

# COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, September 15, 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 the purpose of holding a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

## **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Chairman**  
Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**  
David L. Dutton, Jr. (Arrived at 8:00 P.M.)  
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**

## **7:30 P.M.: PUBLIC HEARING - Order Authorizing \$8,500,000 Refund Bonds**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Wilson called the Public Hearing to order which was duly called for and set at the September 2, 2003 meeting and advertised in the September 4, 2003 edition of The News Reporter. and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing was to receive comments, written or oral, from the public on the issuance of said Bonds.

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 15, 2003.

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

At 7:30 P.M. the Chairman announced that this was the hour, date and place fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS" and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

At 7:31 P.M., Chairman Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

## **Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED to ORDER and INVOCATION:**

At 7:32 P.M., Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Bill Memory.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris:

September 2, 2003 Regular Session; **and**  
September 2, 2003 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board.

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**  
**09-01-03**

<b>TOTAL HOUSES</b>				491		
<b>Houses Inspected</b>				491		
Replacement				296	296	
Repair				195	195	
<b>Repair Work</b>				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				4	5	
Complete				190	189	
<b>Replacement Work</b>				296		
Work Write-up				0	0	
Board Awarded, No Construction				1	1	
Title Opinion NOT Requested				0		0
Waiting on Title Opinion				0		0
N.O.E. Not Sent				0		0
Waiting on Client				1		1
Under Construction				47	49	
Complete				248	246	
<b>Not Visited</b>				0		
<b>Legal Work</b>						
Total Titles NOT Requested				0	0	
Total Titles Requested				491	491	
Titles Requested, Not Complete				0	0	
Preliminary Title Complete				13	15	
Prom. Note/D.O.T. Requested, Not Signed				53	52	
Prom. Note/D.O.T. Recorded				425	424	

**Agenda Item #5: NOTICE OF APPEAL (CHAF PROGRAM):**

Calbert Whitaker, CHAF Program client, is appealing the decision that was reached to deny the reimbursement of a heating system. This matter was tabled for further consideration at the September 2, 2003 Meeting.

Commissioner McKenzie stated Mr. Whitaker could not be in attendance tonight but had delivered the information regarding this matter to him for presentation and discussion and I can inform the Board this gentleman is of credible character and if he states this is what happened, then you can believe it did so.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the reimbursement of a heating system in the amount of three thousand fifty and 00/100 (\$3,050.00) dollars to Calbert Whitaker, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Chairman Wilson asked Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, what his recommendation was regarding this matter. Mr. Adams replied stating that he recommended the Board to follow Dave Kelly's recommendation to wait until the end of the program and see if the money is available, and if it is available, then approve the reimbursement.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Adams if there was a shortage of funds. Mr. Adams replied stating that at this time it was undecided, but the funds were running close.

After further discussion was conducted among the Board members, a vote was taken with the

following results:

**AYES:** Commissioners McKenzie, Jacobs, Norris, and Godwin.

**NAYS:** Commissioners Wilson and Memory.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Dutton.

The reimbursement to Mr. Calbert Whitaker in the amount of three thousand fifty and 00/100 (\$3,050.00) dollars for a heating system was approved by a four (4) to two (2) vote.

**Agenda Item #6: VOLUNTEER CENTER:** Melody Prevatte, RSVP, presented the following update to the Board:

1. Ms. Annie Hayes, Director of CAVE (Columbus County Association of Volunteer Experiences), could not be present tonight due to medical complications and I will speak on her behalf;
2. Ms. Hayes would like to let the Board know she is saddened to give up the CCAVE Office, but due to her inability to be present and not being able to recruit enough personnel to keep the office operational, it is needful to relocate this office to Southeastern Community College where it will be fully staffed at all times; **and**
3. Southeastern Community College is honored to have this privilege.

Commissioner McKenzie thanked Ms. Prevatte for doing a super job with the Volunteer Program. Ms. Prevatte thanked the Board for their support for the last thirty (30) years.

**Agenda Item #7: CCAVE ANNUAL REPORT:**

Ms. Melody Prevatte, RSVP, spoke for Ms. Annie Hayes who could not be in attendance and stated she did not have this information to present to the Board. Commissioner Norris made a motion to table this matter until the information was made available, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #8: LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

James Perry, Chief Administrator of the Lumber River Council of Governments, presented the following update to the Board on the status of the comprehensive ground water study.

1. The Southern Plains Ground Water Study is nearing completion;
2. We have been working with the following counties: Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Scotland and Robeson;
3. The industrial and agricultural uses are being studied;
4. This three (3) year study is nearing completion;
5. We are looking at the quality, economic impact and the sources; **and**
6. We would like for Columbus County to be a part of this study.

Commissioner Memory asked Mr. Perry about the status of the salt water intrusion on the eastern end of the Central Coastal Plain. Mr. Perry replied stating it was okay right now. The Wooten Company is still working with us on this study. In addition, I would like to thank the Cooperative Extension Department and the Health Department for working with us on private well screening.

**Agenda Item #9: EMERGENCY SERVICES - HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT:**

Ronnie Hayes, Director of Emergency Services, requested Board approval of the following Health Professional Contract for Dr. Fred O'Brecht.

### **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT**

This CONTRACT made and entered into this 1st day of July 2003 by and between THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, hereafter called COUNTY; and Dr. W. Fred Obrecht, MD, hereinafter called MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, COUNTY has implemented an Emergency Services System to provide Emergency Medical Services and E 9-1-1 service in Columbus County: and

WHEREAS, MEDICAL DIRECTOR has agreed to provide medical consultation and direction in support of COUNTY'S Emergency Medical System and the E 9-1-1 Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program;

NOW THEREFORE, for and consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereto, hereby agree as follows:

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

The MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall provide the services as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. He will devote such time as reasonably necessary to fulfill the responsibilities set forth herein. The MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall be allowed to continue to engage in the private, or other, practice of medicine when not performing duties required of this Contract.

#### PAYMENT OF FEE

COUNTY shall pay MEDICAL DIRECTOR the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000), to be paid in four (4) quarterly amounts of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) commencing in the month of July 2003 and payable at the time of the scheduled accounts payable day in October 2003, January 2004 and April 2004.

#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

MEDICAL DIRECTOR acknowledges that he is an independent contractor of the County, and as such, he is not entitled to, nor shall be eligible for, any benefits provided by the County to any of its permanent or temporary employees, including but not limited to vacation leave, sick leave, retirement, longevity, and group insurance. Further, COUNTY shall not be required to withhold any federal or state taxes, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that MEDICAL DIRECTOR, shall provide such documentation as COUNTY deems necessary to meet any and all federal and state tax guidelines regarding contract employees.

#### INDEMNITY

MEDICAL DIRECTOR hereby agrees he shall indemnify and hold COUNTY, its employees and agents, harmless from all claims, demands, causes of action, or other liability, including attorney

fees, resulting from or on account of personal injuries or death, or on account of property damages arising out of or relating to the work to be performed by MEDICAL DIRECTOR hereunder, resulting from the negligence of MEDICAL DIRECTOR. COUNTY hereby agrees it shall indemnify and hold MEDICAL DIRECTOR harmless from all claims, demands causes of action, or other liability, including attorney fees, resulting from or on account of personal injuries or death, or on account of property damages arising out of or relating to the work to be performed by COUNTY'S Emergency Medical System and 9-1-1 employees hereunder, resulting from the negligence of COUNTY'S Emergency Medical System and 9-1-1 communication employees.

#### INSURANCE

MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance providing liability limits of a minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 annual aggregate. The MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall have his insurance agent furnish COUNTY a certificate of insurance evidencing the existence of such coverage, and providing for fifteen (15) days notice of any material change in coverage.

#### TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this contract hereto, without penalty, provided that written notice of said termination is furnished to the other party at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of termination. Net payment shall be prorated to the date of termination.

#### TERM

The term of this contract shall be from July 01, 2003, to June 30, 2004.

#### ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Contract constitutes the entire understanding between parties hereto and supersedes all prior

and independent agreements between parties, covering the subject matter hereof. Any change or modification of this Contract must be in writing and signed by both of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY, under authority duly given, has caused this contract to be properly executed, and MEDICAL DIRECTOR has set his hand and seal, all as of the day and first year above written.

(SEAL)

THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

/s/ BY: C.E. WILSON, Chairman

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

/s/ DR. W. FRED O'BRECHT, Medical Director:

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

7. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall have ultimate responsibility for all medical issues concerning the Emergency Medical Services System (i.e. Emergency Medical Services and 9-1-1 communications). The MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall investigate and provide feedback concerning complaints or concerns regarding the quality of Advanced Life Support care.
8. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall be responsible to, but not governed by, other agencies and persons involved with the Emergency Services System (e.g. Emergency Services Director, Columbus County Audit & Review Committee, Columbus County Medical Society).
9. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall be responsible for reviewing and approving local and state forms and records relating to the certification, and re-certification, of personnel in the Columbus County Emergency Services System.
10. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall assume ultimate responsibility for evaluating the medical competency of all personnel in the Columbus County Emergency Medical Services System. He shall have the authority to remove any of the above personnel from performance at their respective level of certification, or lower levels of certification, at his discretion.
11. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall review and approve the level of certification for all Advanced Life Support personnel before allowing them to practice in the field.
12. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall review all educational components of the local Advanced Life Support program including, but not limited to, ongoing continuing medical education and re-certification courses such as PALS, ACLS, and BTLIS.
13. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall participate in the development, implementation, and maintenance of an Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Medical Dispatch performance improvement program.
14. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall meet with the administration of the Emergency Services Department. The parties involved shall mutually agree upon the date and time of said meeting(s).
15. Other reasonable and necessary duties that reflect nationally recognized responsibilities of an Emergency Medical Services Medical Director. (The National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians and American College of Emergency Physicians guidelines for Medical Directors shall serve as a guideline in this matter).
16. MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall appoint any ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR as deemed necessary and this ASSISTANCE MEDICAL DIRECTOR shall report directly to the MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Mr. Hayes if this was a one (1) year contract. Mr. Hayes replied stating yes, it was a one (1) year contract.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the Health Professional Contract with Dr. Fred O'Brecht, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

### **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS UPDATE:**

Ronnie Hayes, Emergency Services Director, presented the following update to the Board on Hurricane Isabel.

1. Hurricane Isabel could make land within the next seventy-two (72) hours (before Thursday morning).
2. I am keeping in close contact with the Hurricane Center Advisory for any changes that may occur.
3. We have established a Columbus County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) with five stations as follows: Communications, Operations, Planning, Logistics and Finance.
4. We have established red lines for the Emergency Operations Center phone numbers if the center is activated.
5. I have met with the local towns, cities, schools and any other organization that will be affected to inform them of what is happening.
6. The Columbus County Airport will be the central receiving and distribution center, if needed.

### **Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF - DONATE SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

Sheriff Chris Batten requested Board approval to donate four (4) desks and three (3) computers to Bogue Community Citizens Association which was now surplus property. Sheriff Batten stated these desks had missing handles, chips and minor dents and could no longer be utilized in the Sheriff's Department. In addition, the computers are not compatible with our software and have become obsolete.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve Sheriff Chris Batten donating four (4) desks and three (3) computers to Bogue Community Citizens Association, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Chairman Wilson asked if this property needed to be declared surplus before it could be donated. James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, replied stating it did not have to be declared surplus if it is a non-profit organization. Sheriff Batten stated he did not know if this was a non-profit organization or not.

Commissioner Memory amended his motion to declare the referenced four (4) desks and three (3) computers in the Sheriff's Department as surplus property and donate the same to the Bogue Community Citizens Association. Commissioner McKenzie amended his second. The motion so carried.

### **Agenda Item #11: SHERIFF - CREATE NEW POSITION:**

Sheriff Chris Batten requested Board approval to create a new position of Population Control Specialist and stated this position could well pay for itself. The description is as follows:

Position: Population Control Specialist  
Classification: Population Controller  
Pay Range: 26,039 – 41,627 Pay Grade: 68  
Department: Sheriff's Office (510)

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF JOB**

- Under limited supervision by the Sheriff, is responsible for coordinating functions to minimize the growth of the Columbus County Detention Center inmate population by developing pre-trial release mechanisms and alternatives to incarceration, while maintaining the protection of inmate rights within the bounds of the United States Constitution, North Carolina State Law and North Carolina Department of Corrections Minimum Standards.
- Acts as liaison with Magistrates, District and Superior Court systems, District Attorney, Probation and Parole and local law enforcement agencies on county and state levels in obtaining the release, discharge, bond reduction and personal bonds for persons detained in the Columbus County Detention Center.

- \_ Performs inmate population analysis at the Detention Center.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- \_ Requires an associate degree in Criminal Justice and five years experience with law enforcement/detention and/or the North Carolina Criminal Courts Systems or equivalent combination of education and job experience.
- \_ Must possess and maintain a thorough knowledge of North Carolina and Federal laws and Ordinances.
- \_ Must possess a valid North Carolina driver's license.
- \_ Must be computer literate and able to use various computer-tracking systems.
- \_ Requires a high level of interpersonal skills.
- \_ Requires the ability to communicate well both orally and in writing.

Commissioner McKenzie stated this was not enough information to render a sound decision on and if there was any more to this job description. Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, replied stating this was only the highlights and there was more information.

Commissioner Norris asked Sheriff Batten if he had anyone in mind for this new position. Sheriff Batten replied stating Barry Herring.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the creation of a new position of Population Control Specialist at the Columbus County Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

### **Agenda Item #12: 2003 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION:**

Sheriff Batten requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution for the purpose of appointing personnel to apply for and administer this grant. He stated this grant had been applied and he had received tentative approval.

#### **2003 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION of SHERIFF and DESIGNEE to APPLY and ADMINISTER**

**WHEREAS**, it has been made known to the Governing Body of Columbus County that legal authority and the authorization of an appointed person are needed for the applying and administering of the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Columbus County is of the opinion that our present Sheriff Christopher Batten is the rightful person to have the authorization for the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances pertaining to this grant, and should be the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required; **and**

**WHEREAS**, along with Columbus County Sheriff Christopher Batten, there needs to be a designee appointed to assist in the process of applying and administering this grant. This designee will be Captain Sanford Hardee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

the Columbus County Board of Commissioners resolves that Sheriff Christopher Batten and his designee, Captain Sanford Hardee possess the legal authority to apply for the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, administer the grant and are identified as the official representatives of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

**ADOPTED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COLUMBUS**

**WILSON, Chairman**

/s/ **C.E.**

**HALL, Clerk to Board**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B.**

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Resolution Authorization of Sheriff and Designee to Apply and Administer, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #13: LIBRARY - APPROVAL of GATES TRAINING LAB SUSTAINABILITY GRANT and BUDGET AMENDMENT in the AMOUNT of \$30,000.00:**

Morris Pridgen, Director of Columbus County Library, requested Board approval of the Gates Training Lab Sustainability Grant to replace our computer lab equipment in the amount of up to thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars with no matching funds required. Mr. Pridgen also requested Board approval of a Budget Amendment for this grant in the amount of thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Gates Training Lab Sustainability Grant and Budget Amendment in the amount of thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #14: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to the HANDMADE/HOMEMADE FESTIVAL:**

Lila Spaulding, Chair of the Homemade Handmade Festival, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to the  
HANDMADE/HOMEMADE FESTIVAL**

The Board of County Commissioners, at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2003, unanimously adopted the following Proclamation:

**BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WHEREAS,** the **Handmade/Homemade Festival** of Columbus County has made life-long strides to improve the quality of life in their community and county; **and**

**WHEREAS,** members of the **Handmade/Homemade Festival** have served on numerous boards, agencies, committees in their church, government and community functions; **and**

**WHEREAS,** the **Committee** is recognized County and State-wide for leadership in positive endeavors for the general welfare of all people; **and**



**WHEREAS,** the **Committee** has given unselfishly of their time and energies to help those in need or those with unfortunate situations in a most untiring and caring way.

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they do hereby recognize the true loyal and faithful service to their community and county and congratulate them on this special occasion.

**ADOPTED** unanimously on this the 15th day of September, 2003.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
"GENE" WILSON - DISTRICT II, Chairman  
Memory, Vice Chairman  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT IV**

**BOARD OF**  
/s/ C.E.  
/s/ Bill  
**COLUMBUS**

**HALL, Clerk to Board**

**ATTESTEDBY:**  
/s/ JUNE B.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Amon E. McKenzie - I

Sammie Jacobs - III

Lynwood Norris - V

Currie, ASSIST. ADMINISTRATOR

Kipling Godwin -VI  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

David L. Dutton, Jr. - VII  
Farmer, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

James E. Hill Jr.,

Billy Joe

Darren L.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Appreciation to the Handmade/Homemade Festival, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #15: FINANCE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Gayle B. Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, presented the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. The Finance Department is a service department.
2. As of August, 2003, we had a total of seven hundred twenty-two (722) employees which consists of four hundred twenty (420) full-time employees and other part-time employees.
3. We perform federal and state reporting.
4. The Accounts Payable Department averages one thousand one hundred (1,100) checks per month.
5. We are getting close to the end of the CHAF Program which has created a heavy load of additional work on this department.
6. The Columbus County funds are invested in a timely manner.
7. We have created deposit sheets for the various County departments that collect money to be filled out on a daily basis or weekly, whichever works the best.
8. We are now involved in the Bond Refunding issue for the Farm Services Building which will save Columbus County six hundred twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$620,000.00) dollars.
9. We have an audit in process now.

**Agenda Item #16: FINANCE - FARM SERVICES BUILDING REFINANCING:**

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested Board acceptance of the proposal that has been submitted from BB&T for the refinancing of fifty-nine (59%) percent of the Farm Services Building with the approval of the following Resolution Approving Financing Terms. Ms. Godwin stated this would save Columbus County three hundred seventy thousand and 00/100 (\$370,000.00) dollars if the interest rates remain stable. These documents will be on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and in the Finance Office.

**Resolution Approving Financing Terms**

**WHEREAS:** Columbus County (“County”) has previously determined to undertake a project for the refinancing of 59% of the Farm Services Building (Tax-Exempt Portion), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:**

1. The County hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company (“BB&T”), in accordance with the proposal dated August 29, 2003. The amount financed shall not exceed \$779,464.87, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 4.54%, and the financing term shall not exceed a maturity of May, 2018.

2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the “Financing Documents”) shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust and a Project Fund Agreement as BB&T may request.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer’s satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer’s release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer’s final approval of the Document’s final form.

4. The County shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The County hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).

5. All prior actions of County officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 15th day of September, 2003.

**/s/ Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator**  
**/s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Financing Terms for the Farm Services Building, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #17: FINANCE - RETIREES' INSURANCE:**

Gayle B. Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested Board direction on the retirees who were denied insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Ms. Godwin stated there were three (3) retirees who had been denied coverage and some who were still pending additional information. In addition, Ms. Godwin stated the price for this coverage varied among the retirees depending on age.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members, Commissioner Memory made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting and for Ms. Godwin to collect additional information from insurance companies, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #18: FINANCE - ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS:**

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested Board approval of the Order Authorizing \$8,500,000 Refunding Bonds. The Public Hearing was conducted at 7:30 P.M. at the start of this meeting with no oral or written comments received by anyone. Ms. Godwin stated these bonds were purchased on 1990 and 1991, refunded in 1994 and they were callable again. This transaction will save Columbus County approximately two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$250,000.00) dollars.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on September 2, 2003 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was read a second time by title and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

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

Noes: -0-

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS" had been adopted.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The New-Reporter.

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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 15, 2003, as relates in any way to the holding of a public hearing upon an order authorizing \$8,500,000 Refunding Bonds of said County and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book 27 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page \_\_\_ and ending at 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 of 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 business day that is not a holiday at the same time and place, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. §143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 19th day of September 2003.

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

**Agenda Item #19: ADMINISTRATION - FLEET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:**

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval to apply for the service and beginning the initial process to establish an account with Wright Express. Mr. Currie stated the following:

1. There has been a problem with the Sheriff's Department and the Water Department being able to purchase fuel anywhere in Columbus County. They are having to back track themselves when needing fuel for their vehicles;
2. With this system, you will be able to purchase fuel anywhere in Columbus County or anywhere in the United States;
3. Nine (9) out of ten (10) gas stations accept this Fleet Management System;
4. Will provide the ability the track statistics about each vehicle utilizing this system;
5. On the front end, they will deduct State and Federal taxes of the price per gallon (i.e. Station cost: \$1.42/gallon - Columbus County Cost: \$1.00);
6. This will save staff time in filling out and submitting paperwork for these taxes;
7. This system will consolidate all the departments within Columbus County Government;  
**and**
8. The initial setup fee is forty and 00/100 (\$40.00) dollars and two and 00/100 (\$2.00) dollars per month, per card, per year.

Commissioner McKenzie asked of this system would eliminate the possibility of employees purchasing fuel for their personal vehicles. Mr. Currie replied stating yes it would.

Charles Patton, Columbus County Transportation Director, stated he did not want his department included in this system due to the fact he was already receiving the tax being deducted off the front and his purchase price was only ninety-eight (\$.98) cents per gallon in lieu of one dollar and 00/100 (\$1.00) dollar per gallon.

After lengthy discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the applying for the service and begin the initial process to establish an account with Wright Express with the following stipulations:

1. After ninety (90) days, bring an update back to the Board;
2. Exempt Columbus County Transportation for ninety (90) days;
3. Check on as to this agreement binding Columbus County for a month or a year; **and**
4. Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, to do a comparison and bring back to the Board.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #20: ADMINISTRATION - MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY and the RURAL INTERNET AUTHORITY:**

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Incorporated and Columbus County for the Project Title: Local E-Government Utilization Program. Mr. Currie stated this grant will pay for the initial design, implementation and fees associated with a website for Columbus County for a period of two (2) years and in return, Columbus County must maintain the site for an additional two (2) years. The total project cost will be nineteen thousand eight hundred and 00/100 (\$19,800.00) dollars. This grant is to redesign our existing website.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Columbus County and the Rural Internet Authority, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I BOARD MEETING:**

At 8:53 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

**ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I BOARD MEETING and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II BOARD MEETING:**

At 8:54 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

**ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II BOARD MEETING and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III BOARD MEETING:**

At 8:55 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

**ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III BOARD MEETING and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING:**

At 8:56 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

**ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V BOARD MEETING:**

At 8:57 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

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

At 8:58 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #22: ADMINISTRATION - RURAL CENTER 2003 - 2004 CLEAN WATER BOND FUNDS SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT (to serve Columbus County Prison):**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following documents for the Rural Center 2003 - 2004 Clean Water Bond Funds Supplemental Grant in the amount of three hundred seventy-four thousand six hundred forty-six and 00/100 (\$374,646.00) dollars, with a county match of forty-two thousand five hundred fifty-five and 00/100 (\$42,555.00) dollars, and will be used for utilities infrastructure to serve the new Columbus County Prison. In

addition, Mr. Farmer is requesting designation and authorization of a representative of the County to execute all such documents associated with said grant application. This grant will allow Columbus County Water and Sewer District I to extend services to include the new Columbus County Prison. The documents are listed below as follows:

1. Supplemental Grant Application, 2003-2004 Clean Water Bond Funds;
2. Supplemental Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding Between North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Incorporated and Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board;
3. Authorizing Resolution by the Board of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, Supplemental Grant Program; **and**
4. Commitment of Other Funds Form, Supplemental Building Program Between North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Incorporated and Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated that Chairman Wilson needed to be authorized to execute the above mentioned documents. These documents will be on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the above listed four (4) documents for the Rural Center 2003 - 2004 Clean Water Bond Funds Supplemental Grant to serve the New Columbus County Prison and designate Chairman Wilson to execute the necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

**Agenda Item #23: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:**

This item was tabled until the next meeting to allow contact to be made with the person for appointment.

**Agenda Item #24: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditure</b>	54-510-1400	Travel (Polygraph-\$8,500; HiTech-\$1,700)	\$10,200
	54-510-7400	Capital Outlay (for motorcycle)	\$14,000
<b>Revenue</b>	54-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$24,200

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to Governing Body from the Tax Office):  
September 15, 2003**

Request a refund in the name of Blackman, James G., 11143 New Britton Hwy. E., Whiteville,, NC 28472. Refund one user fee. Blackman's Country Store has a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-01350, Bill # 29697.

Request a refund in the name of Duncan, Roger Dale, 624 CM Cartrette Rd/, Chadbourn, NC 28431. Refund three user fees. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Refund approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$531.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-07388, Bill # 66729.

Request a refund in the name of Trock, Mark, 11800 Eton Manor Dr. #204, Germantown, MD 20876. Refund a portion of the user fee. Customer had trash can for four months only. Refund approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$118.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-02029, Bill # 65934.

Request a refund in the name of U.C.B., UCB c/o BB&T Property Tax Dept., P.O. Box 1290, Winston Salem, NC 27102. Refund the value of the old city hall building and a portion of the

Whiteville Rescue fee. This building was torn down in 1998. Amount \$1,085.28, Value \$135,700.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-97827, Bill # 66423.

Request a refund in the name of Ward, Woodrow, 200 Slippery Log Rd., Whiteville,, NC 28472. Release one of two user fees. Old shop does not have a trash can. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 02-02460, Bill # 67997.

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

**September 15, 2003**

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Evelyn J.. Release the value of the mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (2.87) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.96). The home is double listed in the name of Roby McPherson. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$222.23, Value \$4,781.00, Year 62954, Account # 07-15821, Bill # 62954.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Louise L.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (6.14) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.75) Home double listed in the same name in a different township. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$253.30, Value \$8,770.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-04657, Bill # 47426.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelley Wig Shop. Release the business personal property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Business closed in 2002. Amount \$3.42, Value \$389.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-49430, Bill # 48168.

Release the Property Value in the name of Larkins, Marshall. Release the value of a camper and the Columbus Rescue fee. Camper is double listed in the name of Walter, M. & Sue R. Larkins. Amount \$51.66, Value \$5,870.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-03525, Bill # 48903.

Release the Property Value in the name of Manning, Sarah L.. Release the August discount of 2% not absorbed by computer when user fee released. Customer billed with two user fees but customer only has one can. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-20140, Bill # 50808.

Release the Property Value in the name of McCollum, Darlene. Release the value of a house for the Town of Brunswick. Home is inside the city of Whiteville. Amount \$168.14, Value \$27,790.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-55121, Bill # 74823.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Connor. Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (8.11) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.70). Home is double listed in the name of Royal D. & Dorinda J. Cribb. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$304.90, Value \$13,520.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-04931, Bill # 54919.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jenkins, James R.. Release the value of a boat that was sold in 2001. Amount \$2.64, Value \$300.00, Year 2003, Account # 16-05554, Bill # 47096.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sarvis, J.S.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire fee (3.38) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.85). The home is double listed in the name of J.S and Louise Sarvis. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$217.91, Value \$4,225.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-04746, Bill # 59423.

Release the Property Value in the name of Patrick, Dennis O.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Bolton Fire fee (12.45) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.15). The home is double listed in the same name on a different account number. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$355.45, Value \$20,750.00, Year 2003, Account # 04-03152, Bill # 55702.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sumpter, Annie. Release the value of a mobile home park, the Klondyke Fire fee (8.65) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (2.47). There are no mobile homes here. The septic systems was not approved. Amount \$107.45, Value \$12,350.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-91360, Bill # 64652.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Virginia Bl. Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.53). The home burned in 2002. Amount \$48.28, Value \$2,645.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-27566, Bill # 65499.

Release the Property Value in the name of Verizon Capital Corp.. Release the value of the business equipment and the Columbus Rescue fee. The equipment was sold to the lessee prior to 2003. Amount \$61.72, Value \$7,715.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-31439, Bill # 66604.

Release the Property Value in the name of Verizon Capital Corp.. Release the business equipment and the Columbus Rescue fee. Equipment was sold to the lessee prior to 2003. Amount \$61.72, Value \$7,715.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-66650, Bill # 66603.

Release the Property Value in the name of Weeks, Barbara. Release a portion of the camper value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Camper billed with incorrect value. Amount \$16.72, Value \$2,090.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-05916, Bill # 68568.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardwick, Jesse O.. Release the value of two mobile homes, the Brunswick Fire fee (11.83) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.38). Mr. Hardwick died in 1997. One house was sold and one was repossessed. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$515.23, Value \$16,900.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-10160, Bill # 73179.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Eric R.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (8.85) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.53). The home is double listed in the name of Angelia Renee Locklear. Release of the user fee is approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$297.97, Value \$12,640.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-10687, Bill # 36925.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Harold L.. Release the value of a boat and the Roseland Fire fee (.41) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.14). Boat was junked years ago. Amount \$5.91, Value \$687.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-27760, Bill # 54972.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardwick, Jesse O.. Release the value of two mobile homes, and the Brunswick Fire fee. Mr. Hardwick died in 1997 and one home was sold and one repossessed. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$571.90, Value \$18,630.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-10160, Bill # 95101.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Larry W.. Release the value of a mobile home that was repossessed in 1999. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$170.54, Value \$5,750.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-26860, Bill # 90543.

Release the Property Value in the name of Simmons, Mozelle. Release the August discount amount that was not absorbed by computer when user fee released. User fee released because the house is vacant. Litter Patrol approved the release of the user fee. Amount \$88.31, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-83520, Bill # 60879.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, W.D.. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Willis Delano & Barbara Duncan. Amount \$218.40, Value \$27,300.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-03640, Bill # 37056.

Release the Property Value in the name of J. Lional Todd Investments Inc.. Release a portion of the property value, and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer billed with incorrect lot size. Amount \$150.40, Value \$18,800.00, Year 2003, Account # 02-04937, Bill # 46578.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Larry W.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 1999. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$214.19, Value \$5,590.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-26860, Bill # 90790.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Larry W.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (3.66), and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.05). The home was repossessed in 1999. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$227.05, Value \$5,230.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-26860, Bill # 68459.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardwick, Jesse O.. Release the value of two mobile homes and the Brunswick Fire fee. Mr. Hardwick died in 1997 and one home was sold and one repossessed. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$352.15, Value \$18,080.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-10160, Bill # 14028.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Eric R.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of Angelia Renee Locklear. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$296.33, Value \$13,560.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-10687, Bill # 66617.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackmon, Mildred. Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (5.96) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.99). The home is double listed in the



name of Michael Simmons. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$271.03, Value \$9,940.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-05510, Bill # 29773.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardwick, Jesse O.. Release the value of two mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (11.21) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.20). Mr. Hardwick died in 1997 and one home was sold and one repossessed. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$507.29, Value \$16,018.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-10160, Bill # 43589.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardwick, Jesse O.. Release the value of two mobile homes, the Brunswick Fire fee (11.83) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.38). Mr. Hardwick died in 1997 and one home was sold and one repossessed. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$502.55, Value \$18,030.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-10160, Bill # 95434.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Larry W.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (3.56) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.02). The home was repossessed in 1999. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$225.64, Value \$5,082.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-26860, Bill # 38801.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bill, Woodrow M.. Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (2.59) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.03). The home was double listed as real and personal property. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$221.62, Value \$5,128.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-04260, Bill # 29073.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Eric R.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of Angelia Renee Locklear. Release of user fee is approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$292.78, Value \$14,520.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-10687, Bill # 88989.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bordeaux, Kelly. Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco Fire fee (34.55) and the Columbus Rescue fee (5.76). The home is double listed in the name of Diane Barber. Release of user fee approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$468.36, Value \$28,790.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-05345, Bill # 30175.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Joseph E.. Release the value of a boat, the value of the Old Dock Fire fee (9.11) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.28). The boat is listed in another county. Amount \$100.19, Value \$11,385.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-02040, Bill # 31180.

Release the Property Value in the name of Alderman, Rhonda H.. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Williams Fire (8.88) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (2.96). Customer billed with incorrect acreage. Amount \$127.28, Value \$14,800.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-01995, Bill # 27271.

Release the User Fee in the name of Buffkin, Douglas C.. Release user fee. House used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-10040, Bill # 31668.

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, Ernest J.. Release half of the user fee. This is a seasonal residence. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$43.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-00507, Bill # 28025.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clarida, Lucy. Release user fee. House is being renovated. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-01981, Bill # 33925.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cartrette, Dennis. Release user fee. This is vacant land. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 06-04537, Bill # 33348.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clarida, James C.. Release user fee. House vacant. No trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-01940, Bill # 33922.

Release the User Fee in the name of Campbell, Jackie. Release user fee. House vacant with no current attached to house. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-02241, Bill # 32717.

Release the User Fee in the name of Butler Eddie S.. Release the user fee that is double listed in the name of Ervin Butler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-11154, Bill # 84467.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullard, Virgiana S.. Release user fee. House vacant. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-00956, Bill # 31915.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Agnes W.. Release one of two user fees. One house burned in 2002. Release approved by Litter Partol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-04920, Bill # 30862.

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 Boswell, Jamie. Release the user fee. House is empty with no power attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-01028, Bill # 30249.

Release the User Fee in the name of Booker, Etherlene. Release the user fee that is double listed in the name of Rose Ann Bell. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-02431, Bill # 30066.

Release the User Fee in the name of Booker, Etherlene. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Rose Ann Bell. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-02431, Bill # 59838.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blanks, Ruth C.. Release the user fee. No trash can here and no power attached to house. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-03020, Bill # 59765.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Guilford. Release the user fee. House is vacant. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-00362, Bill # 28336.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clark, Darlene. Release user fee. House vacant with no power. Also release 2% discount not absorbed by computer. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$178.13, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-05025, Bill # 33945.

Release the User Fee in the name of Enzor, Billy G.. Release user fee. House used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-00447, Bill # 37763.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blackwell, J.C.. Release one of two user fees. There is only one house on this property. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 16-01060, Bill # 29846.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tabor City Recreation Comm.. Release user fee. No trash service or trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-30000, Bill # 64833.

Release the User Fee in the name of Molnar, Bradford. Release user fee. House is vacant with no power attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-01749, Bill # 53496.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nakina Farm Supply Inc.. Release user fee. No trash can at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-20314, Bill # 54126.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Dorothy. Release user fee. House used for storage, no power attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-19600, Bill # 56204.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pierce, Dorothy. Release user fee. Building used for storage. No power here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-19600, Bill # 56205.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Susan. Release user fee. Trash can picked up prior to 1-1-03. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-28325, Bill # 60084.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shiloh Methodist Church (Parsonage). Release user fee. Parsonage vacant for six years. Approved by Litter patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 18-00242, Bill # 5110.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shiloh Methodist Church (Parsonage). Release user fee. Parsonage has been vacant for six years. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 18-00242, Bill # 71181.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Jean W.. Release a portion of the user fee. Billed with five cans. This is a duplex apt. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$261.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-01032, Bill # 63606.

Release the User Fee in the name of Duncan, Donald R.. Release user fee. There is no house at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-06880, Bill # 36905.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Dorothy. Release user fee. House vacant with no power. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-04954, Bill # 64166.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, James A.. Release user fee on old store that is being used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-14100, Bill # 50092.

Release the User Fee in the name of Waldron, Jeanette. Release user fee. Only one trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-04819, Bill # 66893.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Wayne K.. Release user fee. House used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-03713, Bill # 67978.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Chad. Release user fee. Home repossessed in 1998. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 11-30562, Bill # 37839.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Chad.. Release user fee. Home repossessed in 1998. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-30562, Bill # 19652.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Chad. Release user fee. House repossessed in 1998. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-30562, Bill # 20701.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Roger Dale. Release user fee. Mobile home never hooked up. No power. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-01544, Bill # 70019.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wilson, Letha C.. Release one of two user fees. One house used for storage. No power attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-18940, Bill # 70255.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worley, Clarida. Release user fee. House is vacant. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-34630, Bill # 70471.

Release the User Fee in the name of Young, Willie R.. Release one of two user fees. Mobile home sold. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-21641, Bill # 71125.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stocks, Karen M.. Release one of two user fees. There is just one trash can here. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 15-35501, Bill # 63942.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Billy L.. Release one of two user fees. House is used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 07-05563, Bill # 41271.

Release the User Fee in the name of Council, J.B.. Release user fee. Business has been vacant for years. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-06900, Bill # 34962.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, Daniel H.. Release one of two user fees. House is under construction. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-04157, Bill # 35074.

Release the User Fee in the name of Elliot, Rhoda E.. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-04080, Bill # 37593.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fields, Ossie M.. Release user fee. No trash can and no power at this house. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-26420, Bill # 38596.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd C. Neil. Release eleven (11) user fees. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$1,947.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-09060, Bill # 38934.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, C. Neil. Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-09060, Bill # 38935.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, Francis. Release one of two user fees. One house is used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-05480, Bill # 38953.

Release the User Fee in the name of Formyduval, Elbert C.. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this residence. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-07540, Bill # 39215.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, William C.. Release user fee. Garage has a commercial hauler. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 10-05740, Bill # 39640.

Release the User Fee in the name of Martin, Betty C.. Release a portion of the user fee. House is inside the city limits of Whiteville. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 14-05353, Bill # 50931.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gordon, Dalton. Release balance of user fee after prepayment made in June 2003. User fee is double listed in the name of James C. Ward. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$175.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 13-05036, Bill # 41212.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, John V.. Release user fee. House was torn down in 1999. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-16947, Bill # 50144.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, David L.. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-00845, Bill # 41336.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Robert E.. Release user fee. Trash can moved to 300 Edna Dr., Tabor City. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-11680, Bill # 41751.

Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Terry A.. Release one of two user fees. One house being renovated. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 12-10160, Bill # 42685.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harrelson, C.W.. Release user fee. Building vacant with no power attached. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-12960, Bill # 43730.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hooper, Alvin G.. Release the user fee on building that is used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 08-09440, Bill # 45710.

Release the User Fee in the name of Horrell, Terrance D.. Release user fee. Mobile home used for storage. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 01-43901, Bill # 45848.

Release the User Fee in the name of King, Sheila F.. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Max & Emma Mendez. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 03-01837, Bill # 48416.

Release the User Fee in the name of Livingston, Donnie. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-15620, Bill # 49849.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Annie. Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant with no power. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 09-06400, Bill # 35330.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gilyard, Sonya. Release one of two user fees. Only one dwelling at this address. Approved by Litter Patrol. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2003, Account # 11-10823, Bill # 40861.

**Agenda Item #25: COMMENTS:**

**A. Public:**

Chairman Wilson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. The following people spoke.

1. **Berstein Swindle:** What is going to happen to people like me who cannot afford the County water? I got my own water now. I use more than 2,000 gallons of water a month. I don't want and can not afford the County water. I live on a fixed income and can barely pay the monthly bills I have already.

Commissioner McKenzie stated that all the people who live within these two (2) water districts need to come together and help Columbus County pay for the water system that has been installed due to the fact of the repercussions that will arise if Columbus County should default. The decision we made was not a good one but it was the best one we had to choose from.

Commissioner Memory stated Columbus County needs for the citizens in these two (2) water districts to help pay for a service being delivered to them in lieu of being told by the Federal Government demanding them to pay exorbitant fees to satisfy the debt that is owed by Columbus County. The decision we made was not a good one but at least you will be receiving something for your money.

2. **Waddus Hedgepeth:** You, County Commissioners, have stated there are some decisions that you have to make. You should also realize there are some decisions the citizens of Columbus County have to make like you do such as which bills do we pay with the limited amount of income that we have. Will you help us make that decision?

**B Board of Commissioners:**

Commissioner McKenzie introduced Mr. Bryan Scott, husband of Ms. Marva Scott, Social Services Director, and recognized his presence at the meeting.

Chairman Wilson announced the Columbus County Attorney's birthday was today.

**C Administrator:**

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, recommended Mr. Kenneth Davis to be hired as Chief Building Inspector. He stated he was pleased with his interview and thought he would be a good asset to Columbus County.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to hire Kenneth Davis as the Columbus County Chief Building Inspection, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Davis if he would like to say anything. Mr. Davis replied stating he was looking forward to this position and was ready to get started.

**AGENDA ADD-ON:**

Malva Scott, Social Services Director, requested Board approval of the following Budget Amendment which was received after the Board Packet had been prepared.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-610-5700	Grant from the Wal-Mart Corporation	\$500.00
	10-610-5700	Grant from Wake Stone Corporation	\$500.00
	10-610-5700	Grant from Southeastern Paint and Body	\$20.00
<b>Revenue</b>	10-335-0605	Grant from the Wal-Mart Corporation	\$500.00
	10-335-0605	Grant from Wake Stone Corporation	\$500.00
	10-335-0605	Grant from Southeastern Paint and Body	\$20.00

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the above listed Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

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

**Agenda Item #26: CLOSED SESSION:**

At 9:19 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11.

No official action was taken.

**Agenda Item #27: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10:13 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**C.E. WILSON, Chairman**