2,305.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-06041, Bill # 61302.

Release the Property Value in the name of Green, Edwin. Release the deferred tax, the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (2.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.46) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$22.73, Value \$2,305.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-06041, Bill # 61303.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gurkin, Cecil. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$60.55, Value \$7,570.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-35760, Bill # 61306.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Rena. Release the value of a single wide home, the Williams Fire fee (5.17) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.72) that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$258.54, Value \$8,620.00, Year 2002, Account # 02-03317, Bill # 97543.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.06, Value \$1,384.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-26700, Bill # 61292.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, John A.. Release the deferred tax that were calculated using the Incorrect interest rate. Amount \$8.34, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1999, Account

# 07-00980, Bill # 61261.

Release the Property Value in the name of Allgood, Fred. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that were calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$20.23, Value \$2,530.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-00562, Bill # 61247.

Release the Property Value in the name of Allgood, Fred. Release the deferred tax and the N. Whiteville Rescue fee, that were calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$20.23, Value \$2,530.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-00562, Bill # 61248.

Release the Property Value in the name of Allgood, Fred. Release the deferred tax and the N. Whiteville Rescue fee, that were calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$18.71, Value \$2,530.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00563, Bill # 61249.

Release the Property Value in the name of Allgood, Fred. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue Fee, that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$18.08, Value \$2,530.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-00562, Bill # 61250.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes Farms Incorp.. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue Fee, that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.80, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-00543, Bill # 61253.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes Farms Incorp.. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue Fee, that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.80, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-00543, Bill # 61254.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes Farms Incorp.. Release the deferred tax that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.52, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-00543, Bill # 61255.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes Farms Incorp.. Release the deferred tax that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.12, Value \$1,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-00543, Bill # 61256.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, John A.. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue fee, that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$9.60, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-00980, Bill # 61258.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, James W.. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.28, Value \$1,628.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-05120, Bill # 61277.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, John A.. Release the deferred tax that were calculated using the incorrect rate. Amount \$8.64, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-00980, Bill # 61260.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, James W.. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.69, Value \$1,628.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-05120, Bill # 61276.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cole, Wilbur W.. Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire fee (1.95) and the Columbus Rescue fee (39) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$17.55, Value \$1,950.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-02560, Bill # 61263.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cole, Wilbur W.. Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire fee(1.95) and the Columbus Rescue fee (39) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$17.55, Value \$1,950.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-02560, Bill # 61264.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cole, Wilbur W.. Release the deferred tax and the Cole Service Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$15.99, Value \$1,950.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-02560, Bill # 61265.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cole, Wilbur W.. Release the deferred tax and the Cole Service Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$15.50, Value

\$1,950.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-02560, Bill # 61266.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cooper, Ila S.. Release the deferred tax the Williams Fire fee (22.62) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.54) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$324.22, Value \$37,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-04980, Bill # 61269.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cooper, Ila S.. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire Fee (22.62) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.54) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$324.22, Value \$37,700.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-04980, Bill # 61270.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cooper, Ila S.. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$294.06, Value \$37,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-04980, Bill # 61271.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cooper, Ila S.. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$284.63, Value \$37,700.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-04980, Bill # 61272.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, James W.. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (.97) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.32) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$13.98, Value \$1,628.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-05120, Bill # 61274.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gurkin, Cecil. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$60.55, Value \$7,570.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-35760, Bill # 61307.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, John A.. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue fee, that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$9.60, Value \$1,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-00980, Bill # 61259.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, James G.. Release the deferred tax and the Old Dock Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$17.32, Value \$2,237.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-19180, Bill # 61359.

Release the Property Value in the name of Osbourne, Robert. Release the deferred tax, the Hallsboro Fire fee (.90) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.30) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.93, Value \$1,504.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-18820, Bill # 61346.

Release the Property Value in the name of Green, Edwin. Release the deferred tax and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$18.89, Value \$2,305.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-06041, Bill # 61304.

Release the Property Value in the name of Osbourne, Robert. Release the deferred tax and the Hallsboro Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.72, Value \$1,504.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-18820, Bill # 61348.

Release the Property Value in the name of Osbourne, Robert. Release the deferred tax and the Hallsboro Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.35, Value \$1,504.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-18820, Bill # 61349.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen Bros Enter.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$24.84, Value \$3,106.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-73200, Bill # 61351.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen Bros. Enter.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$24.84, Value \$3,106.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-73200, Bill # 61352.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen Bros. Enter.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$22.98, Value \$3,106.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-73200, Bill # 61353.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen Bros. Enter.. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$22.20, Value

\$3,106.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-73200, Bill # 61354.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, James G.. Release the deferred tax, the Old Dock Fire fee (1.78) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.44) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$19.66, Value \$2,237.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-19180, Bill # 61356.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gurkin, Cecil. Release the deferred tax and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$54.12, Value \$7,570.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-35760, Bill # 61309.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, James G.. Release the deferred tax and the Old Dock Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$17.88, Value \$2,237.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-19180, Bill # 61358.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Bernice. Release the deferred tax and the Klondyke Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.85, Value \$1,551.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-29409, Bill # 61344.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (2.52) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.84) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$36.13, Value \$4,202.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61361.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (2.52) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.84) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$36.13, Value \$4,202.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61362.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$32.77, Value \$4,202.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61363.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$31.72, Value \$4,202.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61364.

Release the Property Value in the name of Soles, Billy. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Billy W. and Pandora Soles. Amount \$280.52, Value \$23,560.00, Year 1997, Account # 03-23146, Bill # 67548.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Rena. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$178.67, Value \$11,320.00, Year 1997, Account # 02-03317, Bill # 68501.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Rena. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$181.19, Value \$10,620.00, Year 1998, Account # 02-03317, Bill # 73964.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Rena. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$176.76, Value \$10,040.00, Year 1999, Account # 02-03317, Bill # 36524.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Rena. Release the value of a single wide and that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$199.77, Value \$9,440.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-03317, Bill # 18324.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Rena. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee that was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$245.61, Value \$9,160.00, Year 2001, Account # 02-03317, Bill # 19335.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, James G.. Release the deferred tax, the Old Dock Fire fee (1.78) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.44) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$19.66, Value \$2,237.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-19180, Bill # 61357.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lennon, John C.. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.80, Value

\$1,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-03840, Bill # 61327.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, A. Crowell. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (.97) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.32) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$14.00, Value \$1,630.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-13760, Bill # 61311.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, A. Crowell. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (.97) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.32) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$14.00, Value \$1,630.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-13760, Bill # 61312.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, A. Crowell. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.70, Value \$1,630.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-13760, Bill # 61313.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, A. Crowell. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.29, Value \$1,630.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-13760, Bill # 61314.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Edgar. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (5.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.98) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$85.14, Value \$9,900.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-41320, Bill # 61316.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Edgar. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (5.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.98) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$85.14, Value \$9,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-41320, Bill # 61317.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Edgar. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (5.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.98) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$79.20, Value \$9,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-41320, Bill # 61318.

Release the Property Value in the name of Osbourne, Robert. Release the deferred tax, the Hallsboro Fire fee (.90) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.30) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.93, Value \$1,504.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-18820, Bill # 61347.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lennon, John C.. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.80, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-03840, Bill # 61326.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Bernice. Release the deferred tax and the Klondyke Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$12.24, Value \$1,551.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-29409, Bill # 61343.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lennon, John C.. Release the deferred tax that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.52, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 05-03840, Bill # 61328.

Release the Property Value in the name of Milligan, Henry. Release the deferred tax that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$10.23, Value \$1,422.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-25940, Bill # 61338.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Bernice. Release the deferred tax, the Klondyke Fire fee (1.08) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.31) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$13.48, Value \$1,551.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-29409, Bill # 61342.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Bernice. Release the deferred tax, the Klondyke Fire fee (1.08) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.31) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$13.48, Value \$1,551.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-29409, Bill # 61341.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Edgar. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (5.94) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.98) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$76.72, Value \$9,900.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-41320, Bill # 61319.

Release the Property Value in the name of Milligan, Henry. Release the deferred tax that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$9.88, Value \$1,422.00, Year 1999, Account #

06-25940, Bill # 61339.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lennon, John C.. Release the deferred tax that were calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.12, Value \$1,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 05-03840, Bill # 61329.

Release the Property Value in the name of Milligan, Henry. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.37, Value \$1,422.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-25940, Bill # 61337.

Release the Property Value in the name of Milligan, Henry. Release the deferred tax and the Columbus Rescue fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$11.37, Value \$1,422.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-25940, Bill # 61336.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lovett, Norman. Release the deferred tax and the Old Dock Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$28.91, Value \$3,732.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-15110, Bill # 61334.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lovett, Norman. Release the deferred tax and the Old Dock Fire fee that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$29.85, Value \$3,732.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-15110, Bill # 61333.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lovett, Norman. Release the deferred tax, the Old Dock Fire fee (2.98) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.74) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$32.82, Value \$3,732.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-15110, Bill # 61332.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lovett, Norman. Release the deferred tax, the Old Dock Fire fee (2.98) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.74) that was calculated using the incorrect interest rate. Amount \$32.82, Value \$3,732.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-15110, Bill # 61331.

**To be placed on hold pending verification by Chuck A. Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer (4):**

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Alene. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Billed with \$410.00, should have been \$250.00. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-31840, Bill # 17308.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Vera. Release user fee. Mobile home has been vacant for years. Verified by Clara at Waste Management. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-27292, Bill # 91422.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Vera. Release user fee. Mobile home has been vacant for years. Verified by Clara at Waste Management. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-27292, Bill # 13345.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Vera. Release user fee. Mobile home has been vacant for years. Verified by Clara at Waste Management. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-27292, Bill # 12448.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Vera. Release user fee. Mobile home has been vacant for years. Verified by Clara at Waste Management. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-27292, Bill # 30847.

**Agenda Item #12: COMMENTS:**

**A. Public:**

**Robert Adams (Western Prong Area):** I would like to address the following concerns to the Board:

1. Why the feasibility study on the school merger has been placed on hold. This merger is a

- very good idea and would save county taxpayers many dollars;
2. Discipline measures are not up to par in our school systems and three (3) new alternative schools have been created as a result of this; **and**
  3. It would be wise to have an audit performed by an independent person on the existing school systems.

**B Board of Commissioners:**

**Chairman C.E. Wilson:** I would like to remind the Board members of the following two (2) items:

1. Only two (2) of the evaluations of Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, have been returned as of this date. Please complete your evaluation form and return them to June B. Hall; **and**
2. Please be prepared to make your committee appointments at the June 2, 2003 Meeting.

**Commissioner Memory:** Darren L. Currie, Assistant County Administrator, Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Director, Commissioner Sammie Jacobs and myself met with the representative from International Paper regarding the boat ramp located at Lake Waccamaw. I understand that if they do not acquire a twenty (20) year lease, then we will receive no funding to help with this project.

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, stated that we would be getting an immediate three (3) year lease of which is now being reviewed by International Paper's lawyer, and then we would work on another lease for seventeen (17) years

**Commissioner Godwin:** This Memorandum regarding Health Insurance sign-up meetings appears to be stating that the decision has already been made to change insurance companies before the Board has been consulted regarding such. It would appear to me that the Board should be involved in decisions of this nature.

**C Administrator:** The Building Inspector's position has been re-advertised and we are working on the Emergency Director position.

**OTHER:**

**Potential Sale of Malt Beverages and Unfortified Wine:**

After lengthy discussion was conducted by the Board relative to the potential sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine, Commissioner Jacobs made the following motion: the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests that the Columbus County Board of Elections conduct an election throughout Columbus County for the off premises sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine. If approved, the area affected will be only those areas which presently do not have any authority to sell malt beverages and unfortified wine off premises in Columbus County. The persons entitled to vote in the election shall be determined by the Columbus County Board of Elections, after consultations with the North Carolina State Board of Elections and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. A roll call was taken with the following results:

**AYES:** Commissioners McKenzie, Jacobs, Norris, Wilson, Memory and Dutton.  
**NAYS:** Commissioner Godwin.

**Agenda Items #13: RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:31 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11.

No official action was taken.

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

At 9:07 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

**COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT:**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board to establish a sub-committee to work with Dr. O'Brecht, Medical Director of the Columbus County EMS System Plan, the Nurse Liaison and himself on rescue calls response time and the missed calls that are being reported. After discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Dutton made a motion to appoint Chairman Wilson, Vice-Chairman Memory and Commissioner Godwin to serve on this sub-committee, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

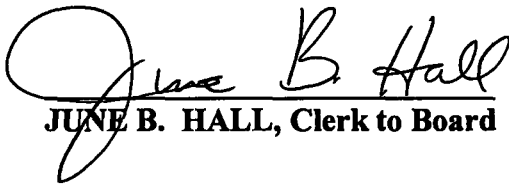
**BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE ESTABLISHED:**


After discussion was conducted among the Board members, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish the date of May 22, 2003, at 6:30 P.M., Economic Development Conference Room, for a 2003-2004 Budget Workshop.

**Agenda Item # 14: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:09 P.M., Commissioner Dutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

**APPROVED:**

  
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

  
C.E. WILSON, Chairman