

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 03, 2004****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 a scheduled and duly advertised Public Hearing and their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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**

7:00 P.M.: PUBLIC HEARING - Contracting to Make Cash Grant to Atlantic Corporation:

Chairman Memory called the Public Hearing to order and stated this hearing was being held to receive views and comments from all interested parties. Chairman Memory asked James Hinkle, Interim Economic Development Director, to state the details of this matter.

Mr. Hinkle stated the following:

1. This grant is based on the creation of twenty-five (25) jobs and a \$5 million investment by Atlantic Corporation;
2. This grant will be for the amount of one hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$148,500.00) dollars;
3. Atlantic Corporation will be required to provide proof of employment and to be current on all taxes due for payments in years 1 - 5; **and**
4. This grant is for the slitting and cutting operation for paper on rolls and will prepare cardboard for the manufacturing process.

There were no comments, either written or oral.

CLOSING of PUBLIC HEARING:

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

7:30 P.M.: Regular Session**Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER and INVOCATION:**

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

AGENDA ADD-ON:**ITEM #1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of INCENTIVE GRANT for ATLANTIC CORPORATION:**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Incentive Grant for Atlantic Corporation in the amount of one hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$148,500.00) dollars based on the creation of twenty-five (25) new jobs with an investment of \$5 million dollars, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the April 19, 2004 Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #4: Deleted.

Agenda Item #5: SOCIAL SERVICES - AMENDMENT to MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT:

Marva Scott, Social Services Director, requested Board approval of the following Medicaid Transportation Contract Amendment.

Due to the rise in gasoline prices, the Medicaid Transportation contract is amended as following:

Effective April 1, 2004, the Columbus County Department of Social Services will reimburse Columbus County Transportation at a rate of \$.93 per mile for transportation services. The condition of this amendment will expire June 30, 2004.

PROVIDER	DEPARTMENT
<u>Columbus County Transportation</u>	<u>Columbus Country Dept. Social Services</u>
By: _____	By: _____
Title: <u>DIRECTOR</u>	Title: <u>DIRECTOR</u>
Date: _____	Date: _____

COUNTY
Columbus County Administration
 By: /s/ BILL MEMORY
 Title: Chairman, Columbus County Board of Commissioners
 Date: May 03, 2004

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Amendment to Medicaid Transportation Contract, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #6: AGING: Ed Worley, Director, requested Board approval of the following six (6) items:

A. Approval of III-D Health Promotion and Medication Management for 2004/2005 (local 10% match):

This grant is for five thousand five hundred forty-eight and 00/100 (\$5,548.00) dollars with a local ten (10%) percent match of six hundred sixteen and 00/100 (\$616.00) dollars match, equating to a total of six thousand one hundred sixty-four and 00/100 (\$6,164.00) dollars.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the III-D Health Promotion and Medication Management Grant for 2004/05, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

B. Approval of Senior Center Outreach Funding (25% County Match):

This funding is for extended services for seniors at all seven (7) senior centers in the amount of one thousand four hundred seventy-one and 00/100 (\$1,962.00) dollars, with a twenty-five (25%) percent match in the amount of four hundred ninety-one and 00/100 (\$491.00) dollars, equating to a total of one thousand nine hundred sixty-two and 00/100 (\$1,962.00) dollars.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Senior Center Outreach Funding with a twenty-five (25%) percent County match, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

C. Approval of Family Caregiver Support Funding for 2004/2005 (No County Match):

This funding is designated to help relieve family members that have stood by a client of health conditions on a continuous basis in the amount of twenty-eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$28,500.00) dollars with no County match required.

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the Family Caregiver Support Funding for

2004/2005 with no County match, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

D. Approval of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina Grant (No County Match):

This grant is to help with medical equipment and medications for anyone in the amount of ten thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) dollars with no County match.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

E. Approval and Adoption of Older American Month, May 2004, Proclamation:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAY 2004 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Columbus County is home to more than eleven thousand (11,000) citizens aged sixty (60) years old or older; **and**

WHEREAS, the older citizens of Columbus County are representative of an unprecedented trend in the nations' demographic makeup; **and**

WHEREAS, older persons are, the citizens and community members, entitled to lives of dignity and independence, free from the fears, myths and misconceptions about aging; **and**

WHEREAS, as America grows older, each community must strive to understand and address the evolving challenges and needs of our older citizens and the people who care for them; **and**

WHEREAS, our society is dependent upon the nurturing, support and resources shared between generations, and benefits from our mutual efforts to meet the needs of America's older persons and those who love them.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, do hereby proclaim May, 2004, as "**Older Americans Month**".

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of May, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman, District IV**

/s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR., Vice-Chairman, District VII**

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, District I**

/s/ **C.E. WILSON, District II**

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, District III**

ATTESTED BY: /s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, District V**

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board** /s/ **KIPLING GODWIN, District VI**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Older American Month, May 2004, Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

F. Approval to Advertise for Nutrition Bids for a Three (3) Year Term :

This will be for the seven (7) nutrition sites and home delivered meals and involves approximately seventy thousand (70,000) meals per year and for a three (3) year term.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the three (3) year contract had anything in it about negotiating the price. Mr. Worley replied stating Columbus County would be able to lock in the price for a three (3) year term.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve Ed Worley, Aging Director, to advertise for Nutrition Bids for a three (3) year term, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Mr. Worley thanked Commissioners McKenzie and Norris for their help, and in addition thanked the entire Board of Commissioners for all the help they had rendered.

Commissioner McKenzie stated he would like to thank Ed Worley personally for a fine job and the Columbus County Aging Department had been selected as a model leader at a Cape Fear Council of Governments Meeting recently. He also stated the Columbus County Aging Department had recently underwent an inspection and no discrepancies were found.

Agenda Item #7: EMERGENCY SERVICES - ACCEPTANCE of a HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ACCOMPANYING BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Ronnie Hayes, Director, requested Board acceptance of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Agreement in the amount of five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars. Mr. Hayes stated this grant would be used for the tracking of hazardous materials traveling through Columbus County. A copy of this Agreement will be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and the Emergency Services Department.

The following Budget Amendment is attached-

Expenditure	10-535-3302	Haz-Mat Emergency Planning Grant	\$5,000.00
Revenue	10-348-0001	Haz-Mat Emergency Planning	\$5,000.00

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Agreement in the amount of five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars with the accompanying Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to the GRAHAM FAMILY of the LAKE WACCAMAW AREA HANDMADE/HOMEMADE FESTIVAL:

Lila Spauling, Chair of the Homemade Handmade Festival Committee, requested Board approval of the following Proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to the
GRAHAM FAMILY of the LAKE WACCAMAW AREA
HANDMADE/HOMEMADE FESTIVAL**

The Board of County Commissioners, at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 3, 2004, 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 3rd day of May, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **BILL MEMORY - DISTRICT IV, Chairman**
/s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR., Vice Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT VII

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Amon E. McKenzie - I
C.E. Wilson - II
Sammie Jacobs - III

Lynwood Norris -V
Kipling Godwin - VI

James E. Hill Jr., COUNTY ATTORNEY
Billy Joe Farmer COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
Darren L. Currie, ASSIST. ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Appreciation to the Graham Family of the Lake Waccamaw Area Handmade/Homemade Festival, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #9: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK in COLUMBUS COUNTY:

Kim Huffman, Tourism Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE
NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK
in COLUMBUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, tourism is one of North Carolina's largest industries and a vital part of a community or county's health; **and**

WHEREAS, domestic tourism in Columbus County generated an economic impact of over 34 million dollars and generated a 5.14 million dollar payroll in 2002; **and**

WHEREAS, more than three hundred (300) jobs in Columbus County are directly attributable to travel and tourism and Columbus County ranks fifty-fifth in travel impact among North Carolina's one hundred (100) counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, the week of May 9 through May 15, 2004 be honored as *National Tourism Week* in Columbus County in recognition of the economic importance of this industry to Columbus County and its citizens.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of May, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the Resolution to Recognize National Tourism Week in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #10: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Donna Register, District Conservationist, presented the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. I have a good staff to work with and three (3) of my Soil and Water District Supervisors are here tonight, namely, James Sarvis, Brack Williams and Ida Smith;
2. We have been participating in a Cost-Share Program (NCACSP) with an allocation of ninety-seven thousand four hundred five and 00/100 (\$97,405.00) dollars, with involvement in the following:
 - A. Cropland conversion to grass - 285 acres;
 - B. Cropland conversion to trees - 67.1 acres;
 - C. 4 Incinerators;
 - D. 8000 Livestock exclusion; **and**
 - E. 1 Acre of field borders.
3. We have a Federal Program (EQIP) with an allocation of ninety-nine thousand eight hundred

fourteen and 00/100 (\$99,814.00) dollars with involvement in the following:

- A. 1 Dry stack; **and**
 - B. Approximately 581 acres of no till.
4. We have been involved in a No Till Drill Program in which four hundred seventy-six (476) acres are involved;
 5. CRP Program involving the following:
 - A. 118,000 Linear feet of buffers - 450 acres; and
 - B. 277 Acres of long-leaf wildlife developed.; **and**
 6. Educational involvement as follows:
 - A. Environmental Field Day - 240 students;
 - B. Land judging FFA Three Rivers Federation;
 - C. Countywide Poster Contest;
 - D. Resource Conservation Workshop; **and**
 - E. Area 7 Envirothon.

Commissioner Memory asked Ms. Register the status of the beaver situation in Columbus County. Ms. Register replied stating that Milton McLean was working very hard on this situation and has been assigned to Columbus County only. We have two (2) problem areas and they are Livingston Creek and the Evergreen area.

Commissioner Memory stated he really appreciated the job Ms. Register is doing for Columbus County and asked the District Supervisors if they would like to say anything.

Brack Williams, District Supervisor, stated the following:

1. I would like to thank the County Commissioners for the Budget Allocation; **and**
2. I would to thank the County Commissioners for the good water in Water District III and for the forethought they had in providing Columbus County with this much-needed water.

Ida Smith stated she was glad to serve as a District Supervisor and never realized how involved this department was in the County.

Commissioner McKenzie stated he wished to thank the Soil and Water Conservation Department and the District Supervisors for all their hard work.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Ms. Register for a telephone number where Milton McLean could be easily reached by the County Commissioners and the public.

Commissioner Norris stated he really appreciated the work that Milton McLean was doing and it greatly benefitted the citizens of Columbus County.

Agenda Item #11: RESOLUTION - REQUEST for ASSISTANCE in the RESTORATION of WACCAMAW RIVER:

The citizens of Columbus County requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE in the RESTORATION of WACCAMAW RIVER
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, within Columbus County there flows a natural river being known as the Waccamaw River that drains the Town of Chadbourn, the City of Whiteville and other large portions of the County; **and**

WHEREAS, in addition to drainage, the Waccamaw River has served many purposes for the citizenry of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, as a result of the hurricanes we have experienced in the last few years, some stretches of the Waccamaw River have lost three to four (3-4') feet in depth due to sand and silt, once held by thousands of large trees, settling into parts of the river after the trees were blown down. To compound the existing problem, leaves and other dead vegetation are clogging the channel in numerous places; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has utilized the funds that were made available to clear logs and other snags from parts of Waccamaw River after two (2) major storms, but these funds were not sufficient to alleviate the major source of the compounding problem that exists; **and**

WHEREAS, we have been made aware that the water flow along the Waccamaw River has become flashy, meaning that during heavy rains, water flows are higher than historic levels and during dry spells, the flows are lower than usual and this has been attributed to the dramatic increases in the network of ditches and canals that drain the Green Swamp which is a major portion of the river's watershed; **and**

WHEREAS, if corrective measures are not taken to eliminate the problem that exists with the Waccamaw River, which is a vital part of Columbus County, this natural river will result in a dead river, thus resulting in serious problems for the county in its entirety.

WHEREAS, Columbus County is in great need of federal funding to assist in correcting the problem that exists with Waccamaw River, and the restoration of this much-needed and purposeful river to a functional state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, are requesting assistance in obtaining funding for the restoration of our natural and much-needed Waccamaw River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these funds will eliminate future problems from occurring if Waccamaw River should become a dead river.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of May, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman, District IV**

/s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR., Vice-Chairman, District VII**

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, District I**

/s/ **C.E. WILSON, District II**

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, District III**

ATTESTED BY: /s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, District V**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board /s/ **KIPLING GODWIN, District VI**

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the Request For Assistance in the Restoration of Waccamaw River Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #12: ITS - DECLARATION of SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Tracy Simmons, 911 Wireless GIS Systems Administrator, requested Board approval to declare the following items surplus property and for disposal of same.

<u>Property Number</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
6871	259J6700723A	Monitor CPU
7610	342A0128	Monitor CPU
6861	259J6702074A	Monitor CPU
6857	259D6710429A	Monitor CPU
—	259J6700910A	Monitor CPU
—	A9823108200	Monitor (Hansol)

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve declaring the listed items as surplus property and for disposal of same, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #13: ELECTIONS - DECLARATION of SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Ruth Long, Director, requested Board approval to declare the following items as surplus property.

Asset #7360	1 Acer A-Open Computer with monitor (Replaced with new computer this fiscal year)
Asset #7653	1 Acer A-Open Computer with monitor (Replaced with new computer this fiscal year)

year)

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the above listed two (2) items as surplus property, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #14: ADMINISTRATION - APPROVAL of SURPLUS PROPERTY to be SOLD to HIGH BIDDER:

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requesting Board approval of the sale of surplus property to the high bidder, with one (1) exception, from a sealed bid conducted on April 22, 2004 at the Columbus County Sheriff's Department, as follows:

ITEM	HIGH BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Car #1	Jule Williamson	\$496.96
Car #2	Jule Williamson	\$764.00
Car #4	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #5	Jule Williamson	\$396.96
Car #6	Joe's Auto Sales	\$355.00
Car #8	Jule Williamson	\$896.96
Car #12	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #13	Jule Williamson	\$196.96
Car #14	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #20	Jule Williamson	\$196.96
Car #22	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #26	Jule Williamson	\$196.96
Car #29	Jule Williamson	\$696.96
Car #35	Trina Godwin (No Bid Bond) Jule Williamson	\$555.00 \$396.96
Car #58	Jule Williamson	\$196.96
Car #62	Jule Williamson	\$696.96
Car #63	Jule Williamson	\$596.96
Car #72	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #77	Jule Williamson	\$505.00
Car #79	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #80	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #83	Jule Williamson	\$296.96
Car #84	Jule Williamson	\$1,096.96
Car #85	Jule Williamson	\$96.96
Trk #1	Ward's Auto Sales	\$231.00
Trk #2	Ward's Auto Sales	\$226.00
Trk #3	Ward's Auto Sales	\$356.00
	OFFICE ITEMS:	

Lot #1	Automotive Electric	\$20.00
Lot #3	Automotive Electric	\$25.00
Lot #5	Randy Williamson	\$30.00
Lot #9	Keith Ward Randy Williamson	\$67.00 \$30.00
Lot #14	Automotive Electric	\$10.00
	COMPUTER ITEMS:	
#32	Geraldine Allen	\$25.00

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the sale of surplus property to the high bidder from a sealed bid sale conducted on April 22, 2004 at the Columbus County Sheriff's Department, with the exception of one item where no bid bond was provided, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #15: APPOINTMENTS for COMMITTEES:

1. Brunswick Zoning, Planning Board and Board of Adjustments:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to reappoint Caletta Faulk to the Brunswick Zoning, Planning Board and Board of Adjustments for a one (1) year term, with term expiring 05-17-2005, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

2. Social Services Board of Directors:

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie to the Social Services Board of Directors for a one (1) year term, with term expiring 06-30-2005, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Item #2: APPOINTMENTS - COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Chairman Memory appointed Elaine Gore, 1103 Waccamaw Shores Road, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450, Telephone: (910) 646-3904, to fill the unexpired term of George Becker, with term expiring 06-30-2006.

Commissioner Norris appointed Wanda Thompson, 11225 Lebanon Church Road, Tabor City, North Carolina 28463, Telephone: (910) 653-2074, to fill the unexpired term of Miona Fonville, with term expiring 06-30-2004.

Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-55-0202	Overtime Pay	\$18,274
	10-536-4501	CCH EMS Nurse Liaison	(\$18,274)
Expenditure	10-535-3301	Homeland Security Grant	\$168,520
Revenue	10-348-0002	Homeland Security	\$168,520
Expenditure	12-615-3300	Repair Supplies	\$7,500

Revenue	12-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$7,500
Expenditure	10-511-7400	Governor's Crime Commission	\$11,656
	54-510-9150	Transfer to General Fund	\$11,656
Revenue	10-397-0500	Transfer from Special Alcohol Fund	\$11,656
	54-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$11,656
Expenditure	10-570-5700	Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,703
	10-520-3400	Special Fees - Juvenile Detention	(\$1,703)
	10-520-1400	Travel	\$3,000
	10-520-4500	Contract Services	(\$3,000)
	10-520-1500	Maintenance & Repairs-Bldgs & Grounds	(\$10,000)
	10-510-3300	Departmental Supplies & Materials	\$10,000
	10-510-1700	Maintenance & Repairs - Vehicles	\$5,000
	10-510-3600	Uniforms	(\$5,000)
	10-510-5700	Miscellaneous Expense	\$2,397
	10-510-4500	Contract Services	(\$2,397)
Expenditure	10-460-1400	Travel	(\$1,500)
	10-460-1600	M/R Equipment	(\$1,500)
	10-460-2100	Rental	(\$3,500)
	10-460-5300	Dues & Subscriptions	(\$300)
	10-460-5400	Insurance - Prof Liability	(\$750)
	10-460-5700	Miscellaneous	(\$400)
	10-460-7400	Capital Outlay	(\$2,776)
	10-460-4500	Contract Services	(\$1,000)
	10-426-0200	Salaries	(\$15,500)
	10-460-0200	Salaries	\$19,691
	10-460-0201	Longevity	\$204
	10-460-0500	FICA	\$1,732
	10-460-0600	Insurance-Employee Benefits	\$3,484
	10-460-0700	Retirement	\$1,115
	10-460-1100	Telephone	\$1,000

B. Amendment to Refunds and Releases April 19, 2004:

Release the value of a house that burned in 1996 in the name of Ron Kirksey. Release also the Columbus Rescue Fee (\$2.32) instead of the Whiteville Rescue Fee.

C. Tax Refunds and Releases:

*****NOTE: This information can be found at the very end of these minutes due to the incompatibility of the computer programs between the Tax Office and the Governing Body Office.**

Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

A. Public:

Chairman Memory stated that one (1) person had signed up to speak during the Public Comment section of the Agenda. The following person spoke.

1. **Noah David Long:** stated the following:

- A. The Water Workshop that was scheduled has been cancelled;
- B. I would like to remind you that you were to provide drinking water and firefighting means to the citizens of Columbus County;
- C. You did not live up to your work;
- D. I have not been informed of the results of the South Whiteville voting issue result, and what is the result?;

Vice-Chairman Dutton interjected by stating to Mr. Long that you cannot force us to do what you want us to do. We are working on this issue and plan to do the right thing for our citizens.

- E. I have a citizen with me tonight by the name of Waylon Nobles who lives in the South Whiteville area who did not have the chance to vote and is getting water bills;
- F. I would like to remind each one of you the people put you in office and the people can take you out of office; **and**
- G. You need to be reminded you work for the citizens of Columbus County.

Chairman Memory stated a lot of preparation and work had to be done and the Columbus County 2004-2004 Budget would be on time this year like the previous years.

B. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Vice Chairman Dutton:** stated he felt very bad about this water situation, but we are going to reach a workable solution for our citizens. I am proposing that the Board allow the citizens of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III to pay five and 00/100 (\$5.00) dollars per month toward the four hundred and 00/100 (\$400.00) dollars tap-on fee until paid in full and to give the concerned citizens sixty (60) days from the date of this meeting to come in and sign up.

Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to allow the citizens in Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III to pay five and 00/100 (\$5.00) dollars per month toward the four hundred and 00/100 (\$400.00) dollars tap-on fee until paid in full and to give the concerned citizens sixty (60) days from the date of this meeting to come in and sign up, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated this action needed to be handled in a Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Meeting and a Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Meeting.

Vice Chairman Dutton withdrew his motion and Commissioner McKenzie withdrew his second.

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

At 8:01 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 for 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 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District III

Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

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

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

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

Comments by Doug Klier: I am from Chadbourn and I deeply appreciate what you have done tonight regarding the payments toward the tap-on fee. This is something I can handle now and I will sign up tomorrow. What do you plan to do about mandatory hookup? I would like to make the following suggestion: do away with water mandatory water hookup except for new houses, businesses and industry.

2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** I requested Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to obtain a cost for the connection between Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, therefore, allowing Columbus County Water and Sewer District I to purchase water from Columbus County Water and Sewer District II and not from the Town of Tabor City. In addition, I requested Mr. Farmer to check on hiring a meter reader from the County of Columbus for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and not contracting with Tabor City for this service.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, replied stating he had obtained a price for the connection between Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, and the price is three hundred eighty thousand and 00/100 (\$380,000.00) dollars. This information was sent out by email to the County Commissioners.

We have applied for a four hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars grant to cover this cost, but we missed the deadline. The next date for grants of this nature will be September, 2004. It is my recommendation that we start the engineering process which will be approximately eleven (11%) percent of the total cost of three hundred eighty thousand and 00/100 (\$380,000.00) dollars which will equate to forty-one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 (\$41,800.00) dollars. I have been waiting for the Board's direction on which way to go with this.

Discussion was conducted among the Board members regarding the validity of email correspondence and whether the price of three hundred eighty thousand and 00/100 (\$380,000.00) dollars would still be a valid quote at the time another grant could be obtained due to rising cost of water pipe, etc.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to table this issue for thirty (30) days until more information could be obtained regarding costs, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, stated the chances of obtaining the grant needed for this connection was seventy-five (75%) percent to eighty (80%) percent sure. I need direction from the Board regarding starting the engineering process.

A poll vote was taken regarding tabling the issue of the connection between Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, with the following results:

AYES: Commissioners Jacobs and Chairman Memory.

NAYS: Commissioners McKenzie, Norris, Wilson, Godwin and Vice Chairman Dutton.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the start of the engineering process for the connection between Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Resolution - Request for Discretionary Funds Utilization Resolution: Commissioner McKenzie

requested the Board to approve and adopt the following Resolution to accommodate the need for Henry Gines Road and Charles Ford Road to be upgraded.

**REQUEST for DISCRETIONARY FUNDS UTILIZATION
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, it has brought to the attention of the Columbus County Commissioners, there exists a great need for two (2) roads to be upgraded that exist within the County; namely, #1405 Henry Gines Road and #1411 Charles Ford Road **and**

WHEREAS, it is our understanding there exists North Carolina Department of Transportation Discretionary Funds to be utilized for needs of this nature; **and**

WHEREAS, our Legislative Delegation has the means and authority to seek these available funds to be utilized in the upgrading of the two (2) aforementioned roads within Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, this upgrade would improve the lives of many of our citizens and provide better traveling conditions for them; **and**

WHEREAS, it is our understanding this request will not alter the North Carolina Department of Transportation's funds that are currently allocated to Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners are requesting our Legislative Delegation seek Discretionary Funds from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to be utilized in the upgrading of Henry Gines Road #1405 and Charles Ford Road #1411.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of May, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Request for Discretionary Funds Utilization Resolution, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:39 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

TIMBER EVALUATION for PREVATTE TRACT:

Michael Rhodes, R.F., Carolina Forest Resources, presented a report showing the minimum sale price of the timber located on the Prevatte Tract, Highway 701 North, as being one hundred thirteen thousand ninety-one and 20/100 (\$113,091.20) dollars, accompanied by a reforestation cost as follows:

Option 1:	\$5,730.00
Option 2:	\$11,100.00
Option 3:	\$9,450.00.

Mr. Rhodes stated the trees had been severely damaged by the ice storm, and if not removed, would cause the undamaged trees to become bug infested. Mr. Rhodes stated his fee would be seven (7%) percent of the sale price at that time.

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After discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve Carolina Forest Resources to proceed with the sale of the timber located on the Prevatte Tract, Highway 701 North, subject to consultation with Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, and James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, with a reforestation cost as listed, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

TAX REFUNDS and RELEASES (See Agenda Item #16(B).):

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 03, 2004**

The Tax Administrator's Office recommends that the values listed below be refunded to the following citizens:

Type	First Name	Amount Released	Property	Year	Account #	Bill #	Total
Refunds	Bischoff, Judith		Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	07-0264	5940	\$177.00
	9725 Trinidad Dr. El Paso	Tx 79925					
Refunds	Grainger, Barbara		Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	07-1392	7193	\$177.00
	P.O. Box 517 Pooler	Ga. 31322					
Refunds	Bischoff, Judith		Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Approve by Solid Waste.				
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	07-0264	2963	\$177.00
	9725 Trinidad Dr. El Pasco	Tx 79925					
Refunds	Grainger, Barbara		Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	07-1392	4231	\$177.00
	P.O. Box 517 Pooler	Ga. 31322					
Refunds	McCrimmon, Jesse		Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste. Make check payable to Carolyn Graham.				
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	15-2486	5142	\$177.00
	937 S. 8th St. Wilmington	NC 28401					

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 03, 2004**

The Tax Administrator's Office recommends that the values listed below be released to the following citizens:

Type of Release	First Name	Amount Released	Property	Year	Account #	Bill #	Total
Property	Ainsworth, Daniel		Release value of mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of James A. Cartrette. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$36.08	\$4,626.00	2001	13-0004	79571	\$205.71
Property	Ainsworth, Daniel		Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (3.11) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.89). The house is double listed in the name of James A. Cartrette. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$34.67	\$4,445.00	2002	13-0004	57055	\$219.54
Property	Ainsworth, Daniel		Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire fee (3.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.86). The house is double listed in the name of James A. Cartrette. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$33.38	\$4,280.00	2003	13-0004	27252	\$217.96

Property	Duncan, Robert D.	Release the 2% discount that was not absorbed by computer.	\$29.66	\$0.00	2003	09-0738	37036	\$29.66
Property	Hammonds, Tommy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire fee (2.09) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (.60). The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$23.24	\$2,980.00	2003	01-0286	43399	\$202.93
Property	Jones, Sammy R.	Release the 2% discount that was not absorbed by computer.	\$8.22	\$0.00	2003	03-1239	47880	\$8.22
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$6.48	\$900.00	2000	06-2472	2985	\$6.48
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$7.60	\$1,000.00	1994	06-2472	39942	\$7.60
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$7.80	\$1,000.00	1995	06-2472	11331	\$7.80
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$7.80	\$1,000.00	1996	06-2472	56534	\$7.80
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$12.51	\$1,800.00	1997	06-2472	54696	\$12.51
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$6.26	\$900.00	1998	06-2472	59573	\$6.26
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$7.02	\$900.00	2001	06-2472	3575	\$7.20
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$7.02	\$900.00	2002	06-2472	81525	\$7.20
Property	McNeil, Nathan	Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$7.02	\$900.00	2003	06-2472	52101	\$7.20
Property	McNeill, Nathan	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Gloria Ann McDuffie.	\$6.26	\$900.00	1999	06-2472	21667	\$6.26
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$86.58	\$11,100.0	1996	08-1152	56592	\$122.58
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$86.58	\$11,100.0	1995	08-1152	11390	\$122.58
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$84.36	\$11,100.0	1994	08-1152	.40001	\$102.36

Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$31.28	\$4,500.00	1998	08-1152	59634	\$91.28
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$31.28	\$4,500.00	1999	08-1152	21729	\$91.28
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$32.40	\$4,500.00	2000	08-1152	3044	\$97.40
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$35.10	\$4,500.00	2001	08-1152	3636	\$111.00
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp.#3. Release of user fee approved by Solid	\$35.10	\$4,500.00	2002	08-1152	81589	\$123.00
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp.#3. Release of user fee approved by Solid	\$35.10	\$4,500.00	2003	08-1152	52167	\$123.00
Property	McNeill, Willie	Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Hillcrest Corp. #3. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$31.28	\$4,500.00	1997	08-1152	54756	\$91.28
Property	McPherson, Robert D.	Release the deferred tax and the Williams Fire fee. The property was sold to a family member.	\$21.60	\$3,000.00	2000	09-1960	83110	\$23.40
Property	McPherson, Robert D.	Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (1.80) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.60). The property was sold to a family member.	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2003	09-1960	83107	\$25.80
Property	McPherson, Robert D.	Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (1.80) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.60). The property was sold to a family member.	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2001	09-1960	83109	\$25.80
Property	McPherson, Robert D.	Release the deferred tax, the Williams Fire fee (1.80) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.60). The property was sold to a family member.	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2002	09-1960	83108	\$25.80
Property	Pridgen, Wilman	Release the Evergreen Fire fee and the user fee. Customer failed to receive the full senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	12-2288	86742	\$202.00
Property	Robbins, Russell	Release the value of a double wide, the Acme Delco Fire fee (45.48) and the Columbus Rescue fee (7.58) that was repossessed in 2002. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	\$295.62	\$37,900.0	2003	15-3186	58621	\$525.68
Property	Scott, Christopher	Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire fee (1.59) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.31). Property was not put in land use until 2003.	\$12.40	\$1,590.00	2002	10-0234	83143	\$14.30
Property	Scott, Christopher	Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire fee ((1.59) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.31) that was not put in the land use program until 2003.						

		\$12.40	\$1,590.00	2001	10-0234	83144	\$14.30
Property	Scott, Christopher	Release the deferred tax and the Cole Service Fire fee. The property was not put in the land use program until 2003.					
		\$11.44	\$1,590.00	2000	10-0234	83145	\$13.03
Property	Wright, Travis L.	Release the deferred tax, the Klondyke Fire fee (3.99) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14). The property was sold to a family member.					
		\$44.46	\$5,700.00	2003	13-4574	83178	\$49.59
Property	Wright, Travis L.	Release the deferred tax, the Klondyke Fire fee (3.99) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14). The property was sold to a family member.					
		\$44.46	\$5,700.00	2002	13-4574	83179	\$49.59
Property	Wright, Travis L.	Release the deferred tax and the Klondyke Fire fee. The property was sold to a family member.					
		\$41.04	\$5,700.00	2000	13-4574	83181	\$45.03
Property	Wright, Travis L.	Release the deferred tax, the Klondyke Fire fee (3.99) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14). The property was sold to a family member.					
		\$44.46	\$5,700.00	2001	13-4574	83180	\$49.59
User Fee	Canady, Roger	Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Two mobile homes put together. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	03-0253	32884	\$177.00
User Fee	Gresham, Leonard	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	01-3528	42829	\$87.00
User Fee	Larrimore, Stacey	Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	13-2300	48940	\$177.00
User Fee	Palmer, Shade	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	11-0275	55531	\$177.00
User Fee	Stanley, Marie	Release user fee. This is vacant land. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	13-3784	63386	\$87.00
User Fee	Suggs, Daniel R.	Release user fee. This is vacant land. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	01-9095	64523	\$177.00
User Fee	Suggs, Daniel R.	Release user fee. This is vacant land. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	01-9095	93800	\$177.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:41 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

BILL MEMORY, Chairman