

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 2, 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 Tuesday, due to the first Monday being Labor Day, a legal holiday.

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**
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Administrator**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Gayle B. Godwin, **Finance Officer**

Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The invocation was delivered by Clarence Williams, Columbus County Local CHAF Director.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 18, 2003 Board Minutes as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #4: CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE:

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

Columbus County Summary Sheet

CHAF Program

Previous
Aug. 1, 2003

TOTAL HOUSES				491		
Houses Inspected				491		
Replacement			296		296	
Repair			195		195	
Repair Work			195			
Work Write-up	0				0	
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0				0	
Board Awarded, No Construction	1				1	
Title Opinion NOT Requested		0				0
Waiting on Title Opinion		0				0
Waiting on Prom. Note / D.O. T.		2				2
Waiting on Contractor		0				0
Under Construction	5				8	
Complete	189				186	
Replacement Work			296			
Work Write-up	0				0	
Board Awarded, No Construction	0				0	
Title Opinion NOT Requested		0				0
Waiting on Title Opinion		0				0
N.O.E. Not Sent		0				0
Waiting on Client		0				0
Under Construction	50				67	
Complete	246				229	
Not Visited				0	0	

Legal Work					
Total Titles NOT Requested			0		0
Total Titles Requested			491		491
Titles Requested, Not Complete			0		0
Preliminary Title Complete			19		26
Prom. Note / D.O.T. Requested, Not Signed			52		45
Prom. Note / D.O.T. Recorded			420		420

Mr. Adams stated that four hundred thirty-five (435) had been completed and there were fifty-six (56) left to go as of today's date and he asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Memory asked Mr. Adams about the listing of one (1) under Repair Work, Board Awarded, No Construction. Mr. Adams replied stating that this was an add-back and it was in process.

Commissioner Memory asked Mr. Adams how many of the fifty (50) listed under Replacement Work, Under construction, were mobile homes. Mr. Adams replied stated that all were mobile homes but approximately three (3).

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Adams what the status was on the number two (2) listed under Repair Work, Waiting on Promissory Note/Deed of Trust. Mr. Adams replied stating there was a holdup in David Tedder's office, but this was not due to any of his actions. Mr. Tedder has handled a large volume of these cases and has done very well in supplying the information to us.

Commissioner Dutton asked Mr. Adams if he had an answer on the question he had asked at the August 18, 2003 Meeting in regard to the non-profit organization. Mr. Adams replied stating he had rendered a wrong answer at the last meeting in that he used the term non-profit organization and should have used the term public entity according to Yolanda Abram with the State. I have discussed this with her and am still waiting on an answer in regards to the difference in these two (2) terms. I extend an apology to you for not having you the answer to that question.

Commissioner Dutton asked Mr. Adams to get the answer to this question and have it ready by the September 15, 2003 Meeting.

Agenda Item #5: NOTICE OF APPEAL (CHAF Program):

Calbert Whitaker, CHAF Program client, presented the following appeal to the Board regarding the decision reached by the CHAF Committee to deny the reimbursement of the cost of a heating system replacement. He stated the following facts:

1. After Hurricane Floyd came in September, 1999, the heating system did not function well enough to supply the necessary heat for the winter;
2. To avoid this problem of insufficient heat during the winter, I had the unit replaced before the next winter arrived;
3. The Adams Company requested that I supply them with a receipt and I did so and after the first receipt was supplied, they informed me I had to furnish a receipt that had been signed and I did that; **and**
4. Now they are telling me that my request has been denied.

Commissioner McKenzie stated he knew this gentlemen and he was a man of integrity and the Board needed to accept the information he was presenting.

Commissioner Godwin stated his interpretation of this information being presented was that there was trouble with the documentation being supplied by Mr. Whitaker and I would like for Floyd Adams to explain. Mr. Adams replied stating that was a long process and in great detail. The information that was supplied to me was not feasible enough to justify reimbursement and even with all the facts combined, it was still not enough.

Commissioner Memory asked Mr. Whitaker what the age of the unit was. Mr. Whitaker replied stating the unit was approximately twenty (20) years old.

Commissioner Dutton asked if this unit was setting outside. Mr. Whitaker replied stating the unit was a gas unit and was inside but they had suffered some leaks from the hurricane and it received some damages from the water.

After lengthy discussion was conducted by the Board regarding this appeal, Commissioner

McKenzie made a motion to table this Notice of Appeal and take under consideration until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Agenda Add-on:

Item #1: NOTICE OF APPEAL:

Fannie Dooley, CHAF Program Client, presented the following appeal to the Board regarding the decision reached by the CHAF Committee to deny the repairs to the roof and vinyl siding to be included in the covered costs on her house. She stated the following facts:

1. Jackie Register, the contractor working on my house, made a pure mess of the work he was doing;
2. This contractor knocked objects off the walls and breaking some of them, he knocked the clothes down in my closets and then walked on them getting them dirty;
3. He was supposed to clean and paint my doors and all he did was take the doors down, take them outside and painted them without cleaning them first;
4. He removed a chimney and did not patch the opening where the chimney had been. He only placed a few shingles over the opening and it is leaking at that location;
5. He was very rude to me at all times to the point that one day I informed him to leave out of my house and to not return. He would not leave willingly and I had to call the officials in Raleigh to get him to leave my house;
6. The new contractor, Joseph Locklear, is working on my house now and seems to be doing a good job but he has not finished yet;
7. I asked Mr. Locklear if he was going to do my roof and he replied stating that it was not in the contract; **and**
8. The contract has been revised and some things have been left off. This roof was listed in the contract bearing date of 04/07/2003 and I want to know why you are not going to fix my roof.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Adams to inform the Board on the details surrounding this Notice of Appeal. Mr. Adams replied stating the following facts:

1. Ms. Dooley's roof was damaged during a bad hailstorm that occurred after Hurricane Floyd and this damage was not related to the hurricane in any way;
2. Ms. Dooley had insurance to cover this damage and it was understood between Ms. Dooley and the new contractor that she would apply this insurance money, once received, to the repair of the roof, and she did receive the insurance money;
3. When approached about this sum of insurance money, she stated she had applied this sum of money toward her mortgage and she no longer had it; **and**
4. The decision reached by the committee was based on Ms. Dooley receiving payment for the same roof twice and that is termed double dipping.

After in-depth discussion was conducted, involving questions and answers between Ms. Dooley and the Board members, Commissioner Memory made a motion to table this Notice of Appeal until all figures and information could be collected on this matter, seconded by Commissioner Godwin.

After further discussion was held, it was determined that Ms. Dooley had indeed double dipped and this matter had been presented before the CHAF Committee and was denied by them. Commissioner Memory withdrew his motion to table this Notice of Appeal until all figures and information could be collected, Commissioner Godwin withdrew his second.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion that the original decision made by the CHAF Committee to deny the repair to the roof and vinyl siding stand, however the leak at the chimney opening left by Jackie Register to be repaired by the new contractor, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

Ms. Dooley then asked what was going to be done about her heating unit that was listed as Item #31: Check and repair the existing HVAC unit.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Adams to address this issue regarding the heating unit. Mr. Adams replied stating the heating unit was supposed to be taken care of and was agreed upon in the CHAF Committee Meeting for it to be repaired and we will take care of it.

Commissioner Dutton informed Ms. Dooley that if this heating unit was not repaired as she had been informed it would, to come back to the Board and it would be handled.

Agenda Item #6: EASEMENT - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS:

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RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING:

At 8:17 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book I of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board.

ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:39 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #8: AGING - SENOR CENTER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING and ALLOCATION PROPOSAL:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of Uncertified Centers-Funding in the amount of \$31,939.00, with a twenty-five (25%) percent county match, which would equate to \$42,615.00, with a breakdown as follows:

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>25% Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bug Hill	\$5,807.00	\$1,936.00	\$7,743.00
East Columbus	\$5,807.00	\$1,936.00	\$7,743.00
Fair Bluff	\$5,807.00	\$1,936.00	\$7,743.00
Tabor City	\$5,807.00	\$1,936.00	\$7,743.00
Bolton	\$5,807.00	\$1,936.00	\$7,743.00
<u>Certified Center of Excellence:</u>			
Whiteville	\$8,711.00	\$2,904.00	\$11,615.00

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Uncertified Centers-Funding in the amount of \$31,939.00, with a twenty-five (25%) percent match, which would equate to \$42,615.00, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Ed Worley, Aging Director, recognized Ms. Barbara Featherson, one of his Board members, being present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 9: FAMILIES FIRST - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Vickie Pait, Families First Director, presented the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. Our goal is to empower victims of abuse and their families to break the cycle of domestic violence, provide shelter and ongoing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our mission is to identify, address and attempt to rectify issues related to and associated with domestic violence, sexual assault and its effects on adults, children and the community. Direct services include, but are not limited to the following: crisis intervention, counseling, information/referral, liaison between victims and agencies, legal advocacy, emergency transportation, material assistance, criminal justice system advocacy and support groups for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
2. Shelter Statistics - July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003:
 - A. Admissions - 37 women and 71 children;
 - B. Length of Stay - maximum of six (6) weeks;
 - C. Geographical Data - Columbus and Bladen County; **and**
 - D. Direct Services - began December 1, 1995.
3. Direct Service Report:
 - A. Number of Persons Served - 511 different individuals
 - B. Geographical Data - 85% Columbus County and 15% Bladen County; **and**
 - C. Racial Breakdown - 216 Caucasian, 132 African American, 11 Native American and

- 9 Hispanic.
- 4. Direct Services Provided - number of people provided numerous types of services as listed in booklet on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.
- 5. Community Outreach and Education information.
- 6. 2002/2003 Agency Accomplishments by month.
- 7. Funding Efforts and monetary amounts.
- 8. Expenses by percentages.
- 9. Board of Directors and Staff listing of personnel.

Agenda Item #10: PROPERTY TAX WAIVER:

Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to grant a property tax waiver for land recently purchased by the Committee of 100 from Mrs. Geraldine Lewis, Property Number 3119.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to grant a property tax waiver to the Committee of 100 for property recently purchased from Mrs. Geraldine Lewis, Property Number 3119, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #11: BLANKET COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT:

Carol Worrell, Parks and Recreation Director, request Board approval of the following Blanket Cooperative Agreement.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 200 ____ by and between the **COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**, hereinafter referred to as "the County" or the party of first part; and _____, herein after referred to as party of the second part;

W I T N E S S E T H:

THAT WHEREAS the County of Columbus heretofore has given or will be giving to the said party of the second part certain considerations including cash, manpower, and maintenance in support of the _____ Department throughout Columbus County;

AND WHEREAS the County of Columbus no longer desires to maintain complete control over the said Recreation Department, but understands that it must abide by the laws of the State of North Carolina with respect to the funds being public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County of Columbus, agrees 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.
- _____ b. Maintain a work force and look after the projects as follows: _____

- _____ c. Grant the following items to the party of the second part: _____

2. The exclusive right to use and maintain the area or equipment shall be the party of the second parts, subject to the understanding and agreement that there shall be no discrimination based upon sex, age, national origin, religion, or race.

NOW, THEREFORE, _____, party of the second party, agrees as follows:

1. That it will accept and maintain the area and the _____ Program as herein set forth herein on the attached pages.

2. It will provide and maintain suitable _____ area or program, and it shall not at any time discriminate 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 second party 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 recreational activity as outlined herein, and which is operated by the said party of the second part or any of its agents, subsidiaries, or designated representatives, 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 the said premises for recreation purposes under this agreement, or rights herein granted.

4. The said party of the second part shall provide proper personnel to maintain the area and to keep reasonable safety and civil order in the same and shall reasonably enforce the regulations as established by the said party of the second part in the _____ activities within Columbus County.

It is understood and agreed that upon the termination of this Agreement, all improvements, fixtures, and betterments shall remain on the property of the party of the second part, *except that the County of Columbus may remove any improvements which it has made thereto in the sole discretion of the County.*

5. At the termination of this lease, whether terminated by violation of this agreement or the expiration of time, if applicable, the County of Columbus may remove any and all of their equipment, materials and buildings which they may desire within sixty (60) days as provided both under this paragraph and paragraph 4 above.

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

(CORPORATE SEAL) _____
Organization Name
By: _____

Attested:

, Secretary

COLUMBUS COUNTY

By: _____
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Attested:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

CERTIFICATION
County Finance Officer

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 _____, 20____.

County Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, _____, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that _____, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is

Secretary of _____, a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its _____, sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by him as its Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and official seal or stamp, this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, _____, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that JUNE B. HALL, who being by me duly sworn, says that she knows the official seal of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and is acquainted with _____, who is Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, and that she, the said JUNE B. HALL, is the Clerk of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and saw the Chairman sign the foregoing Contract, and saw the said official seal of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County affixed to the said Contract in the presence of the said Chairman of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, all by order of said Board.

WITNESS my hand and official seal or stamp, this the ____ day of _____, 200____

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____.

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated this agreement would cover any equipment, supplies, etc. that the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department placed at any location and would aid in keeping track of inventory at any given time.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the Blanket Cooperative Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #12: WATER DEPARTMENT - UNIFORM RULES for all WATER DISTRICTS:

Deleted from Agenda until a Workshop could be held for discussion.

Agenda Item #13: FINANCE - REFUNDING of SCHOOL BONDS:

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested Board approval of the following documents relative to the refunding of \$8,500,000.00 School Bonds:

1. Resolution Relating to the Authorization of Refunding Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina;
2. Order Authorizing \$8,500,000.00 Refunding Bonds to be published once in the September 5, 2003 News Reporter for a Public Hearing to be held on September 15, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.;
and
3. Sworn Statement of Debt Made Pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, As Amended.

1:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, was held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 7:30 P.M., on September 2, 2003 (September 1, 2003 having been a holiday).

Present: Chairman C.E. Wilson, presiding, and Commissioners Bill Memory, Vice Chairman, Amon E. McKenzie, Sammie Jacobs, Lynwood Norris, Kipling Godwin and David L. Dutton, Jr.

Absent: None.

Also present: Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Officer, and June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner Wilson introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION
OF REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF
COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County"), is considering authorizing the issuance of Refunding Bonds of the County in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$8,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Refunding Bonds, Series 1994 of the County, dated March 1, 1994, including paying expenses related thereto, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County, as follows:

Section 1. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds that (i) the issuance of such bonds is necessary or expedient in order to realize debt service savings for the County, (ii) the principal amount of such bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such bonds because it is based upon the best estimate of the County of the funds needed for such purpose, (iii) the County's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service such bonds will not be excessive because it is expected that debt service savings will be realized in connection with the issuance of such bonds and (v) such bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of such bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of the County relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. The law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel of the County in connection with the authorization and issuance of such bonds and Ferris, Baker Watts, Incorporated is hereby approved as financial advisor of the County in connection with the authorization and issuance of such bonds.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Norris, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners C.E. Wilson, Chairman, Bill Memory, Vice Chairman, Amon E. McKenzie, Sammie Jacobs, Lynwood Norris, Kipling Godwin and David L. Dutton, Jr.

Noes: None.

Thereupon Commissioner Wilson introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000
REFUNDING BONDS**

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to issue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$8,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Refunding Bonds, Series 1994 of said County, dated March 1, 1994, including paying expenses related thereto.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the County which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after the bond order has been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners fixed 7:30 P.M. on September 15, 2003, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing order and directed the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News-Reporter not later than the sixth day before said date.

* * * * *

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on September 2, 2003 as relates in any way to the passage of a resolution relating to the authorization of bonds of said County, the introduction and passage on first reading of an order authorizing bonds of said County and the calling of a public hearing upon such order and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 27 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page ____ and ending on page ____.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor on the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M., except that regular meetings scheduled to be held on a holiday will be held on the next succeeding day that is not a holiday at the same time and place, has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 2nd day of September 2003.

/s/ June B. Hall
Clerk to the Board of Com

**2:
TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE NEWS-REPORTER:**

Please publish the following on September 5, after all blanks have been filled.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000
REFUNDING BONDS**

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to issue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$8,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Refunding Bonds, Series 1994 of said County, dated March 1, 1994, including paying expenses related thereto.
2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.
3. That a sworn statement of debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.
4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement of debt has been filed under the Local Government Bond Act showing the appraised value of the County of Columbus to be \$2,465,326,978.00 and the net debt thereof, including the proposed bonds, to be \$28,877,759.00. A tax will be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds if they are issued. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the questions of the validity of the bond order and the advisability of issuing the bonds may appear at a public hearing or an adjournment thereof to be held at 7:30 P.M. on September 15, 2003 in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina.

June B. Hall
 Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
 for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

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**SWORN STATE OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT
 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED**

I, Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Office of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioner for said County to make and file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners a statement of the debt of said County pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

(a) GROSS DEBT

a(1) Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds:		
School Bonds.....	\$	-0-
Refunding Bonds.....	\$	7,370,000
Other Bonds.....	\$ _____	\$ 7,370,000
a(2) Bonds authorized by an order introduced on September 2, 2003, but not yet adopted:		
Refunding Bonds.....	\$	8,500,000
a(3) Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders.....	\$	9,706,000
a(4) Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds.....	\$	27,024,759
(c) GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a(3) and s(4)..	\$	52,600,759

(b) DEDUCTIONS

b(1) Funding and refunding bonds authorized by order introduced but not yet adopted.....	\$	8,500,000
b(2) Funding and refunding bonds authorized by not yet issued....	\$	-0-
b(3) The amount of money held in sinking funds or otherwise for the payment of any part of the principal of gross debt other than debt incurred for water purposes or sanitary sewer		

	purposes (to the extent that the bonds are deductible under G.S. §159-55(b)).....	\$ -0-
b(4)	Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposed.....	\$ 23,723,000
b(5)	Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.D. §159-55(b).....	\$ -0-
b(6)	Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt.....	\$ -0-
b(7)	The amount, as estimated by the Finance Officer, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt.....	\$ -0-
(d)	DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7).....	\$ 32,223,000

© NET DEBT

©	NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b).....	\$ 20,377,759
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(d) APPRAISED VALUE

(d)	APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to municipal taxation before the application of any assessment ratio, being the value fixed in 2003.....	\$2,465,326,978
(e)	Percentage which the NET DEBT © bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d)	0.83

/s/ Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Officer

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of September 2003.

/s/ Roxanne Coleman, Notary Public

My commissioner expires: 12-10-2007.

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners for said County held on September 2, 2003, after the introduction and before the public hearing on an order authorizing bonds of said County, and that said statement is open to public inspection in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 2nd day of September, 2003.

(SEAL)

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

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the three (3) above listed documents relative to the Refund of School Bonds in the amount of \$8,500,000, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #14: FINANCE - FORESTRY SERVICE CONTRACT:

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested Board approval of the following Forestry Service Contract.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Department of
Environment and Natural Resources**

\$ \$336,478.00
Total Cooperative
Appropriations

\$ \$201,887.00 60%
State

\$ \$134,591.00 40%
County

**AGREEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF
FOREST LANDS IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

THIS AGREEMENT, made under the authority of “An act to authorized counties to cooperate with State in Forest Protection, Reforestation and promotion of Forest Management,” (Section 11 3-59 of the General Statutes of North Carolina - 1 943), and also under authority of another Section of the General Statutes, namely Section 11 3-54, by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (hereinafter called the Department), party of the first part, and the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County in the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the Board), party of the second part, witnessed:

That WHEREAS the said Board, recognizing the need for active forest protection, development, reforestation, management and improvement in Columbus County, has accepted the offer of the Department for cooperation in accomplishing this object:

Now, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the said parties contract and agree to maintain a legally appointed and equipped Forest Ranger organization in said county at the joint cost of the State and County, insofar as the joint funds will permit, as follows:

Part I. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES:

1. To select, employ and appoint, after consultation with the Board, a County Forester or County Forest Ranger for the purposes of controlling forest fires in said County; for detecting and extinguishing fires that break out; for investigating the origin of forest, woodland and field fires; for enforcing state forest fire laws; for taking such preventive measures, educational and otherwise, as shall seem necessary to prevent forest fires; for developing and improving the forests through reforestation, promotion and practice of Forest Management practices; and for protection from insects and diseases.
2. To furnish to each Forester or Forest Ranger so employed a badge of office, stationery and report forms, instructional posters for use in the County, leaflets for distributing to landowners and others; to purchase necessary equipment, communication systems, and other Forestry improvements deemed necessary insofar as the joint funds will permit.
3. To pay the Forester or Forest Ranger for all official services rendered, at a fair rate of pay. Rates of pay are to be established by the Department in accordance with existing State salary schedules.
4. To direct, supervise, instruct and inspect through its agents, the work and conduct of the Forester or Forest Ranger, to discipline and, when necessary, discharge such Forester or Forest Ranger.
5. To submit to the Board of Commissioners monthly (or at other mutually satisfactory intervals) an itemized statement of all monies to be paid by the County and those paid by the Department for the proper conduct of the work within said County.
6. To make available annually from State, Federal, and other funds (\$201,887) as its share of an annual budget of three hundred thirty-six thousand, four-hundred seventy-eight

dollars (\$336,478) for carrying on the work in said County.

Part II. THE BOARD AGREES:

1. To pay the Department 40% of the total cost of the Forester or Forest Ranger salaries and expenses and of other proper expenditures made in connection with the over-all Forestry program in said County, upon receipt and consequent approval of the periodic statements submitted by the Department.
2. To appropriate annually the sum of one hundred thirty-four thousand, five-hundred ninety-one dollars (\$134,591) be available for expenditure under the terms of this Agreement, and shall represent the County's share of the annual budget.

PART III. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES:

1. That this Agreement becomes effective July 1, 2003.
2. That the annual appropriations as set forth above may be revised by mutual agreement between the Department and the Board, based on the amount of annual appropriation desirable for the proper conduct of the Forestry work, such revision to become effective at the beginning of a given Fiscal Year. Any unused balance of County funds remaining at the end of a Fiscal Year shall revert to said County otherwise mutually agreed upon by both parties.
3. That the Board reimburse the Department as provided in Part II, Item I, by forwarding a county voucher drawn in favor of the Department for the amount of the County's share of expenditures as set forth in the Department's periodic statement to the Board. That such payments be made by the Board within thirty days following receipt of the Department's billing.
4. The title to all improvements and equipment purchased and/or constructed in connection with this Agreement will rest with the Department; such materials or their equivalent will remain in the County as long as this Agreement is in effect, or as long as they are needed by the Department for the proper conduct of the work therein.
5. That the Forrester or Forest Ranger periodically or at the request of the Board, shall present to the Board statements of the work being done within the County, so that said Board may be fully informed at all times regarding the Forestry finances and activities within the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties do hereunto affix their names and seals upon the date herein below specified.

For the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County.

Date 09/03/2003

/s/ C.E. Wilson, Chairman

Columbus County Board of County Commissioners

Provisions for the payment of the monies to fall due under this agreement have been made by appropriation duly made or by bonds or notes duly authorized, as required by the "County Fiscal Control Act."

Date: 08/26/2003

/s/ Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Officer

For the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Date: _____,

Director

NC Division of Forest Resources

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the Agreement for the Protection, Development and Improvement of Forest Lands in Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION - DESIGNATION of PERSON for DEBT SETOFF PROGRAM:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board appointment of a person to hold hearings and conduct necessary proceedings for the Debt Setoff Program.

After discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Dutton made a motion to appoint Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, to be the person to hold hearings and conduct necessary proceedings for the Debt Setoff Program, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #16: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT (COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION):

Tabled until the September 15, 2003 Meeting.

Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

D. Tax Releases and Refunds:

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

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
September 2, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Latta, Joseph P.. Release the value of a boat, the Acme Delco Fire fee (.1.20) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.20). Boat is double listed in the name of Denise Williamson. Amount \$9.20, Value \$1,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-04229, Bill # 48957.

Release the Property Value in the name of Murchison, Jerry W.. Release the property value for the Town of Brunswick. Property is outside the town limits of Brunswick. Amount \$161.41, Value \$26,680.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-05646, Bill # 74841.

Release the Property Value in the name of Monk, Rita Gail S.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Klondyke Fire fee (1.12) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (.32) Property was billed with incorrect acreage. Amount \$13.92, Value \$1,600.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-27985, Bill # 53505.

Release the Property Value in the name of McPherson, W.J.. Release the value of the farm equipment, the Williams Fire fee (2.70) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.90). The equipment is double listed in the name of Mortie G. McPherson. Amount \$42.63, Value \$4,507.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-20050, Bill # 52487.

Release the Property Value in the name of McPherson, Mortie G.. Release a portion of the property value, the Roseland Fire fee (4.38) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.46). Property should be in the Land Use Program. Amount \$62.78, Value \$7,300.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-19480, Bill # 52417.

Release the Property Value in the name of McPherson, Axel. Release the value of a double wide home, the North Whiteville Fire fee (50.00) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (7.30). The home was repossessed and moved to Brunswick County. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$519.00, Value \$36,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-02217, Bill # 81614.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKinnon, Evelyn M.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cole Service Fire fee (20.00) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (4.00). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$357.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-10655, Bill # 51850.

Release the Property Value in the name of Harrelson, Shannon. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. House was calculated with incorrect size. Amount \$578.40, Value \$72,300.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-37672, Bill # 43823.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, John. Release the value of a double wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Kathy Fowler Lee and John C. Lee.

Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$531.01, Value \$55,500.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-22630, Bill # 49118.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pittman, Ann. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed as real and personal property. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$194.54, Value \$1,805.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-05250, Bill # 85686.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jolly Sterlon & Betty. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Cole Service fee (27.92) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (5.58) Customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$251.28, Value \$27,920.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-09700, Bill # 47583.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hunt, Joel R. Sr.. Release the farm equipment value, the Yam City Fire fee (.70) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.14). Equipment sold prior to 2003. Amount \$6.93, Value \$700.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-15240, Bill # 46169.

Release the Property Value in the name of Home Bazzar #5. Release the business personal value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Business closed March 2002. Amount \$56.85, Value \$7,106.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-42750, Bill # 45570.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Lisa N. & Judy. Release the value of a mobile home, and the Columbus Rescue fee. The mobile home is listed in Bladen County. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$365.80, Value \$23,600.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-12103, Bill # 45287.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hilburn, Jesse W.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (10.10) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (2.02). Garage and stoop were added after January 1, 2003 and should not have been included in value. Amount \$90.90, Value \$10,100.00, Year 2003, Account # 16-08461, Bill # 44865.

Release the Property Value in the name of Herff, Peter. Release a portion of the boat value, a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee (.60) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (.20). Boat was billed with incorrect value. Amount \$8.60, Value \$1,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-01242, Bill # 44491.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thorne, Ruthie. Release the value of a double wide, the Hallsboro Fire fee (22.20) and the Columbus Rescue (7.40) Home is listed in South Carolina. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$495.20, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 14-16741, Bill # 65528.

Release the Property Value in the name of Maxfield, John & Myrtle. Release the value of a double wide home, the North Whiteville Fire fee (50.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.78). Home is double listed in the name of Valkeyta Fearn & Katrina A. Maxfield. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$538.20, Value \$38,900.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-27224, Bill # 51190.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth P.. Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (2.58) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.84). Property was sold to a family member. Amount \$36.13, Value \$4,202.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61526.

Release the Property Value in the name of Amentt, Joseph. Release the value of a tractor that was sold in 2002. Amount \$5.06, Value \$500.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-00360, Bill # 27450.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stutts, Donald. Release the value of a double wide home and the Klondyke Fire fee (28.63) and the Columbus Rescue fee (8.18) Home is double listed in the same name in a different township. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$532.83, Value \$40,900.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-03308, Bill # 64488.

Release the Property Value in the name of Soles, Junior. Release a portion of the mobile home value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Home billed with incorrect value. Amount \$10.94, Value \$1,368.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-87207, Bill # 62322.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Cora W.. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Klondyke Fire fee (1.96) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.56). Billed with incorrect acreage. Amount \$24.36, Value \$2,800.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-36680, Bill # 61473.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Larry. Release the property value, the Williams

Fire fee (20.64) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.88). Property is double listed in the name of Larry and Lois S. Small. Amount \$295.84, Value \$34,400.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-22145, Bill # 61265.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Pearl. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property billed with incorrect acres. Amount \$3.20, Value \$400.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-80970, Bill # 60046.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sasser, John B.. Release a portion of the house value and a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee (6.00) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (2.00). House billed with incorrect value. Amount \$86.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-23475, Bill # 59515.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nakina Vol. Fire Dept.. Release the property value, the Nakina Fire fee (1.92) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.48). Property should be tax exempt. Amount \$21.12, Value \$2,400.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-12349, Bill # 54127.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth P.. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee. Property was sold to a family member. Amount \$32.77, Value \$4,202.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61527.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pierce, Clifford O.. Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire fee (2.04) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.68). Customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$206.24, Value \$3,400.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-19640, Bill # 56193.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth P.. Release the deferred tax and a portion of the Williams Fire fee (2.58) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (.84). Property was sold to a family member. Amount \$36.13, Value \$4,202.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 61525.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rooks, Jerome A.. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Larry & Marvor Evans. Amount \$32.00, Value \$4,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 05-03406, Bill # 59026.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rhodes, Nezzie L.. Release the value of one house and the Nakina Fire fee (77.28) and the Columbus Rescue fee (19.32). The house was sketched twice on the property card and therefore billed with double value. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$1,027.08, Value \$96,600.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-14000, Bill # 58386.

Release the Property Value in the name of Regions Bank Leasing. Release a portion of the business personal value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. The personal property was double listed by Regions Bank in error. Amount \$10,164.66, Value \$1,270,582.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-05430, Bill # 58175.

Release the Property Value in the name of Reaves, James Curby. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Jams Randy Reaves. Amount \$11.73, Value \$1,500.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-13720, Bill # 58051.

Release the Property Value in the name of Reaves, James Randy. Release the value of a double wide, the Nakina Fire fee (39.92) and the Columbus Rescue fee (9.98). Home is double listed in the name of James Curby and Evelyn Reaves. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$616.12, Value \$49,900.00, Year 58055, Account # 07-03625, Bill # 58055.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardy, Shenita. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Marion Brown Carter. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$112.61, Value \$2,910.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-01808, Bill # 43640.

Release the Property Value in the name of Royal, Elizabeth P.. Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee. Property sold to a family member. Amount \$31.72, Value \$4,202.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 16528.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bhal, Telicia. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Felicia Bihal. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$315.48, Value \$17,100.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-02441, Bill

81865.

Release the Property Value in the name of Chamberlin, Tami Jo.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat is listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$16.00, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-14043, Bill # 33682.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carter, John Jr.. Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire fee (15.72) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.62). Property is double listed in the name of Charles Bennerman. Amount \$120.52, Value \$13,100.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-09035, Bill # 33164.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buck, John Kenneth. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire fee (24.64) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (6.16). One of the outbuildings was billed with the incorrect classification code. Amount \$271.04, Value \$30,800.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-02071, Bill # 31620.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Willie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer failed to received the senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$174.65, Value \$9,960.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-02659, Bill # 31420.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Willie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$181.07, Value \$10,690.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-02659, Bill # 61185.

Release the Property Value in the name of Boyer, Floyd. Release the value of a camper and the Columbus Rescue fee. The camper is listed in Sampson County. Amount \$123.64, Value \$14,050.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-00057, Bill # 30429.

Release the Property Value in the name of Heal Thyself Nutritional Needs. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Business closed in 2001. Amount \$14.50, Value \$1,813.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-05021, Bill # 44264.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bhal, Telicia. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (10.24) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.93). Home is double listed in the name of Felicia Bihal. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$328.02, Value \$14,630.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02441, Bill # 59368.

Release the Property Value in the name of Diet Center of Whiteville. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Business closed November 2002. Amount \$26.54, Value \$3,318.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-58422, Bill # 36488.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bhal, Telicia. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Felicia Bihal. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$267.32, Value \$17,970.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02441, Bill # 81845.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bhal, Telicia. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Felicia Bihal. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$247.70, Value \$19,312.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-02441, Bill # 1018.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bhal, Telicia. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Felicia Bihal. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$100.00, Value \$21,030.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-02441, Bill # 29658.

Release the Property Value in the name of Batten, Christopher L. & Mary Kate. Release the value of a boat, the Welches Creek Fire fee (2.44) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.61). The boat was sold in 2002. Amount \$26.84, Value \$3,050.00, Year 2003, Account # 14-01653, Bill # 28706.

Release the Property Value in the name of Batten, Christopher L. & Mary Kate. Release the value of the farm equipment and the Welches Creek Fire fee. Farm equipment sold October 2002. Amount \$483.32, Value \$49,653.00, Year 2003, Account # 14-01653, Bill # 28706.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Marvin Laverne. Release the property value the Williams Fire fee (6.79) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.26). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$274.35, Value

\$11,320.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-00651, Bill # 28653.

Release the Property Value in the name of BB&T DBA BB&T Insurance Ser.. Release the business personal value that was double listed in error on the same account. Amount \$47.30, Value \$5,913.00, Year 2003, Account # 02-04828, Bill # 28890.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackwell, Carrie. Release the value of a double wide home, the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (37.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.40). The home was double listed in the same name in error. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$510.00, Value \$37,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 16-00710, Bill # 29808.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Billy L.. Release the Nakina Fire fee. Property not in this fire district. Amount \$54.56, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-05563, Bill # 41271.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardee, Shane D.. Release the value of one house, one user fee, and the Columbus Rescue fee. House picked up twice in error. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$439.00, Value \$44,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-17204, Bill # 43507.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Jimmy Brooks. Release the Nakina Fire fee. Property is not in that fire district. Amount \$12.24, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07/06460, Bill # 41540.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Jimmy Brooks. Release the Nakina Fire fee. Property is not in that fire district. Amount \$4.88, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-06460, Bill # 41539.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Ronald Gene. Release the Nakina Fire fee. Property is not in this fire district. Amount \$56.80, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-07220, Bill # 41759.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Daniel J. & Janice. Release late list fee. Computer error. Property was not listed late. Amount \$4.12, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-11260, Bill # 41324.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Daniel J. & Janice. Release late list. Computer error. Property was not listed late. Amount \$12.44, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-08760, Bill # 41320.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Daniel Jackson. Release late list fee. Computer error. Property was not listed late. Amount \$6.71, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-03829, Bill # 41323.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Lavern & Karen. Release the value of a double wide, the Acme Delco Fire fee (34.80) and the Columbus Rescue fee (5.80). The home is double listed in the name of Jack Lavern and Karen Coleman. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$443.80, Value \$29,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-09630, Bill # 64099.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Billy L.. Release the Nakins Fire fee. Property in not located in the fire district. Amount \$3.52, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-05563, Bill # 41272.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Lavern. Release the value of a double wide home, the Acme Delco Fire fee (34.80) and the Columbus Rescue fee (5.80). Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$443.80, Value \$29,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-09630, Bill # 34386.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Ronald G.. Release the value of the house, the Roseland Fire fee (16.38) and the Columbus Rescue fee (5.46) that is double listed in the name of Delane Godwin. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$411.78, Value \$27,300.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-02213, Bill # 41076.

Release the Property Value in the name of Garner, Billy. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Wilson Grant Dudley. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$192.60, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-09362, Bill # 40266.

Release the Property Value in the name of Galloway, Jesse Ray & Pat. Release the value of the farm equipment and the Columbus Rescue fee. Equipment double listed in the name of Patsy & Ray Galloway. Amount \$4.35, Value \$500.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-30200, Bill # 40210.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, Nicky Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City Fire fee (2.65) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.53). Home is double listed in the name of Nicky Gene Fowler Jr. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$200.81, Value \$2,645.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-04305, Bill # 39550.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, Elouise Norris. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$172.80, Value \$21,600.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-11001, Bill # 39402.

Release the Property Value in the name of Eds Utility Trailers. Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Business closed in 2002. Amount \$21.44, Value \$2,680.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-00646, Bill # 37297.

Release the Property Value in the name of Todd, Betty F.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$22.52, Value \$2,380.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-00737, Bill # 65656.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Billy L.. Release the Nakina Fire fee. This property is not located in this district. Amount \$0.64, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 04-05563, Bill # 41273.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wright, John T.. Release the value of a single wide home, the Acme Delco Fire fee (28.27) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.71). Home was listed in error. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$415.43, Value \$23,560.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-00739, Bill # 70756.

Release the Property Value in the name of Yarbrough, Michael C.. Release the value of a boat, the Acme Delco Fire fee (7.09) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.18). Boat was sold in 2002. Amount \$59.81, Value \$5,910.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-04242, Bill # 70914.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, John E.. Release a portion of the boat value and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Billed with incorrect value. This is a canoe. Amount \$10.21, Value \$1,160.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-93988, Bill # 65308.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wright, Bobbie & Shirley. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Williams Fire fee (23.79) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue Fee (7.93). Customer failed to receive the disability exemption. Amount \$340.99, Value \$39,650.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-34803, Bill # 70686.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, C.E. & Eloise J.. Discount computed incorrectly at time of payment. Amount \$3.54, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 05-07613, Bill # 70173.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Denise. Release late list fee on boat. Boat was not listed late. Computer error. Amount \$0.92, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-39647, Bill # 69744.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Ricky & Angelic. Release the value of a double wide home, the Hallsboro Fire fee (19.32) and the Columbus Rescue fee (6.44). Home was repossessed in 2001. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$453.92, Value \$32,200.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-17794, Bill # 98758.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waser, Dwight. Release late list fee on boat that was not listed late. Computer error. Amount \$9.60, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-00931, Bill # 68048.

Release the Property Value in the name of Watson, Donald B.. Release a portion of the value of the green houses and a portion of the Yam City Fire fee (127.35) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (25.47). Green houses billed with incorrect value. Amount \$1,146.15, Value \$127,350.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-41440, Bill # 68126.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Rusty. Release a portion of the mobile home value and a portion of the Klondyke Fire fee (.76) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (.22).

Billed with incorrect value. Amount \$10.43, Value \$1,090.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-00308, Bill # 65461.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Anderson T.. Release the Nakina Fire fee. Property in not in that fire district. Amount \$11.68, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-05945, Bill # 41251.

Release the User Fee in the name of Leader Homes. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02511, Bill # 87468.

Release the User Fee in the name of Martinez, Irvin. Release user fee. House burned prior to January 1, 2003. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-01710, Bill # 51053.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Bessie E.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-24020, Bill # 49933.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, John Cale. Release user fee. House unlivable with no meter attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-52481, Bill # 49365.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, John C.. Release user fee. House vacant with no meter attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-05437, Bill # 49357.

Release the User Fee in the name of Leader Homes. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-02511, Bill # 49054.

Release the User Fee in the name of Leader Homes. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02511, Bill # 65238.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Martha L.. Release user fee. House is unlivable and there is no trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-20001, Bill # 46876.

Release the User Fee in the name of JP Morgan Chase Bank. Release user fee. Dwelling burned in 2002. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-05202, Bill # 48035.

Release the User Fee in the name of Horne, Wilma E.. Release user fee. No trash can and no meter attached to house. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-01613, Bill # 45841.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mitchell, Betty (Heirs). Release user fee. Out building billed as dwelling in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-01342, Bill # 53311.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hobbs, W. Randell. Release three user fees. No trash cans at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$261.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-09043, Bill # 45443.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powers, Myrtle S.. Release one of two user fees. Single wide home sold prior to 1-1-03. Customer only has a double wide now. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-33346, Bill # 57052.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hemingwa, Alfred. Release user fee. Mobile home vacant. No trash can at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-08242, Bill # 73966.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hodge, Beatrice D.. Release one of two user fees. One mobile home vacant with no meter attached to house. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-14920, Bill # 45451.

Release the User Fee in the name of Richardson, Sheila. Release one of two user fees. One mobile home is vacant. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-03728, Bill # 58491.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wilson, C.E. & Eloise. Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 05-07613, Bill # 70173.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Carl. Release user fee. House used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-34820, Bill # 70692.

Release the User Fee in the name of Waters, D. Glenn Sr.. Release user fee. House vacant, no can, no meter attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-05307, Bill # 68086.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tison, Diane H. (etal). Release user fee. House is vacant and there is no trash can there. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-27569, Bill # 65631.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spaulding, Annie Mae. Release one of two user fees. Owner says old house connected to mobile home as living unit. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 14-15361, Bill # 62587.

Release the User Fee in the name of Page, Rickie. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 02-04935, Bill # 55477.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rouse, Patricia. Release user fee. This is vacant land. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 14-12963, Bill # 59135.

Release the User Fee in the name of Naron, Elizabeth A.. Release user fee. Business closed and there is no trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-02454, Bill # 83703.

Release the User Fee in the name of Prince, Allen K.. Release a portion of the user fee. Trash can was picked up in February. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$165.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-05732, Bill # 57438.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Daniel J.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-08940, Bill # 41321.

Release the User Fee in the name of Peterson, Lillian B.. Release user fee. This is vacant land. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 04-13100, Bill # 56026.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hemingway, Alfred. Release user fee. Mobile home is vacant. No trash can at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-08242, Bill # 96201.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Monty D.. Release one of two user fees. House is unlivable. No meter attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 16-12042, Bill # 55084.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Joseph L.. Release user fee. House vacant with no power. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-22885, Bill # 55020.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Cora W.. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Erica D. Barrett Hammonds. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-36680, Bill # 61473.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blackwell, Alfred. Release user fee. House unlivable. No meter. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 16-00560,

Bill # 29794.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hall, Ronald L.. Release user fee. House is unlivable. No trash can. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-17106, Bill # 43145.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chapman, Dennis S.. Release one of three user fees. Customer only has two cans. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-02509, Bill # 33710.

Release the User Fee in the name of Campbell, Sherman. Release the user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-04049, Bill # 32800.

Release the User Fee in the name of Butler, Mickey G.. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of James D. & Florence Gibbs. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-04517, Bill # 32317.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bright, Myrtle S.. Release user fee. House used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-08540, Bill # 30633.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, M. Hezekiah. Release one of two user fees. There is only one mobile home here. Computer error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-10640, Bill # 35287.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blanks, Shirley M.. Release user fee. House vacant with no meter attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-01143, Bill # 30003.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dale, Robert V.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-11320, Bill # 35696.

Release the User Fee in the name of Benton, Martin. Release all user fees. Mobile home's sold and can picked up. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$354.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-02806, Bill # 29357.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barber, Janet L.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-05419, Bill # 28229.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, Neely. Release one of two user fees. Fee is double listed on the same account number but on a different parcel of land. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-00483, Bill # 27921.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armstrong, David R.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-00263, Bill # 27702.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armstrong, David R.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-00263, Bill # 27701.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, William E.. Release one of two user fees. One house vacant and has no power. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-00360, Bill # 27562.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bowen, Claude. Release user fee at store. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-07440, Bill # 30292.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foat, Melissa. Release user fee. Home listed as single wide and double wide in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-04176, Bill # 68718.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardwick, Steve. Release user fee. Mobile home has not been set up yet. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-05350, Bill # 43621.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Shane D.. Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. One storage utility was picked up as dwelling. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-17204, Bill # 43507.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore Trailer Mgs. Inc.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercail hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-08800, Bill # 41845.

Release the User Fee in the name of Leader Homes. Release user fee. Customer using a commercail hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-02511, Bill # 87655.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Daniel J.. Release user fee. Customer using a commercail hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-08760, Bill # 41320.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, Doretha A.. Release one of two user fees. Old store out of business and there is no meter attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-05080, Bill # 35078.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, David Earl. Release one of two user fees. The garage is vacant and there is no trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-08600, Bill # 39368.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harrelson, Shannon. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Greg Hardee. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-37672, Bill # 43822.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foat, Melissa. Release user fee. Home listed as single wide and double wide in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-04176, Bill # 91052.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foat, Melissa. Release user fee. House listed as single wide and double wide in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-04176, Bill # 90803.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foat, Melissa. Release user fee. Home listed as single wide and double wide in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-04176, Bill # 9765.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foat, Melissa. Release user fee. Home listed as single wide and double wide in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-04176, Bill # 48030.

Release the User Fee in the name of Foat, Melissa. Release user fee. Home listed as single wide and double wide in error. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-04176, Bill # 63067.

Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, Toby L.. Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-26153, Bill # 38492.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gaskins, Ruth C.. Release one of two user fees. One building is vacant. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-03869, Bill # 40428.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
September 2, 2003**

Request a refund in the name of Coleman, Jack L. Sr., 161 Carrie Ln., Bolton,, NC 28423. Refund the value of a double wide that is double listed in the name of Jack Levern & Karen S. Coleman, account 15-05409. Refund the Acme Delco fee of \$54.72 and the Columbus Rescue fee of \$9.12

also. Make check payable to Mr. Coleman and the Columbus County Tax Office to be applied to other delinquent tax owed by Mr. Coleman. Amount \$419.52, Value \$45,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-09610, Bill # 64055.

Request a refund in the name of Garner, Billy M., 142 Feedmill Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (6.22) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.07). The home is double listed in the name of Wilson Grant Dudley. Amount \$98.01, Value \$10,360.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-09362, Bill # 40266.

Request a refund in the name of High, James Bardie Sr., 1935 Hallsboro Rd. S., Hallsboro,, NC 28442. Refund the user fee on old mobile home that is vacant and has had the power disconnected. Refund approved by Litter Patrol. Make check payable to Kim High and the Columbu County Tax Office. Check will be applied to delinquent tax owed by Mr. High. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-13140, Bill # 44739.

Request a refund in the name of Pifgord, Hattie (etal), 440 Carver Moore Rd., Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450. Refund user fee on house that is vacant and has no trash can. Refund approved by Litter Patrol. Make check payable to Hardie Pigford. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-14969, Bill # 85638.

Request a refund in the name of Wright, John T., 147 Hoover Rd., Riegelwood, NC 28456. Refund the value of a mobile home that was double listed in the same name in error. Refund the Acme Delco fee (30.50) and the Columbus Rescue fee (5.08) also. Refund of user fee has been approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$434.25, Value \$25,420.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-00739, Bill # 99959.

E. Budget Amendments:

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

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-511-7400	Capital Outlay	\$42,290
Revenue	10-397-0500	Transfer from Special Alcohol	\$10,573
	10-348-0110	NC Governor's Crime Commission Grant	\$31,717
Expenditure	10-620-6500	Smart Start Grant - Recreation	\$5,002
Revenue	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$5,002
Expenditure	10-700-4500	Waccamaw River Cleanup Project	\$4,000
Revenue	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$4,000
Expenditure	10-496-5700	Grants/Miscellaneous Expenses	\$73,890
Revenue	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$73,890
Expenditure	10-700-9705	Rural General Public	\$4,052
	10-700-9705	Rural General Public Discretionary Grant	(\$18,450)
Revenue	10-348-3200	NC DOT - ROAP Grant	\$14,398
Expenditure	10-630-5701	Donations for Miscellaneous Books	\$4,000
Revenue	10-335-0210	Revenues	\$4,000
Expenditure	10-516-1400	Travel	\$1,000
	10-516-3200	Operating Expenses	\$1,000
	10-516-4500	Contractual	\$73,103
Revenue	10-348-0103	NC Dept Correction - Criminal Justice	\$75,103
Expenditure	10-470-0402	Professional Services - Other	\$25,017
Revenue	10-345-0000	1 Cents Sales Tax	\$25,017

Agenda Item #: COMMENTS:

A. Public:

Chairman Wilson asked if anyone in the audience has any comments they wanted to make. The following people spoke.

1. **Patricia Hinson (Chadbourn -Water District II):** I have been out of town for the last five (5) years and I would like to know the status of the water district. Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, replied stating at the present, one thousand three hundred (1,300) customers had paid the tapon fees, seven hundred, plus, had hooked onto the system and there were two thousand five hundred (2,500) potential customers that could hook onto the system. We have received bids for the additional tapons.

Ms. Hinson stated the senior citizens in this district should be given special consideration due to financial status the majority of them are presently in. The senior citizens simply cannot pay because they cannot afford to pay a water bill. A large percentage of the senior citizens cannot afford all of the medicine they need and some of the senior citizens cannot afford to purchase the necessary food to provide them with a well balanced diet. If these elderly citizens cannot afford these necessities, then you cannot expect them to be able to pay a bill for something they don't want, did not ask for or do not have to have to survive. Please listen to what I have to say because each one of you, and me, will be in the same position our elderly is in now and, at that time, we will certainly need someone to look out for us.

2. **Doug Kler (District II):** I have attended several meetings when the Rules and Regulations for the water districts have been discussed. I would like to know if the Board has decided on the Rules and Regulations for the water districts yet? Chairman Wilson replied stating no the Board has not decided yet and there will be a workshop set tonight to discuss this matter.

I would like to suggest that the money that is being recovered from the embezzlement at the Columbus County Inspections Department be applied toward this debt for the water systems and then the citizens would not have to absorb all of the cost.

3. **Frank Ballard (New Hanover County):** I am an engineer from Ballard Architects and was asked by Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to prepare and present three (3) schemes involving the renovation of the existing Columbus County Courthouse and the Hills Building that was recently purchased. At the June 23, 2003 Meeting, I presented the three (3) schemes that I had prepared to the Board for their consideration. I quoted a fair price for this work and informed Mr. Farmer I was willing to negotiate the price I had quoted. I read in the paper where another architectural firm was chosen for this project. As of this date, I have invested two hundred fifty (250) hours of work in this project at a price of eighteen thousand and 00/100 (\$18,000.00) dollars. I am presenting these facts to the Board for clarification of the happenings that have occurred.

Mr. Farmer stated he had been accustomed to engineering firms doing pro bono work in preparing drawings of this nature before a project has started and not being billed.

Mr. Ballard responded stating he had a business to run and could not afford to devote this much time to a project that is just a possibility.

B. Commissioners:

After discussion was conducted among the Board members, Chairman Wilson made a motion for the Public Hearing date for the \$8,500,000 Refunding Bonds (School) be set for September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:31 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, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 10:23 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

OTHER:

Item #1: FINANCE - GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA and FERRIS BAKER WATTS, INCORPORATED:

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, informed the Board of the following Agreement that was a part of the \$8,500,000 Refunding Bonds for Schools. He stated this Agreement was contingent upon the results of the September 15, 2003 Public Hearing and did not need to be signed until after the Public Hearing had been conducted and the results were in favor.

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
AND
FERRIS, BAKER WATTS, INCORPORATED**

August 25, 2003

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of August 2003 by and between The County of Columbus, North Carolina, having its principal office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 27379 (hereinafter the "The County") and Ferris, Baker Watts, Incorporated, a corporation having its principal office at 1720 Eye Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 (hereinafter the "Financial Advisor").

Pursuant to this Agreement, the County hereby retains the services of the Financial Advisor for the purpose of furnishing financial assistance and advice as it relates to the proposed Refunding of the outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994 (the Refunding').

THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:** During the term of this Agreement, the Financial Advisor, using its own staff and resources, except as otherwise indicated herein, will advise and assist the County regarding financing matters relative to the Refunding, to include developing financing strategies, assessing credit enhancement sources, assisting with the preparation of bond financing documentation.

2. **DURATION OF AGREEMENT:** The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the date of this Agreement and shall terminate upon the successful completion of the refunding. The County, upon thirty (30) days' notice, may cancel this Agreement for any reason with or without cause.

3. **COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES:** Compensation to the Financial Advisor for services rendered under this Agreement shall be a flat fee of \$17,000. The County shall remit payment to the Financial Advisor not later than thirty (30) days after the closing date. In addition to the compensation for financial advisory services provided above, the County shall reimburse the Financial Advisor for out-of pocket expenses with a cap of \$1,500.00. In the event a New York trip to the rating agencies is required, reimbursement for out of pocket travel expenses would be expected and is not included in the expense cap. Such expenses may include travel-related expenses, long distance telephone and telefax, computer time, postage and delivery, and document reproduction. Such expenses shall be only those reasonably and necessarily incurred by the Financial Advisor in connection with the services performed under this Agreement.

If for some reason the proposed bond issue does not close, the County will not be liable for the financial advisory fee to Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc. but only for reimbursement of expenses.

4. **RIGHT OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO PROVIDE BOND UNDERWRITING SERVICES:** Nothing contained in this Agreement and/or future agreements shall preclude the Financial Advisor from underwriting or purchasing as senior or co-manager all or a portion of the bonds.

5. **NON-ASSIGNABILITY OF AGREEMENT:** The Financial Advisor agrees that *it* will not assign, transfer, sublet or otherwise dispose of this Agreement, or its right, title or interest therein, to any person or firm otherwise than to (a) partnerships that succeed the business of the Financial Advisor's present firm and in which a majority of the directors of the present firm shall be general partners, or (b) corporations that succeed to the business of the Financial Advisor's present firm

and in which persons who are directors in Financial Advisor's present firm own stock having unconditional rights to vote for the election of directors.

6. RELATIONSHIP: The relationship of the Financial Advisor to the County arising out of this Agreement shall be that of an independent contractor. The Financial Advisor will inform the County of similar business service requests, and the Financial Advisor agrees to avoid conflicting business relationships for project advisory services.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY: It is expressly understood by the Financial Advisor that all information, documents, instruments, or any other materials or data provided by the County, as well as their business operations, are of a confidential and proprietary nature, and should be used only with the consent of the County in performing services contained herein.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Agreement shall take effect upon its execution by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Financial Advisor have duly caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

Witness: /s/ By: C.E. WILSON, Chairman

Name: C.E. WILSONTitle: Chairman, Columbus County Commissioners

FERRIS, BAKER WATTS, INCORPORATED

Allison W. Peeler

Title: Vice President

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the General Agreement Between County of Columbus, North Carolina and Ferris Baker Watts, Incorporated, contingent on the results of the September 15, 2003 being positive, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Item #2: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT for COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE EMPLOYEES ONE-TIME \$550 SALARY BONUS and 80-HOUR ANNUAL LEAVE BONUS:

On behalf of Jackie Roseboro, Cooperative Extension Director, Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, presented the Board with the following agreement for approval.

**Columbus County
Participation Agreement for Cooperative Extension Service Employees
One-Time \$550 Salary Bonus and 80-Hour Annual Leave Bonus
2003-2004**

We choose not to participate in the Bonuses offered at this time.

2. Will your county match the County-funded portion of the \$550 bonus?

Yes If Yes, your county's Cooperative Extension employees will receive the full \$550 bonus.

ANSWER:

No If No, your county's Cooperative Extension employees will receive a portion of the \$550 bonus that equals the percentage of what the University pays of their total salary.

3. Will your county match the County-funded portion of the bonus leave?

ANSWER:

Yes If Yes, your county's Cooperative Extension employees will receive 80 hours of bonus leave.

No If No, your county's Cooperative Extension employees will receive a portion of the 80 hours that equals the percentage of what the University pays of their total salary.

4. Will your county accept the transfers of bonus leave hours from an employee transferring to your county from another State position, even if your county does/did not agree to provide the bonus leave?

Yes

ANSWER:

No If no, then any such employee transferring to your county will not be able to transfer their bonus leave account when they become employed.

County Official's Name: Billy Joe Farmer

Signature: /s/ **BILLY JOE FARMER**

Title: County Administrator

Date: September 2, 2003

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the Participation Agreement for Cooperative Extension Service Employees One-Time \$550 Salary Bonus and 80-Hour Annual Leave Bonus 2003-2004 with the answers selected as follows: 1. No; 2. Yes; **and**, 3. No. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Item #3: PERSONNEL CHANGES:

The Honorable Kandance Whitehead, Columbus County Register of Deeds, requested the Board to unfreeze the position that was vacated when she was elected as the Register of Deeds that was never filled. Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, recommended the present temporary employee, Virginia Taylor, in Personnel be extended this position. The position is now at Grade 57, Step 6, which is seventeen thousand seven hundred ninety and 00/100 (\$17,790.00) dollars. Mr. Farmer is recommending the position be extended to Ms. Taylor at Grade 56, Step 7, which is eighteen thousand two hundred thirty-four and 00/100 (\$18,234.00) dollars with a three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars bonus for her admirable work and dedication during the nine (9) months she has been filling this position.

Ms. Whitehead recommended that the lowest position at the Columbus County Register of Deeds was at Grade 57, Step 6 and the employee holding this position needs to be upgraded to Grade 57, Step 7 if Ms. Taylor is placed in this position to eliminate any confusion that may arise.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to extend the position of Deputy Register of Deeds to Ms. Virginia Taylor who is presently a temporary employee in the Columbus County Personnel Department at Grade 57, Step 7, which is eighteen thousand two hundred thirty-four and 00/100 (\$18,234.00) dollars, with a three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars bonus for her admirable work and dedication for past nine (9) months and the one (1) position at the Columbus County Register of Deeds which is at Grade 57, Step 6 which is seventeen thousand seven hundred ninety and 00/100 (\$17,790.00) dollars be upgraded to Grade 57, Step 7 which is eighteen thousand two hundred thirty-four and 00/100 (\$18,234.00) dollars. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

Item #4: PUBLIC HEARING for \$8,500,000 REFUNDING BOND (SCH00L) ESTABLISHED:

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, announced that the Public Hearing that was listed in the Resolution and Bond Order previously passed by the Board was listed for September 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 and the date was established to be the same earlier in the meeting. The motion you have made for the Resolution and the Bond Order will stand for the execution of the General Agreement Between County of Columbus, North Carolina and Ferris, Baker Watts, Incorporated and I recommend this Agreement be contingent on the results of the Public Hearing.

Item #5: PRELIMINARY FEMA FLOOD MAPS:

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, informed the Board the Preliminary FEMA Flood Maps had been received today by certified mail. It appears the proposed Riegelridge Landfill is out of the flood area.

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated this would place Columbus County in a mute position on the request presented to the Board for a variance from Riegelridge Landfill, therefore, no decision would need to be made by the Board, one way or the other, and there would be no need for any comments to be made.

Mr. Currie stated that in ninety (90) days these maps would be official and there may be some minor changes made. I have set up a meeting for September 11, 2003 and invited everyone this would affect to attend for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:33 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

C.E. WILSON, Chairman