

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 21, 2005

7:30 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
 Kipling Godwin, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 James E. Prevatte
 Bill Memory
 Lynwood Norris
 David L. Dutton, Jr.

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Manager**
 James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Manager**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Roxanne Coleman, **Finance Officer**

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

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

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 28, 2005 Amortization Schedule Review Workshop Minutes and the March 07, 2005 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #4: PROCLAMATION - THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION:

Selena Rowell and Kathy Baker, Columbus County Partnership for Children, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation.

**THE WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD
PROCLAMATION
 by the COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Partnership for Children (Smart Start) and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating *The Week of the Young Child*, April 03 through April 09, 2005; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the need for high-quality early childhood services for all children and families within our community/state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, the future of our community/state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Whiteville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 03 through April 09, 2005, as *The Week of the Young Child* in Columbus County, and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our community/state.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of March, 2005.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 /s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve The Week of the Young Child Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #5: PROCLAMATIONS - SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION 2005 -and- CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION 2005:

Vickie Pait, Director of Families, First, Incorporated, and Jenny Moore, Community Resource Coordinator, requested Board approval and adoption to the following two (2) Proclamations.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION 2005**

WHEREAS, Families First, Incorporated served twenty-six (26) women, men and children in 2004 who were victims of sexual assault in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, Families First, Inc. served ten (10) victims of sexual assault under the age of twelve (12) and seven (7) victims ages thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) in 2004; **and**

WHEREAS, in the United States rape is the most costly crime to its victims totaling \$127 billion a year considering factors such as medical cost, lost earning, pain, suffering and lost quality of life (U.S. Department of Justice, 1996); **and**

WHEREAS, in the United States 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men has experienced a completed or attempted rape at sometime in their life (US Department of Justice 1998); **and**

WHEREAS, there are eight thousand two hundred eighty-seven (8,287) sex offenders and sexual predators registered as living in North Carolina (NC Sex Offender Registry 2003); **and**

WHEREAS, statewide efforts are being made to educate medical, law enforcement, legal and judicial professions and the general public concerning this epidemic of violence affecting our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that April 2005, is **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to speak out against sexual assault and support their local communities efforts to provide services to victims of this heinous crime.

ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2005.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
PROCLAMATION 2005**

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; **and**

WHEREAS, approximately five (5) million children are reported as abused and neglected in this country each year; **and**

WHEREAS, approximately one hundred thirteen thousand (113,000) children were reported as abused and neglected in North Carolina in 2004; **and**

WHEREAS, thirty (30) children died in the year 2004 as a result of child abuse in North

Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; **and**

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; **and**

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Columbus County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2005.

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/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation 2005, and the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation 2005, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #6: TRANSPORTATION - REQUEST REGIONALIZATION STUDY ON AREA TRANSPORTATION:

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested Board approval to ask the North Carolina Department of Transportation/PTD to continue with their plan to do a comprehensive study on regionalized transportation for our area.

Commissioner McKenzie stated on March 9, 2005, Miriam Perry, Director for Public Transportation, came to Whiteville and met with Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, three (3) County Commissioners, representatives from the CCIT Advisory Board and the Transportation Director. After the meeting, all present were in agreement for the feasibility study to be done at no expense or obligation to Columbus County.

Commissioner Prevatte stated this feasibility study would not put Columbus County in the east region or the west region. This study is being done to find out where Columbus County would fit best, it is not bound by county and we will not lose our funding if we decide not to participate.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve Charles Patton, Transportation Director, to request a Regionalization Study on area transportation to be done by North Carolina Department of Transportation, PTD, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #7: M.I.S. - ADOPTION OF THE HIPAA SECURITY POLICIES:

Alan James, HIPAA Security Officer, is requesting Board adoption of the Columbus County Government Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Security Policy and Procedure Manual. A copy of this manual will be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and in the Office of the HIPAA Privacy Officer for your review.

Alan James stated the following:

1. The HIPAA Security Policies have been developed by the HIPAA Oversight Committee;
2. They must be approved by the Governing Board to be in compliance with federal law by the April 20, 2005 deadline; **and**

3. This manual is broken down into four (4) parts as follows:
- A. Administrative - states how the HIPAA regulations are to be carried out;
 - B. Physical - physical security such as locked doors, pass keys and cards, etc. to be used;
 - C. Technical - internal computer security such as passwords, encryptions, etc., and
 - D. Appendix - the forms, reports, etc. that will be utilized in the process of enforcing the policy.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to adopt the HIPAA Security Policies, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION - SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2005 A PROCLAMATION:

Chuck Stanley, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation.

**LITTER SWEEP SPRING 2005
by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION**

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

WHEREAS, the Spring 2005 "**LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place **April 16 - 30, 2005** and we encourage local businesses and communities, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; **and**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2005 spring cleanup will celebrate the 17th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 6,000 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; **and**

WHEREAS, the "**LITTER SWEEP**" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **April 16 - 30, 2005**, as "**SPRING LITTER SWEEP**" time in Columbus County, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of March, 2005.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Spring Litter Sweep 2005 A Proclamation, seconded by Vice Chairman Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #9: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF RC&D PROGRAM:

Vice Chairman Godwin requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT
for the CONTINUATION of RC&D PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners desires to provide improved social, economic and environmental conditions to enhance the quality of life for all its citizenry, and because there are many important projects that have been done and to be done that fall outside the scope of the local government's staff and financial resources, Columbus County is a member of Cape Fear RC&D and supports the continuation of the RC&D program as a viable part of the County's fiscal and environmental health. RC&D programs are able to interface public needs with local, state, federal and private dollars thus leveraging money and providing leadership for local projects and filling a niche that is not met by any other organization in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, Cape Fear RC&D has provided technical and grant writing assistance for projects that include, recent installation of rural fire hydrants for faster fire fighting capability in remote areas, a water management project of \$92,000 for the Town of Chadbourn brought drainage infrastructure up to designed standards, and CFRC&D provided assistance to the farm community through obtaining a grant for the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District for the purchase of a public No-Till seed drill, bringing that technology to the small and limited resource farmer; **and**

WHEREAS, it has come to the Board's attention that the President's Budget for FY 2006, if implemented, will mean the loss of 50% of the current RC&D funding nationally, resulting in six out of ten of the RC&D Areas in North Carolina being eliminated. Elimination of other RC&D Areas will not only weaken, it will like lead to the end of, this valuable program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests of the US Agricultural Appropriations Subcommittee that the following be included in the 2006 Agriculture Appropriations Bill:

- Resource Conservation and Development Councils play an important role in rural development and natural resource conservation.
- There are currently 375 existing Councils and to eliminate half of these Councils would cause serious detriment to the local areas affected as well as to the integrated strength of the National Program.
- The Committee therefore provides \$54 million to support and maintain the existing councils at the FY 2005 level.

ADOPTED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of March, 2005.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Vice Chairman Godwin stated the following:

1. The RC&D Program is a non-profit organization that deals with water, sewer, grant writing and many other needs not met by other means;
2. President Bush has proposed to cut funding for this program which will result in many of these programs being eliminated; **and**
3. This Resolution is in support of the continuation of the RC&D Program.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for the Continuation of the RC&D Program, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #10: RESOLUTION - REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' LICENSE PLATE RESOLUTION:

Vice Chairman Godwin requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

**REQUEST for REMOVAL of MINIMUM REQUIREMENT
for COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' LICENSE PLATE
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §20-70.4, Paragraph B, Section 11 allows for a license plate to be issued for County Commissioners, but requires a minimum of three (300) requests to be received before issuance; **and**

WHEREAS, this requirement creates a barrier for the County Commissioners who desire to order this plate which will serve as a proud symbol of their role as public servants while serving in the capacity of a County Commissioner; **and**

WHEREAS, the majority of the Columbus County Commissioners has expressed a great interest in obtaining this license plate, and have discovered a barrier exists preventing them from obtaining such; **and**

WHEREAS, the availability of the County Commissioner license plate will serve a two-fold purpose, and that purpose being the signification of the person as being a County Commissioner and allowing the private citizens to identify the person as being a public servant in their never-ending task of rendering aid to their constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, resolve to request our Legislative Delegation to remove the minimum requirement of three hundred (300) requests being received before the County Commissioner license plate can be issued.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of March, 2005.

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/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Prevatte stated the following relative to the purpose of this Resolution:

1. We need to inform the public of what this Resolution is about;
2. Most organizations do not have a minimum requirement before special license plates can be ordered;
3. In order for the County Commissioners to be able to order this license plate, we must have three hundred (300); **and**
4. We are requesting a revision on this to allow the County Commissioners who would like to order this license plate the ability to do so.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated the following pertaining to this matter:

1. This was authorized in 1995 and at that time, it was cost prohibitive to make these license plates without a minimum order of three hundred (300); **and**
2. At the present, these license plates are made in a different manner and would not require this minimum number to produce.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Request for Removal of Minimum Requirement for County Commissioners' License Plate Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #10: NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF LETTER REGARDING CONNECTING ROAD BETWEEN U.S. 701 BUSINESS AND U.S. 701 BY-PASS:

Vice Chairman Godwin requested approval of the following letter to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding a connecting road between U.S. 701 Business and U.S. 701 By-pass.

March 21, 2005

Mr. Mac Campbell
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Post Office Box 39

Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

IN RE: Connecting Road Between U.S. 701 Business and U.S. 701 By-Pass

Dear Mr. Campbell:

At the present time, we have established a Government Complex which is sandwiched in between U.S. Highway 701 Business and U.S. Highway 701 Bypass. In this complex, there exists the Columbus County Department of Social Services building, the Columbus County Cooperative Extension Building, and the newly established Columbus County Community Farmers Market.

We have received multiple requests from our citizens for Government Complex Road to be extended to U.S. Highway 701 By-Pass, which will provide greater and easier access to our facilities for our citizens. In addition, this will allow Columbus County the ability to develop the remaining acreage for much-needed space.

There has been a clear-cut of approximately twenty-five (25) acres of timber on this tract of land, thus allowing us the ability for better analysis of this area.

As per the enclosure, we requested, and received, a preliminary design of the proposed extension to the Government Complex Road, which will completely avoid any existing wetlands. The proposed design is inclusive of a fifty (50') foot right-of-way.

We are respectfully requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation to do a study of extending the Government Complex Road to U.S. Highway 701 Bypass to be inclusive of all the necessary criteria, and inform Columbus County of your findings.

Thank you for all that you do to make Columbus County, and North Carolina, a better place to live for the citizens.

Sincerely,
/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Enclosure

Vice Chairman Godwin stated the following relative to this matter:

1. I know this issue has been discussed in previous years;
2. We mentioned this matter to Mac Campbell with the North Carolina Department of Transportation at the last Intergovernmental Council Meeting in Tabor City; **and**
3. Mr. Campbell stated he would help Columbus County with this as much as he could.

Commissioner Prevatte asked if this feasibility study would cost Columbus County any money to do. Vice Chairman Godwin stated the feasibility study will not cost any money to do, but the land does belong to Columbus County, and if Columbus County should decide to proceed with this road, it could cost money later and that would depend on what the results of the feasibility study turns out to be.

Commissioner Memory stated the following:

1. This connecting road would open up access to the Columbus County Department of Social Services and the Cooperative Extension Building greatly;
2. It would benefit the Farmers Market; **and**
3. It would entice travelers to visit the Farmers Market with the additional access road.

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated the following:

1. When this property was purchased, the whole idea was to put a road all the way through connecting U.S. Highway 701 Business and U.S. Highway 701 By-pass
2. The timber has been eliminated from the area; **and**
3. The time is right for this to be done.

L. Harold Shuman, private citizen and representative of the Farmers Market, stated the following:

1. I have talked to Representative Dewey L. Hill and Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. about this connecting road;
2. Senator Soles strongly thinks he will be able to get some money for this connecting road;
and
3. I would like to invite everyone who will, to come visit the Farmers Market which will open the 1st of May, 2005.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the letter to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding a connecting road between U.S. 701 Business and U.S. 701 By-pass, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #12: MAINTENANCE -DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Tony Ellis, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. The Maintenance Department has seven (7) people in Housekeeping and six (6) people, including myself, in Maintenance;
2. We are in charge of maintenance and general upkeep of about eighteen (18) regular buildings, plus some maintenance of several satellite buildings for the Department of Aging, Library and Solid Waste ranging from Whiteville to Tabor City to Riegelwood to Fair Bluff;
3. We are in the process of re-evaluating the square footage and duties of each of the housekeeping staff in order to ensure fair and productive work;
4. This year, we have completed around three hundred twenty (320) work orders along with numerous emergency and preventive-type orders;
5. Active in a HVAC planned maintenance program;
6. Installed lights for the flagpole at the courthouse;
7. Addressed a fire inspection and building code inspection from the City of Whiteville on the Courthouse;
8. Installed a flagpole at the Veterans Office with no cost to Columbus County;
9. Installed exhaust fans in the Animal Control Building;
10. Oversaw the removal of several pecan trees that posed a threat to the 911 Center;
11. Replaced the main waterline to the Department of Aging;
12. Cleaned the old site up after the Library at Riegelwood was moved and built a deck and handicap ramp at the new site;
13. Added approximately one hundred sixty (160') square feet to the Medical Records area at the Health Department, painted the area and installed new tile in place of carpet and installed new cabinets;
14. Added a new office for WIC so the dental area could expand;
15. Completed renovations in the Pediatrics area that were started earlier in 2004;
16. Installed a new air conditioning unit for the WIC area;
17. Started work replacing the old boiler system at the Health Department;
18. Just completed renovations on Phase II of Mental Health without the assistance of a General Contractor and did all the work except ceilings, flooring and windows, and this work was done at an approximate savings of sixty thousand and 00/100 (\$60,000.00) dollars to Columbus County;
19. Corrected a problem with the roof leaking at the Building Inspections Office; **and**
20. We will complete, by the end of this week, new security measures for the new HIPAA regulations at the Health Department, Home Health and Department of Aging.

Agenda Item #13: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY PLANNER:

Vice Chairman Godwin stated on behalf of the Personnel Committee, I would like to say the following:

1. The Personnel Committee has met and interviewed the candidates for the Columbus County Planner;
2. We narrowed the candidates down to two (2) people;
3. Out of these two (2) candidates, we recommend Mike Helm as the best candidate for the

Columbus County Planner;

4. We were very impressed with Mr. Helm's credentials;
5. He has experience with strategic planning and grant writing, and, in addition, he is a patent holder; **and**
6. He has resided in Columbus County for ten (10) years and knows a lot about what is going on in the county.

Mike Helm stated the following:

1. I wish to thank you for this opportunity of employment as the Columbus County Planner;
2. Columbus County is a wonderful place to live; **and**
3. I look forward to working with you.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to recommend Mike Helm as the Columbus County Planner, with a starting salary of thirty-seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$37,500.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #14: CDBG GRANT # 03-C-1089 - APPROVAL OF LOW BIDDER FOR WATER LINE EXTENSION ON OLD STAKE ROAD:

Tammy Jones, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval of Goodyear Construction as the low bidder for the water line extension on Old Stake Road at the cost of eighty-seven thousand six hundred twenty-eight and 00/100 (\$87,628.00) dollars: The following companies submitted bids at the following costs:

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| 1. | E.S. & J. Enterprises, Inc. | \$176,931.00 |
| 2. | Frank Horne Construction | \$106,264.00 |
| 3. | Goodyear Construction | \$ 87,628,00 |
| 4. | Axel McPherson Construction | \$189,680.00; and |
| 5. | Empire Construction | \$147,605.00. |

We opened these bids on March 10, 2005 and we recommend Goodyear Construction be awarded this job as the apparent low bidder.

Vice Chairman Godwin asked Ms. Jones if Goodyear Construction had done any work for Columbus County before. Ms. Jones stated no they had not, but The Adams Company has used them before and are pleased with their work.

Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, stated this grant included the provision for the citizens who were eligible to tap onto the water line, the tap-on fee would be paid for by the grant and they would be also be eligible for the water line to be run to their house at no cost to them. This is one hundred (100%) percent grant money which requires no match or no payback.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to approve Goodyear Construction as the apparent low bidder, at eighty-seven thousand six hundred twenty-eight and 00/100 (\$87,628.00) dollars, for the water line extension on Old Stake Road, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION - APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF \$30,000 FOR E-NC STUDY GRANT:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, requested Board approval for the acceptance of a thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) study grant from The Rural Center to determine the feasibility of locating a telecenter in Tabor City. Mr. Farmer stated the following:

1. This grant is for money to do a feasibility study for only one (1) area and this area is Tabor City;
2. If the area of Tabor City is determined to be feasible to locate this telecenter in, then you would have to apply for the four hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars; **and**
3. The only thing I do not like about this feasibility study is that it will only be looking at one (1) area.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the acceptance of the thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars grant from The Rural Center for a feasibility study to be done to

determine the location of a telecenter in Tabor City, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A LOCAL OPTION LOTTERY:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION in SUPPORT
of a LOCAL OPTION LOTTERY**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has significant school construction needs; **and**

WHEREAS, a lottery has the potential to generate a stream of revenue that could, in combination with local option sales taxes earmarked for school construction as well as other resources, meet a significant portion of the county's school facility needs; **and**

WHEREAS, limitations on the state's debt capacity make it unlikely that the state will help meet school construction needs through a statewide school construction bond referendum; **and**

WHEREAS, lottery proposals are before the General Assembly and these proposals would earmark lottery proceeds for school construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses support for a local option lottery that earmarks a substantial portion of net lottery proceeds for school construction.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the county's legislative delegation.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of March, 2005.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Mr. Farmer stated the following relative to the Local Option Lottery:

1. The three (3) largest expenditures counties are having to deal with are Medicaid, education and law enforcement;
2. A percentage of the lottery proceeds will be designated toward school construction; **and**
3. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has endorsed this Resolution.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated the following:

1. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has not endorsed this Resolution;
2. The educational systems in Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina are not doing that much better than North Carolina; **and**
3. I am opposed to this.

Commissioner McKenzie stated the following:

1. The County Commissioners are continuously faced with the difficult task of providing the necessary services for the citizens of Columbus County and our funds seem to constantly dwindle;
2. Columbus County has the lowest paid teachers in the State of North Carolina;
3. With the situation of the economy in Columbus County, crime is increasing;
4. We need something to relieve the tax burden that we are dealing with;
5. While serving in the military, every state I was in had a lottery; **and**

6. If we place controls and restrictions on the lottery, we will benefit from it.

Commissioner Memory stated the following:

1. I purchased lottery tickets at every gas station I stopped at while on vacation last week;
2. North Carolina may be the only state that does not have a lottery in effect;
3. We are losing a tremendous amount of revenue to our neighboring states by not having the lottery;
4. In the State of Georgia, they have a HOPE Scholarship which is derived out of the lottery, to help students who qualify to further their education;
5. If a lottery can benefit our educational system, then a portion of the tax burden will be alleviated, thus allowing us to utilize this amount in another area that is in need; **and**
6. If a citizen desires to purchase a lottery ticket, they are going to do so by traveling just a few miles to a neighboring state.

Commissioner Norris stated the following:

1. I will have to disagree on the quality of education in the schools in South Carolina;
2. I do a lot of work in Horry County and I have seen several new schools under construction;
3. I have been told the schools lack for nothing in supplies; **and**
4. The teachers are paid well.

Commissioner Prevatte stated the following:

1. I view the lottery from the newspaper articles I have read;
2. I think the lottery is like the sale of alcoholic beverages. If a person desires to buy products of this type, they will find a source;
3. If the educational system in Columbus County stands to benefit from the revenue a lottery would generate, then we would only be hurting the citizens if we do not agree;
4. Our school facilities are in bad need of repair, replacement, etc.;
5. While the mandated services we must provide to our citizens are steadily increasing, our revenue seems to be at a standstill and/or decreasing;
6. We are losing many dollars to South Carolina and our neighboring states to the lottery because our citizens are traveling the necessary miles to purchase lottery tickets; **and**
7. If our educational system stands to benefit from the lottery by placing restrictions on the lottery, then I am in support of it.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated the following:

1. I have handed out an article entitled "The Lottery is Bad Public Policy for North Carolina" by Chuck Neely, former State Representative, that lists five (5) reasons why a state lottery is a bad idea as follows:
 - A. Lottery ultimately hurts education;
 - B. Lottery is an unreliable source of tax revenue;
 - C. Lotteries are a tax on the poor;
 - D. Lottery advertising targets poor neighborhoods; **and**
 - E. Lottery message contradicts character education.
2. From the information I have received, the educational systems in other states are not benefitting from the lottery that much;
3. I do not believe this a character means to improve education in our state; **and**
4. I am totally against the lottery.

Chairman Jacobs stated the following:

1. I concur with most of the statements that have been made earlier;
2. If we can place restrictions and controls on the proceeds from the lottery that can be used toward our educational system, then it would benefit Columbus County greatly;
3. The majority of our school buildings are reaching the fifty (50) year mark where they need major repair and/or replacement and our limited budget will not allow us to do this; **and**
4. With the proper controls in place, I support the lottery.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to table this Agenda item forever, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Vice Chairman Godwin and Commissioner Dutton
NAYS: Chairman Jacobs, Commissioners McKenzie, Memory, Norris, Prevatte.

The motion failed on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution in Support of a Local Option Lottery and for a letter to be sent to our Legislators requesting their support, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. A role call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Jacobs, Commissioners McKenzie, Memory, Norris, Prevatte.
NAYS: Vice Chairman Godwin and Commissioner Dutton.

The motion passed on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

Agenda Item #17: TAX DEPARTMENT - TAX COLLECTION REPORT:

Tabled.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

FINANCE - APPROVAL OF LOW BIDDER FOR THE FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL AND CLASSROOMS AT WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL:

Chairman Jacobs requested Board discussion, and possible approval, of the low bidder for the financing of the construction for Columbus County Jail and the classrooms at Williams Township School. A workshop was held on February 28, 2005 for discussion and consideration of the following submitted bids:

PROPOSALS for COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL and CLASSROOMS for WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

LENGTH OF LOAN	Rate:	RBC CENTURA 3.53%	BB&T 3.59%	RURAL DEVELOPMENT 4.50%
15 Year	Total Payments	\$12,823,998.70	\$13,042,887.85*	\$13,968,000.00
	Difference in amount		\$218,889.15	\$1,144,001.30
20 Year	Total Payments	N/A	N/A	\$15,376,000.00
30 Year	Total Payments	N/A	N/A	\$17,420,000.00
40 Year	Total Payments	N/A	N/A	\$21,740,000.00

*Based on an amortized schedule

**Note: Rural Development does not amortize. They base their loan on the equal payments process.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve RCB Centura Bank, and to approve Option #4 - Financing for All Projects as listed below, as the low bidder for financing of the construction for Columbus County Jail and Classrooms at Williams Township School, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

Amount: Not to exceed \$9,999,999.00

Purpose: Long-term financing for the construction of the Columbus County Jail, Williams Township School classrooms, and renovations to the Columbus County Courthouse.

Term: Fifteen (15) years

Interest Rate: 3.53%

Number of Payments:	Fifteen (15) Annual
Payment Amount:	\$666,666.00 Fixed Principal Plus Interest (in arrears)
Prepayment Penalty for Financing option #1, #2, #3 and #4	Prepayment of the Loan (except for excess construction cost proceeds from Escrow) will be subject to a yield maintenance fee equal to the present value of the daily lost cash flow to RBC Centura based upon the difference between the interest rate under the Installment Finance3 Agreement and the rate on a new loan of similar amount with the same remaining maturity to a similar borrower. The discount rate for calculating the present value will be the current rate offered by RBC Centura for a new loan of the similar amount with the same remaining maturity to a similar borrower, as determined by RBC Centura in its reasonable discretion, which discretion shall be conclusive absent a showing of bad faith or manifest error. Any prepayment of the Installment Financing Agreement will be subject to a minimum fee of one-half percent (.5%).

Agenda Item #18: GOVERNING BODY - ESTABLISH BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE:

Chairman Jacobs requested the Board to establish a date for the next Budget Workshop.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members, Commissioner Norris made a motion to establish April 5, 2005, at 6:15 P.M., in the Administration Building, Economic Development Conference Room, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, as the date for the next Budget Workshop, seconded by Vice Chairman Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-680-9400	Capital Outlay Reserves 03/04	\$79,308
Revenue	10-399-0000	Fund Balance	\$79,308

B. 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 #20: COMMENTS:

Chairman Jacobs opened the floor for comments that anyone would like to make. The following people spoke.

B Board of Commissioners:

- Commissioner Prevatte:** Leroy, how many signups do we have for Water Districts II and III at the present? Leroy Sellers, Water Department Director, stated he did not know at this time but would find out and advise, and the April 5, 2005 deadline for the one hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars signup fee was fast approaching.
- Commissioner McKenzie:** Leroy, I really would like for you to install credit card machines at the Water Office for the customers to start using and I think this will help with some of

the delinquent bills.

3. **Commissioner Memory:** Leroy, how is the water on the eastern end of the County coming along? Leroy replied stating he was getting the figures together due to the fact the process would involve some bores under a railroad which may prove to be very expensive.

C County Manager:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, stated the following:

1. On April 07, 2004, we received funds for a sewer study from the Rural Center;
2. On August 26, 2004, we changed the sewer study to a water feasibility study which the Rural Center allowed;
3. I have discovered the Lumber River Council of Government is doing a study for the entire region;
4. I am requesting Board approval to apply the dollars that were received for the sewer study, and later changed to a water feasibility study, to the larger study being conducted by the Lumber River Council of Government.

MOTION:

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the recommendation of Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, to apply the dollars received from the Rural Center for the sewer study, and later changed to a water feasibility study, to the larger study being conducted by Lumber River Council of Government, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (6):

Deleted.

OTHER:

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DATE FOR PRESENTATION OF LAND-USE PLAN AND THOROUGHFARE PLAN:

Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, stated the following:

1. When Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Director, was employed with Columbus County, she tried to get a Thoroughfare Plan established for Columbus County and discovered that Columbus County had to have a Land-Use Plan in place before a Thoroughfare Plan could be done;
2. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has agreed to do a Thoroughfare Plan for Columbus County;
3. We have asked the North Carolina Department of Commerce to help us create a Land-Use Plan and they have agreed to do so;
4. Tom King, Division of Community Assistance, has agreed to come and discuss a county-wide Land-Use Plan;
5. Tyler Bray, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Planning Division, has agreed to come and discuss a county-wide Thoroughfare Plan;
6. I am recommending this presentation be scheduled for April 18, 2005, at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex;
7. The Columbus County Planning Board needs to be involved in this; **and**
8. Chadbourn Mayor Leo Mercer, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, needs to be made aware of this presentation.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish April 18, 2005, at 6:00 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, as the date and time for the presentation by Tom King and Tyler Bray relative to the Columbus County Thoroughfare Plan and the Columbus County Land-Use Plan.

TAX RELEASES and REFUNDS (see Agenda Item #19.B.):

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office:
March 21, 2005**

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	Bolton Church of God In		Refund user fee. No trash can at this location. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	18-0044	7124	\$87.00
		\$0.00					
	P.O. Box 217 Bolton,	NC 28423					
Refunds	Bolton Church Of God In		Refund user fee. No trash can at this location. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	18-0044	2755	\$87.00
		\$0.00					
	PO Box 217 Bolton	NC 28423					
Refunds	Bracy, Kenneth R.		Refund a portion of the property value, a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee ((.72) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (3.24). Property should be in the Land Use Program.	2004	11-0325	8662	\$139.32
		\$126.36					
	1025 Red Bug Rd. Hallsboro	NC 28442					
Refunds	Caines, Edgar D.		Refund two user fees. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	13-0634	3257	\$354.00
		\$0.00					
	9375 Peacock Rd. Chadbourn	NC 28431					
Refunds	Caines, Edgar D.		Refund user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	13-0213	3257	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	9375 Peacock Rd. Chadbourn	NC 28431					
Refunds	Carteret, Benjamin S.		Refund the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	08-0140	8942	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	966 Ben Jones Rd. Lake Waccamaw	NC 28450					
Refunds	Duncan, Betty J.		Refund user fee. There is no trash can at this address. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	09-0683	9306	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	PO Box 36 Whiteville	NC 28472					
Refunds	Ransom, Thetus S. (etal)		Refund user fee. Trash can was picked up in 2002. Approved by Solid Waste. Approved by Solid	2004	05-0203	1408	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	484 Hogwallow Rd. Bladenboro,	NC 28320					
Refunds	Seven Creeks Baptist		Refund a portion of the user fee. Due to keying error customer overcharged in the amount of \$73.00. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	18-0012	2771	\$73.00
		\$0.00					
	1599 Reaves Ferry Rd. Nakina	NC 28455					
Refunds	Watts, Bruce		Refund user fee. There is no trash can at this address. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	15-0552	2449	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	14 Page Meadows Lane Riegelwood	NC 28456					
Refunds	Webb Emmer (Heirs)		Refund user fee on house that is vacant and has no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste. Make check payable to Marvin Webb.	2003	08-2042	6847	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	P.O. Box 232 Lake Waccamaw	NC 28450					

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
March 21, 2005**

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	Bracy, Kenneth R.		Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee (4.84) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (1.61). Property should be in the Land Use Program.	2004	11-0325	86621	\$69.36
Property	Brown, Juanita	\$62.91	Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (4.24) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.41). The home was traded for a new home. Release of user fee approved.	2003	02-0300	31188	\$243.88
Property	Brown, Juanita	\$55.15	Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (4.13) and Columbus Rescue fee (1.38). The home was traded for a new home. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2004	02-0300	87334	\$242.08
Property	Brown, Steve	\$53.65	Release the value of a mobile home and the N. Whiteville Fire fee. Mr. Brown never owned this home. Title never issued. Release of user fee approved.	2000	01-0956	83542	\$169.05
Property	Brown, Steve	\$17.32	Release the value of a mobile home, the N. Whiteville Fire fee (25.00), the Columbus Rescue fee (.59) and the W3 Dist. (3.23). Mr. Brown never owned mobile home. Title never issued. Release of user fee approved.	2004	01-0956	87525	\$231.06
Property	Brown, Steve	\$22.89	Release the value of a mobile home, the N. Whiteville Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.53). Mr. Brown never owned the mobile home. Title never issued. Release of user	2003	01-0956	31378	\$225.28
Property	Brown, Steve	\$20.63	Release the value of a mobile home, the N. Whiteville Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue (.51). Mr. Brown never owned the mobile home. Title never issued. Release of user fee	2001	01-0956	83604	\$210.32
Property	Brown, Steve	\$19.81	Release the value of a mobile home and the N. Whiteville Fire fee. Mr. Brown never owned this home. Title never issued. Release of user fee approved.	1999	01-0956	2677	\$132.65
Property	Brown, Steve	\$6.95	Release the value of a mobile home and the North Whiteville Fire fee. Mr. Brown never owned this mobile home. Title was never issued. Release of user fee approved.	1998	01-0956	41155	\$132.65
Property	Brown, Steve	\$6.95	Release the value of a mobile home and the North Whiteville fire fee. Mr. Brown never owned this home. Title never issued. Release of user fee approved.	1997	01-0956	37039	\$132.65
Property	Brown, Steve	\$6.95	Release the value of a mobile home and the North				

			Whiteville Fire fee. Mr. Brown never owned this home. No title issued.				
Property	Brown, Steve	\$7.80	\$1,000.00	1996	01-0956	39111	\$32.80
			Release the value of a mobile home, the N.				
			Whiteville Fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.52). Mr. Brown never owned the mobile home. Title never issued. Release of user				
Property	Buck, Fred	\$20.28	\$2,600.00	2002	01-0956	61141	\$224.88
			Release the value of a mobile home and the				
			Columbus rescue fee. The home was moved out of the county in 2002. Release of user fee				
Property	Buck, Fred	\$89.39	\$11,460.0	2003	07-0084	31605	\$277.85
			Release the value of a mobile home and the				
			Columbus Rescue fee. The home was moved out of the county in 2002. Release of user fee				
Property		\$84.16	\$10,790.0	2004	07-0084	87751	\$271.95
	Faith In Action Ministeries						
			Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. The property is tax exempt.				
Property		\$236.34	\$30,300.0	2004	06-0333	94472	\$242.40
	Faith In Action Ministeries						
			Release the property value and the Columbus				
			Rescue fee. The property is tax exempt.				
Property	Faulk Ernest	\$236.34	\$30,300.0	2003	06-0333	38249	\$242.40
			Release the property value and the Columbus				
			Rescue fee. The house burned in 1997. Release of user fee approved.				
Property	Faulk, Ernest	\$12.48	\$1,600.00	2002	13-1266	68020	\$99.80
			Release the property value and the Columbus				
			Rescue fee. The house burned in 1997. Release of user fee approved.				
Property	Faulk, Ernest	\$12.48	\$1,600.00	2004	13-1266	94589	\$99.80
			Release the property value and the Columbus				
			Rescue fee. House burned in 1997. Release of user fee approved.				
Property	Jacobs, Samuel B. II	\$12.48	\$1,600.00	2003	13-1266	38358	\$99.80
			Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire fee				
			(1.05) and the Whiteville Rescue (.30). The boat was junked years ago.				
Property	Jenkins, Climnal	\$11.72	\$1,503.00	2004	01-3409	3129	\$14.38
			Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro				
			Gordo Fire (16.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.20). The home is double listed in the name of Verneva Martin. Release of user fee approved.				
Property	Jenkins, Climnal	\$124.80	\$16,000.0	2003	16-0912	47072	\$321.00
			Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro				
			Gordo Fire (16.00), the Columbus Rescue fee (3.20) and W2 Dist. (24.00). The home is double listed in the name of Verneva Martin. Release of				
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$124.80	\$16,000.0	2004	16-0912	3289	\$345.00
			Release the value of poker machines and the				
			Whiteville Rescue fee. Machines removed by the				
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$374.01	\$47,950.0	2004	01-4766	3457	\$421.96
			Release the equipment value and the Columbus Rescue fee, that is double listed with the Whiteville account. (01-47663).				
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2002	13-2148	76776	\$26.40
			Release the equipment value and the Columbus				
			Rescue fee, that is double listed with the Whiteville account. (01-47663)				

Property	Jim III Amusements	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2003	13-2148	47248	\$26.40
							Release the equipment value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed with the Whiteville account. (01-47663)
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2004	13-2148	3459	\$26.40
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$3.90	\$500.00	2002	10-0958	76775	\$4.40
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2003	10-0958	47247	\$26.40
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$23.40	\$3,000.00	2004	10-0958	3457	\$26.40
							Release the value of poker machines and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$374.01	\$47,950.0	2003	01-4766	47245	\$421.96
							Release the value of poker machines for the town of Cerro Gordo. Machines removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$1.30	\$650.00	2004	16-0933	28661	\$1.43
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$20.48	\$2,625.00	2004	06-2096	3458	\$23.11
							Release the value of poker machines and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$374.01	\$47,950.0	2002	01-4766	76773	\$421.96
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines removed by the
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$20.48	\$2,625.00	2002	06-2096	76774	\$23.11
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines removed by the
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$109.51	\$14,040.0	2004	15-2083	3461	\$123.55
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$106.73	\$13,683.0	2002	01-4766	76772	\$115.93
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines removed by the
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$109.51	\$14,040.0	2002	15-2083	76777	\$123.55
							Release the value of poker machines for the town of Cerro Gordo. Machines were removed by the
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$1.30	\$650.00	2003	16-0933	75072	\$1.43
							Release the value a poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines removed by the
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$5.07	\$650.00	2004	16-0933	3462	\$5.72
							Release the value of poker machine, and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines removed by the
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$5.07	\$650.00	2003	16-0933	47250	\$5.72
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were

							removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$179.40	\$23,000.0	2004	01-4766	3456	\$202.40
							Release the value of poker machines, and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines were removed by FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$179.40	\$23,000.0	2003	01-4766	47244	\$202.40
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. The machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Jim III Amusements	\$20.48	\$2,625.00	2003	06-2096	47246	\$23.11
							Release the value of poker machines and the Columbus Rescue fee. Machines were removed by the FBI.
Property	Johnson, Constance	\$109.51	\$14,040.0	2003	15-2083	47249	\$123.55
							Release the value of a boat, the Klondyke Fire fee (5.15) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.47), and the W2 Dist. (11.03). The boat was sold in 2003.
Property	Meares, Catrinia	\$57.33	\$7,350.00	2004	13-0192	3526	\$81.38
							Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee, that is double listed in the name of Margie Williams. Release of user fee approved.
Property	Meares, Catrinia	\$153.19	\$19,640.0	2003	10-0010	52607	\$244.12
							Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Margie Williams. Release of user fee
Property	Meares, Catrinia	\$179.09	\$22,960.0	2001	10-0010	81654	\$301.82
							Release the value of a mobile home and the the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Margie Williams. Release of user fee
Property	Mise, Virgie	\$165.28	\$21,190.0	2002	10-0010	81653	\$290.42
							Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of
Property	Mullins, Philip	\$15.60	\$2,000.00	2004	13-2792	9540	\$16.00
							Release the value of a mobile home that was traded for a new home and listed. Release of user fee approved.
Property	Mullins, Philip	\$31.17	\$4,329.00	2000	11-1815	4789	\$159.29
							Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee that was traded for a new home and listed. Release of user fee approved.
Property	Mullins, Philip	\$33.68	\$4,318.00	2001	11-1815	5422	\$202.99
							Release the value of a mobile home the Hallsboro Fire fee (2.50) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.83). The home was traded for a new home and listed. Release of user fee approved.
Property	Mullins, Philip	\$32.45	\$4,160.00	2002	11-1815	83358	\$216.36
							Release the value of a mobile home, the Hallsboro Fire fee (2.38) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.79). The home was traded for a new one and listed. Release of user fee approved.
Property	Mullins, Philip	\$30.94	\$3,967.00	2003	11-1815	53967	\$214.52
							Release the value of a mobile home, the Hallsboro Fire (2.29) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.76). The home was traded for a new one and listed. Release of user fee approved.
Property	Mullins, Philip	\$29.76	\$3,815.00	2004	11-1815	10231	\$213.09

Property	Perritte, Sandy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (3.07) and the Columbus Rescue (1.02). The home is double listed in the same name in a different township. Release of user fee approved.	\$39.95	\$5,122.00	2003	09-0432	55976	\$225.44
Property	Perritte, Sandy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire fee (2.96) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.78). The home was traded for a new one and listed. Release of user fee approved.	\$38.43	\$4,927.00	2004	09-0432	12260	\$223.62
Property	Rogers, James C.	Release the property value the Yam City Fire fee (5.50) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.10). The property is double listed in the name of Dennis	\$42.90	\$5,500.00	2004	06-3148	15172	\$49.95
Property	Stone, James	Release the value of a double wide home, the Cerro Gordo fire (42.80) the Columbus Rescue fee (8.56) and W2 Dist. (64.20). The home is double listed in the name of Samuel D. Watts. Release of user fee approved.	\$333.84	\$42,800.0	2004	12-0461	20351	\$626.40
Property	Tatum, Raymond	Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Thetus Holcomb. Release of user fee approved.	\$44.78	\$6,220.00	2000	14-1655	15112	\$174.26
Property	Tatum, Raymond	Release the value of a mobile home, the N. Whiteville fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.21). The home is double listed in the name of Thetus Holcomb. Release of user fee approved.	\$47.17	\$6,048.00	2002	14-1655	94160	\$255.22
Property	Tatum, Raymond	Release the value of a mobile home, the N. Whiteville fire fee (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.30). The home is double listed in the name of Thetus Holcomb. Release of user fee	\$50.70	\$6,500.00	2003	14-1655	64892	\$259.20
Property	Tatum, Raymond	Release the value of a mobile home, the N. Whiteville Fire fee (25.00), the Columbus Rescue fee (1.14) and the W3 Dist. (6.25). The home is double listed in the name of Thetus Holcomb. Release of user fee approved.	\$44.34	\$5,685.00	2004	14-1655	21237	\$258.28
Property	Tatum, Raymond	Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of Thetus Holcomb. Release of user fee approved.	\$48.68	\$6,241.00	2001	14-1655	16027	\$219.92
Property	Tatum, Raymond	Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Thetus Holcomb. Release of user fee approved.	\$45.73	\$6,580.00	1999	14-1655	33437	\$150.30
Property	Williams, Dwayne D.	Release the value of a single wide home, the Roseland Fire fee (2.27) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.76). The home was traded for a double wide and listed in the name of Lisa Williams. Release of user fee approved.	\$29.56	\$3,790.00	2004	06-4308	25638	\$212.85
Special	Gore, Michael	Release a portion of the Acme Delco fire fee that was overcharged in error	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-1586	97907	\$3.53
Special	Hazel, Ervin T.	Release a portion of the Hallsboro Fire fee that was						

						overcharged in error.	
Special	Singletary, Elmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	11-1266	456	\$1.30
						Release a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee that	
						was overcharge in error.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Marcus (Etal)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	03-2190	17384	\$0.24
						Release the user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Marcus (Etal)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	01-0361	28106	\$87.00
						Release user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Marcus (Etal)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2000	01-0361	80438	\$65.00
						Release user fee on vacant house. Approved by	
						Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Marcus (Etal)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2001	01-0361	84318	\$75.00
						Release user fee on vacant house. Approved by	
						Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Sylvester (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	01-0361	57892	\$87.00
						Release user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Sylvester (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	01-0246	28147	\$87.00
						Release user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste	
User Fee	Baldwin, Sylvester (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	01-0246	57931	\$87.00
						Release user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Sylvester (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2001	01-0246	80470	\$75.00
						Release user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Sylvester (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	1998	01-0246	38272	\$120.00
						Release the user fee on house that is vacant.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Baldwin, Sylvester (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2000	01-0246	80478	\$65.00
						Release user fee. Trash can has been picked up.	
						Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Brown, Cecil	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-0226	85257	\$177.00
						Release user fee that is double listed in the same	
						name with a different account number. Approved	
						by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Brown, Cecil	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	04-0154	30936	\$177.00
						Release user fee that is double listed in the same	
						name with a different account number. Approved	
						by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Buck, Anthony	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	04-0154	87075	\$177.00
						Release user fee. There is no trash can at this	
						location. Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Caines, Edgar D.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0081	87743	\$177.00
						Release user fee. Customer using a commercial	
						hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Caines, Edgar D. Jr.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	13-0213	88714	\$177.00
						Release two user fees. Customer using a	
						commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.	
User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	13-0634	88712	\$354.00
						Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved	
						by Solid Waste.	

User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	1997	13-0670	38266	\$100.00	Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	1998	13-0670	42426	\$100.00	Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	1999	13-0670	3973	\$100.00	Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2000	13-0670	84867	\$125.00	Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2001	13-0670	84963	\$165.00	Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Campbell, Ruby L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	13-0670	62522	\$177.00	Release user fee. This is a vacant lot. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Canady, Suzanne	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	13-0670	32796	\$177.00	Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Canady, Suzanne	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	03-0495	32894	\$177.00	Release user fee. There is no trash can at this location. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Duncan, John (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	03-0495	89067	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is being remodeled. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Duncan, John (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	09-0708	36972	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is being remodeled. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Easter, Marsha	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	09-0708	93180	\$177.00	Release user one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Fairfax, Regina B.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-1274	93407	\$177.00	Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Faulk, Richard	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	02-0450	94439	\$177.00	Release user fee. House is unlivable, has no electricity and no trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Freeman, Clifford	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0082	94697	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is unlivable, has no electricity and no trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gasque, Charles	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-1462	95951	\$176.80	Release user fee on mobile home that does not have a trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gasque, Charles	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	07-0038	40430	\$177.00	Release user fee. There is no trash can at mobile home. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	George, Titus	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0038	96650	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is unlivable, has no electricity and no trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gordon, Earl R.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	16-0502	96894	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.


User Fee	Gore, Michael	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	13-1548	97446	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Graham, Dorothy	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-1586	97907	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Hickman, Diane	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	05-0248	98253	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is unlivable.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Hickman, Diane	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	06-1871	44674	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is unlivable.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Inman, William	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	06-1871	882	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant, has no
							electricity and no trash can. Approved by Solid
User Fee	Lennon, Isadora	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	12-1292	2666	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant and has
							no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	McKeithan, Sadie (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	14-0884	5597	\$165.86
							Release user fee on house that is vacant and has
							no trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Mercer, Larry G.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	03-1588	8033	\$177.00
							Release two (2) of four (4) user fees. Customer
							only has two trash cans. Approved by Solid
User Fee	Milligan, Patrick	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	09-2058	9137	\$354.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Noble, W.B.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	06-2604	36821	\$177.00
							Release the user fee on a mobile home that is
							vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Norris, Jettie	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	13-2930	10913	\$177.00
							Release user fee. Trash can has been removed.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Norris, Monty	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	06-2786	11299	\$177.00
							Release one of two user fees. One house is
							unlivable and has no power. Approved by Solid
User Fee	Pridgen, Archie	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	16-1204	11639	\$177.00
							Release user fee. There is no trash can at this
							location. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Pridgen, Archie	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	15-3073	57271	\$177.00
							Release user fee. There is no trash can at this
							location. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Soles, Elton	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-3073	13533	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Soles, Elton	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	01-8714	62283	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Squires, James	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-8714	18625	\$177.00
							Release user fee on mobile home that was
							destroyed by fire. Trash can has been picked up.
							Approved by Solid Waste.
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-3531	19438	\$177.00

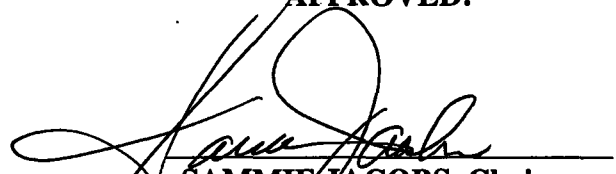
User Fee	Stackhouse, Maurice	Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 01-8818 63151	\$177.00
User Fee	Stackhouse, Maurice	Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 01-8818 19469	\$177.00
User Fee	Strickland, Edwin	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 16-0183 20512	\$177.00
User Fee	Webb, Emmer	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 08-2042 24805	\$177.00

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:


 JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board


 SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman