

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 16, 2005****6:15 P.M.**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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**

6:15 P.M.**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Approval of the revisions to the Six (6) Mile Fire District Maps. The following districts will be affected: Acme-Delco-Riegelwood, Bolton, Brunswick, Chadbourn, Evergreen, Hallsboro, Klondyke, Lake Waccamaw, Nakina, North Whiteville, Old Dock, Roseland, St. James, White Marsh/Welches Creek and Williams Township. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public, either oral or written, regarding this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:15 P.M., Chairman Jacobs opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public, either oral or written, regarding this matter. Chairman Jacobs requested Ronnie Hayes, Emergency Services Director, to explain. Mr. Hayes stated the following:

1. I found some discrepancies in the six (6) mile districts and contacted the State Office, but not the five (5) mile districts;
2. I requested that the State Office come down and check these districts out;
3. Some of the districts gained more houses;
4. Some of the districts lost some houses;
5. The mistake was made on the measuring of the districts; **and**
6. This will be inclusive of the substation in the Pireway area as part of the Nakina Fire Department.

There were no comments, either written or oral, from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:19 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

6:30 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION:****Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER and INVOCATION:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order. 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: PLANNING BOARD - PRESENTATION of DRAFT SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS:

Mayor J.B. Evans, Chairman of the Columbus County Planning Board, requested the Board's

acceptance of the recommendation by the Columbus County Planning Board for the Draft Subdivision Regulations to be taken under advisement. Mayor Evans stated the following:

1. I have been serving as the Chairman of the Columbus County Planning Board;
2. We have been working on this document for the past two (2) years; **and**
3. It is now time to allow Tom King, Community Development Planner, North Carolina Department of Commerce, to present some information to the Board.

Presentation of Proposed Subdivision Regulations by Tom King:

1. How did we get here?
 - 2002-Columbus County/NC Department of Commerce 21st Century Communities Initiative (Lack of planning identified as major issue)
 - January 2003 - DCA Receipt of Administration Request for Assistance
 - July-September 2003 - Preparation of Draft Document
 - September- November 2003 - Meetings with County and NCDOT Staff (Identification of Consistency/Conflicts with County/State Policies/Regulations)
 - November 2003 - 1st Draft Delivered to Planning Board for Review
 - January 2004 - January 2005 - Draft Reviewed /Revised by Planning Board
 - February-March 2005 - Informational Work Sessions Scheduled with Board of Commissioner members
 - April 2005 - Planning Board Recommendation for Commissioner Action
2. Why regulate the subdivision of land?
 - Creation/Preservation of Adequate Land Records
 - Growth Control
 - Ensure Adequate Improvements Provided
 - Ensure Property Lot Sizes/Arrangements
 - Coordination of New Development with Existing Development (e.g., Street Connectivity)
 - Protection for Lot Purchaser
 - Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Lands
 - Reservation of Sites for Public Use (Schools, Parks)
3. What is a subdivision in North Carolina as defined by NCGS §153A-335?
 - Division of a Tract/Parcel of Land into two (2) or more Lots, Building Sites, or other Divisions for Sale or Building Development (Whether Immediate or Future)
 - and including -
 - All Divisions of Land Involving the Dedication of a New Street or Change in Existing Streets
4. What types of divisions are not considered subdivisions in North Carolina per N.C.G.S. §153A-335?
 - Combination/Recombination of Previously Subdivided and Recorded Lots Where: 1) Total numbers of lots not increased; and 2) Resultant lots meet/exceed standards of Subdivision Regulations
 - Division of land into tracts greater than ten (10) acres in size where no street right-of-way dedication is involved
 - Public Acquisition by Purchase of Strips of Land for Widening/Opening of Streets or Public Transportation System Corridors
 - Division of two (2) Acre Tract into three (3) Lots Where: 1) Tract is in single Ownership; 2) No Street Right-of-Way Dedication Involved; and 3) Resultant Lots Meet/Exceed Standards of Subdivision Regulations
5. Other divisions generally considered exempt from subdivision regulation:
 - Division of Property Among Heirs for Purpose of Settling an Estate (Division by Will)
 - Division of Land into Cemetery Grave sites
 - Easement Surveys
 - Court Ordered Surveys (in Most Cases)
 - Boundary/Physical Surveys of Existing Parcels
6. Subdivision Regulations Do Not
 - Regular the Use of Land (i.e., Zoning)

- Regulate the Creation of Manufactured Home Parks, Campgrounds, Apartment Complexes, or Other Group Developments That Do Not Involve the Actual Subdivision of Land
- 7 What do the Proposed Subdivision Regulations Cover?
- Article 1 - General Provisions
 - Article 2 - Legal Status Provisions
 - Article 3 - Application and Approval Procedures
 - Article 4 - Required Minimum Design Standards
 - Article 5 - Definitions and Rules of Interpretation
- 8 Classes or Subdivision Proposed:
- Minor Subdivision - two (2) step process: 1) Staff Review; and 2) Appeal to Planning Board
 - Major Subdivision - four (4) step process: 1) Staff Review; 2) Planning Board Review; 3) Appeal to Planning Board; and 4) Appeal to Superior Court
- 9 Minor Subdivision:
- Division where lots front on existing public road that does not: 1) create more than four (4) lots, including residual acreage, in any five (5) year period; 2) Dedicate/Improve new street; and 3) Extend water and/or sewer lines
- 10 Major Subdivision:
- Any subdivision not classified as minor subdivision that does: 1) Create five (5) or more lots, and/or
 - Require: 1) A new street; 2) Extension of water and/or sewer lines; and 3) Creation of public improvements
- 11 Who does what under the proposed regulations?
- Staff:
- Daily Administration/Enforcement; Staff to Planning Board
 Minor Subdivision Sketch Plan/Final Plat Review
 Major Subdivision Final Plat Review
 Report Preparation
 Liaison With Other Agencies and Board of Commissioners
 Provision of Notices Regarding Meetings/Hearings
- Planning Board:
- Hear/Decide Appeals from Decision of Subdivision Administrator
 Hears/Decide Deviations from Regulation Standards
 Recommend Action on Amendments to Regulations
 Review of Major Subdivision Sketch Plans and Preliminary Plats
- Board of County Commissioners:
- Legislative Functions Only - 1) Initial Ordinance Adoption; and 2) Hear/Decide Applications for Amendments to Regulations
- Columbus County Superior Court:
- Review/Decide on Decisions of Planning Board or Board of County Commissioners
- 12 Where do we go from here?
- Board of Commissioners' Next Steps:
 - Review Recommended Draft of Proposed Regulations
 - Consider Adoption of Proposed Regulations
 - May refer to Planning Board for additional review and public comment, and/or
 - Advertise and hold public hearing
 - Action taken to adopt, decline, or table for future decision (may refer to Planning Board for additional review and public comment)

Several questions were asked relative to the restrictions the Proposed Subdivision

Regulations would place on the landowners which Mr. King was not prepared to answer.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to take the Proposed Subdivision Regulations under consideration as per the Columbus County Planning Board's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion for the Proposed Subdivision Regulations to be marked as Draft Number One (1), Subject to Changes, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The two (2) introduced motions so carried.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion of carried.

- A. April 20, 2005 Budget Workshop Minutes;
- B. May 02, 2005 Regular Session Board Minutes;
- C. May 02, 2005 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting; **and**
- D. May 02, 2005 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #5: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL OF THE REVISED SIX (6) MILE DISTRICT MAPS:

Ronnie Hayes, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of the Revised Six (6) Mile District Maps, as presented at the May 02, 2005 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting. A Public Hearing was conducted at 6:15 P.M. on this date previous to the Regular Session.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the revised Six (6) Mile District Maps, as presented at the May 02, 2005 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #6: FIRE and RESCUE ASSOCIATION - APPROVE and ADOPT RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for HOUSE BILL 251 for FIRE and RESCUE MEMBERS:

Edwin Ezzell, President of the Fire and Rescue Association, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support.

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT
for HOUSE BILL 251 for FIRE and RESCUE MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, fire and rescue members are valuable resources for counties, cities and towns to have; **and**

WHEREAS, these emergency workers lay their lives on the line for the benefit and safety of our citizens, and must be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week; **and**

WHEREAS, the fire and rescue workers provide a sound feeling of safety and protection to the citizens of their said areas in exchange for no fee, or at the most, a minimal fee; **and**

WHEREAS, these valuable workers make a huge sacrifice many times by having to be away from their loved ones and family for extended periods of time when a crisis occurs, and even lose their lives in certain critical situations; **and**

WHEREAS, good quality and dedicated fire and rescue members are difficult to find and keep on board; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed House Bill Number: 251 would provide a much-needed incentive to recruit quality fire and rescue personnel to come on board; **and**

WHEREAS, the said bill could serve as a small exchange for the time and sacrifice the fire and rescue members make in their course of delivering the much-needed services to our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners strongly support House Bill Number: 251 that would provide a tax deduction for the

fire and rescue members.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of May, 2005.

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

ATTESTED BY:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Mr. Ezzell stated this bill would give a three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars tax credit to each rescue personnel, annually, and this could provide a good incentive for individuals to participate.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for House Bill 251 for Fire and Rescue Members, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #7: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL of ANNUAL PLAN:

Per Ms. Melinda Lane's request, Commissioner Memory made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #8: HEALTH - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of the NATIONAL NURSES MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Ms. Kim Smith, Health Department Director, requested approval and adoption of the following Proclamation.

NATIONAL NURSES MONTH PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** The nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nations' largest health care profession; **and**
- Whereas,** The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of setting; **and**
- Whereas,** The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart anew course for a health nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative health care; **and**
- Whereas,** A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nations' registered nursing resources; **and**
- Whereas,** Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; **and**
- Whereas,** The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; **and**
- Whereas,** That more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; **and**
- Whereas,** The cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever mor important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; **and**
- Whereas,** Along with the American Nurses Association, the Columbus County Commissioners have declared the Month of May 2005 as **NATIONAL NURSES MONTH** with the theme "Nurses: Many Roles, One Profession" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system, therefore be it
- Resolved,** That We, The Columbus County Commissioners, ask that all residents of this community join us in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us, and be it further
- Resolved,** That the residents of Columbus County celebrate nursing accomplishments and efforts ti improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year.
- Adopted,** This the 16th day of May, 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 and adopt the National Nurses Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #9: RECREATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Carol Worrell, Columbus County Parks and Recreation Director, delivered the following Departmental Update:

2004-2005 YEARLY UPDATE FOR RECREATION

PROGRAMS:

1. Hosted the State Dixie Youth Tournament in Tabor City; 18 teams with approximately 270 participants.
2. Hosted District Softball Tournament in Riegelwood; 12 teams, approximately 180 participants.
3. Youth soccer – 400 participants
4. Youth basketball – 7 sites – 400 participants
5. Volleyball camp – 35 participants
6. Tackle football in Tabor City – 50 participants
7. Bowling for Handicapped – 120 participants
8. ARC picnic for handicapped – 350 participants, cooked 700 hot dogs and served
9. Christmas dinner for handicapped – served 125 participants
10. Easter Egg hunts in 16 sites, combining 3 sites this year to correspond with the park opening at Riegelwood; 1300 participants
11. Sponsored Families First Golf Tournament approx. 85 participants
12. Karate class in Riegelwood – 35 participants
13. March of Dimes Walk -- raised \$19,000 in Columbus County, over 200 walkers.
14. Halloween Safe Night for Kids; candy and prizes for over 600 kids
15. Provided equipment for Rotary Run
16. Fire Ant Festival with over 1500 attending
17. Provide facilities for Dixie Youth, Dixie Boys, Pre-majors, Coaches Pitch, T-Ball and Dixie Softball in Tabor City and Riegelwood. Tabor City averages 38 games per week, including school ball; Riegelwood, 18 games. ** A new Coaches Pitch field was added at one corner of the football field in Tabor City with a backstop and dug outs donated by Williams Township School and Williams Dixie Youth, and lights were also donated for night play that will cut the schedule by 2 weeks by having this additional field. County Maintenance staff wired lights saving money.

Approximate number of participants in County sponsored programs, not including ball teams, averages 5200.

MAINTENANCE:

- Maintenance staff tills 21 ball fields in 10 different locations all over the county.
- Mowing is done in 17 regular sites, including the airport that is a 3 man all day job, but **does not** include the Riegelwood Community Center and Library, or the Tabor City Complex and Lake Tabor. Total average acreage for mowing is 225 acres.
- General maintenance and repair to bleachers and playground equipment in all parks
- Recreation staff performs maintenance on vehicles and mowers by changing oil, sharpening blades, and any small repair.

BLEACHER PROGRAM:

Moved bleachers to the following festivals:

- Yam
- Pine Tree
- Pecan/Harvest

Strawberry
 Fire Ant
 Pow Wow
 Indian Heritage Day
 Tabor City Christmas Parade
 Whiteville Christmas Parade
 Southeastern Community College Graduation
 Relay for Life
 Cycle in the City

Assisted other county departments by installing fence at Sheriff's Dept; Convenience Centers; Well sites, and Farmer's Market
 Worked one day installing Road Signs.

Riegelwood Center

Built a new playground and renovated old equipment for Riegelwood; enlarged parking area and graveled the parking lot; added catch basins. Dedicated one Dixie Youth field as the Dillon Jacobs Memorial Field, and the press box as the T.W. Croom Press Box.

Agenda Item #10: CLOSING of LADY THOMPSON ROAD - ESTABLISH DATE for PUBLIC HEARING:

Benton H. Walton, III, on behalf of the Caines Family, is requesting the Board to establish a Public Hearing date for the closing of Lady Thompson Road by adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at its regular meeting held on May 16, 2005, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County that Lady Thompson Road, located in Chadbourn Township, is not serving any useful purpose; **and**

WHEREAS, Lady Thompson Road measuring 60 feet by 1000 feet and being the area that extends from the Tommy Wooten Road through lands owned primarily by Charles Caines and Edward Caines, and said road comes to a dead end at the fence installed by the State Highway Commission on the right-of-way of new US 74/76; **and**

WHEREAS, Charles Caines and Edward Caines and their attorney, Benton H. Walton, III, have requested that Lady Thompson Road be closed; **and**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, acting pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, hereby declares its intent to close Lady Thompson Road, located in Chadbourn Township, mentioned above, and a public hearing on the question of closing this road is hereby called.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that a public hearing be and it is hereby set for June 20, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., in the Columbus County Commissioners Board Room, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC, and that public notice of said hearing be published in the News Reporter once a week for three (3) successive weeks, which publication shall be June 2, June 9, June 16, 2005, so that all parties having any interest or affected by the proposed closing of Lady Thompson Road in Chadbourn Township may be present and heard.

Unanimously adopted, this the 16th day of May, 2005.

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

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

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the above listed Resolution which establishes June 20, 2005, at 6:00 P.M. as the Public Hearing date and time for the closing of Lady Thompson Road, seconded by Vice Chairman Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #11: APPOINTMENT - BRUNSWICK ZONING, PLANNING BOARD and BOARD of ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to reappoint Caletta Faulk, Extra-territorial Member, to the Brunswick Zoning, Planning Board and Board of Adjustments, for a one (1) year term, with term expiring May 17, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #12: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Amendments to the May 02, 2005 Tax Refunds and Releases:

Release the value of an out building in the name of W. Nelson Applewhite the year is 2003 instead of 2002..

Release the property value in the name of Larry Hickman. The account should be 01-39725 instead of 01-39715. This is for the year 2001 only.

Release the property value in the name of Larry Hickman for the year 2000, the total amount to release should be \$18.77 instead of \$18.67.

Release the value of a church in the name of New Zion Missionary, the amount to release should be \$2,996.32 instead of \$2,296.32. This make the total release \$3,590.48 instead of \$2,890.48.

Release the value of a bot in the name of Andy H. Suggs. There should be a late list fee in the amount of \$.61. Also the W-2 District should be \$1.15 instead of \$6.16. This is in the reason section.

Release the property value in the name of Margie Williams for the year 2003. There should be a \$31.42 late list fee. This make the total \$188.54. Also for the year 2002 for Margie Williams there is a late list fee in the amount of \$50.83 making the total \$220.38. For the year 2001 there is a late list fee in the amount of \$73.47 making the total release \$257.15.

Refund the value of a mobile home in the name of William C. Barnhill for the year 2002. The account number is 12-00860 instead of 2002. Also for the year 2004 for Mr. Barnhill the district fee should be \$33.50 instead of \$33.01.

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

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

Agenda Item #13: COMMENTS:

Chairman Jacobs opened the floor for anyone who has any comments they would like to make. The following people spoke.

A. Public:

Robert Adams (private citizen): there are two (2) matters which I would like to address tonight, as follows:

1. I understand there is a county employee who is in need of bypass surgery and has been informed that the Columbus County insurance does not cover this procedure, but if Columbus County would make a minor adjustment to their policy, this procedure could be covered for a minimal charge. I would like for this matter to be checked into for details.

Response: Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Manager, stated that upon checking into this matter from an earlier request that was made by Larry Moore, this added benefit would be a sizeable cost to Columbus County to provide.

2. **Boards and/or Committees:** I have been serving on a Board within Columbus County and have been doing some research into other Boards and Committees. I have discovered that the members who are presently serving on the Boards and/or Committees within Columbus County do not perform their duties, and some of the members are uneducated, the policies and procedures that govern these Boards and/or Committees are not known by some of the members. After the Budget process has been completed, I would like for a review to be done on the Boards and/or Committees within Columbus County.

B Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Godwin:** there are three (3) issues I would like to address, as follows:
 - A. **House Bill #1062 - 1% Land Transfer Fee (LTF-tax):** this bill has been introduced to add Orange/Chatham Counties. Presently, our General Assembly allows this option in seven (7) counties. I would like for a letter to be sent to our Legislative Delegates to ask them to add Columbus County to this bill.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to send a letter to our Legislative Delegates to ask them to add Columbus County to House Bill #1062 - 1% Land Transfer Fee (LTD-tax), seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

- B. **Senate Bill Number 913, and House Bill Number 1288 - Legislation to Clean Up North Carolina's Abandoned Mobile Homes:** this bill will impose a fee on new mobile homes that are purchased to be used to dispose of old and abandoned mobile homes. I would like for a letter to be sent to our Legislative Delegates in support of this bill.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion for a Letter of Support to be sent to our Legislative Delegates for Senate Bill #913, and House Bill #1288 - Legislation to Clean Up North Carolina's Abandoned Mobile Homes, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

- C. **Letter of Thanks to Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Dewey L. Hill for their help in obtaining funds for the extension of Government Complex Road:** From the correspondence that has been received, the funds for the extension of Government Complex Road have been obtained by Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Dewey L. Hill. I would like for the Board to publicly thank Senator Soles and Representative Hill by sending them a Letter of Thanks.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion for a Letter of Thanks to be sent to Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Dewey L. Hill for their assistance in obtaining the funding for the extension of Government Complex Road, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

2. **Commissioner Memory:** I received a letter of thanks from an elderly lady for the public bus service that Columbus County provides which I will read to the Board, but the lady has requested to remain anonymous. I will forward this letter to Charles Patton, Columbus County Transportation Director. ✱

3. **Chairman Sammie Jacobs:** as you can see from the information Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, has handed out, the tax collection percentage has increased to .9424%. I would like to thank Mr. Gore for all his hard work and let him know we appreciate all that he does for Columbus County.

4. **Amon McKenzie:** I would like to share with the Board the following information:

- A. Ed Worley, Aging Director, provided assistance to an elderly lady in my community a few years ago;
- B. Recently, Mr. Worley received the second complaint regarding the same lady from her neighbors and was able to accommodate her needs;

- C. This lady passed away two (2) nights ago;
- D. The services our Aging Department provides should be commended; **and**
- E. We should all thank Ed Worley for all his hard work in providing for the senior citizens in Columbus County.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(6):

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (6), seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:59 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

TAX REFUNDS and RELEASES (see Agenda Item #12.B.):

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 16, 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	Graham, Woodrow		Refund user fee that is double listed in the name of Woodrow D. Graham. Approved by Solid Waste.	2002	13-1596	7191	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	135 Westside Rd. Chadbourn, NC 28431						
Refunds	Graham, Woodrow		Refund user fee that is double listed in the name of Woodrow D. Graham. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	13-1596	4229	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	1356 Westside Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431						
Refunds	Graham, Woodrow		Refund user fee that is double listed in the name of Woodrow D. Graham. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	13-1596	9850	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	135 Westside Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431						
Refunds	Huggins, Ricky W.		Refund user fee on house that is vacant with no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	2002	01-4464	7559	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	738 Garland Duncan Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431						
Refunds	Huggins, Ricky W.		Refund user fee on house that is vacant with no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	01-4464	4604	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	738 Garland Duncan Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431						
Refunds	Powell, Joseph		Refund user fee on house that is vacant and used for storage. Approved by Solid Waste. Make check payable to Levi Powell.	2003	12-2218	5681	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	P.O. Box 59001 Washington DC 20012						
Refunds	Ray, Judy L.		Refund user fee on house that is vacant and used for storage. Approved by Solid Waste.	2002	09-2720	8722	\$177.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				
	1301 Butler Town Rd. Clarendon NC 28432						

Refunds Ray, Judy L. Refund user fee on house that is vacant and used
for storage. Approved by Solid Waste.
\$0.00 \$0.00 2004 09-2720 1419 \$177.00
1301 Butler Town Rd.
Clarendon NC 28432

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 16, 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	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax and the Columbus				
		\$229.32	Rescue fee. Property is still in the land use	2002	12-0140	83021	\$235.20
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax and the Columbus				
		\$229.32	Rescue fee. Property is still in the land use	2003	12-0140	83020	\$235.20
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax and the Columbus				
		\$229.32	Rescue fee. Property is still in the land use	2001	12-0140	83022	\$235.20
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax. Property still in the land				
		\$211.68	use program.	2000	12-0140	83023	\$211.68
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax and the Columbus				
		\$134.16	Rescue fee. Property still in the land use program.	2003	12-0140	83025	\$137.60
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax and the Columbus				
		\$134.16	Rescue fee. Property still in the land use program.	2002	12-0140	83026	\$137.60
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax and the Columbus				
		\$134.16	Rescue fee. Property still in the land use program.	2001	12-0140	83027	\$137.60
Property	Benton, Ralph		Release the deferred tax. Property still in the land				
		\$123.84	use program.	2000	12-0140	83028	\$123.84
Property	Duncan, Robert		Release the value of a single wide home, the				
		\$52.42	Williams Fire (4.03) and the Columbus Rescue	2002	01-2109	66722	\$240.57
			(1.34). The home was traded for a double wide and				
			listed. Approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Duncan, Robert		Release the value of a single wide home, the				
		\$50.61	Williams Fire (3.89) and the Columbus Rescue	2003	01-2109	37029	\$238.38
			(1.30). The home was traded for a double wide and				
			listed. Approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Duncan, Robert		Release the value of a single wide home, the				
		\$50.26	Williams Fire (3.87) and the Columbus Rescue fee	2004	01-2109	93237	\$237.96
			(1.29). The home was traded for a double wide and				
			listed. Approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Duncan, Robert E.		Release the value of a single wide home and the				
		\$55.69	Columbus Rescue fee. The home was traded for a	2001	01-2109	89093	\$227.83
			double wide and listed. Approved by Solid Waste.				

Property	Evans, Sarah	Release the value of a home, the Hallsboro Fire fee (23.52) and the Columbus Rescue (7.84). The home was destroyed by FEMA. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$305.76	\$42,900.0	2003	11-0866	38075	\$514.12
Property	Evans, Sarah	Release the value of a home, the Hallsboro Fire (23.52) and the Columbus Rescue (7.84). The home was destroyed by FEMA. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$305.76	\$42,900.0	2004	11-0866	94302	\$514.12
Property	Evans, Sarah	Release the value of a home, the Hallsboro Fire (23.52) and the Columbus Rescue (7.84). Home was destroyed by FEMA in 1999. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$305.76	\$42,900.0	2002	11-0866	67755	\$514.12
Property	Marx, Lucy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Welches Creeks Fire (22.77) and the Whiteville Rescue (5.69). The home was never set up and was given back to Paul Page.	\$221.99	\$28,460.0	2001	14-0304	2568	\$257.28
Property	Marx, Lucy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Welches Creek fee (22.40) and the Whiteville Rescue (5.60). The home was never set up and returned to Paul Page.	\$218.40	\$28,000.0	2002	14-0304	80510	\$252.82
Property	Marx, Lucy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Welches Creek fee (22.02) and the Whiteville Rescue (5.50). The home was never set up and turned back in to Paul Page. Release approved.	\$214.67	\$27,522.0	2004	14-0304	7331	\$602.19
Property	Marx, Lucy	Release the value of a mobile home, the Welches Creek fee (22.02) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (5.51). The home was never set up and turn back in to Paul Page. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$214.73	\$27,530.0	2003	14-0304	51064	\$602.27
Property	Mini Sandwich Shop	Release the property value, the Buckhead Fire (12.72) and the Columbus Rescue (4.24). The property is double listed in the name of Cardie Bell Moore. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$165.36	\$21,200.0	2003	04-0583	53259	\$359.32
Property	Mini Sandwich Shop	Release the property value, the Buckhead Fire (12.72) and the Columbus Rescue (4.24). Property is double listed in the name of Cardie Bell Moore. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$165.36	\$21,200.0	2004	04-0583	9508	\$359.32
Property	Mini Sandwich Shop	Release the property value, the Buckhead Fire fee (7.20) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.40). The property is double listed in the name of Cardie Bell Moore. Release of user fee approved.	\$93.60	\$12,000.0	2002	04-0583	82655	\$280.20
Property	Palmer, Harvey	Release the value of a double wide, the Columbus Rescue fee (10.42) and the W2 Dist. (78.15). The home was repossessed in 2003. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$406.38	\$52,100.0	2004	12-0441	11804	\$671.95
Property	Perry, Doris	Release the value of a double wide, the Evergreen Fire (50.00) and the Columbus Rescue (10.80). The home was repossessed in 2002. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$421.20	\$54,000.0	2003	12-0312	55983	\$659.00
Property	Perry, Doris	Release the value of a double wide, the Evergreen						

				fire (50.00) and the Columbus Rescue (10.80). The home was repossessed in 2002. Approved by Solid			
Property	Pittman, Helen	\$421.20	\$54,000.0	2004 12-0312 12266	\$659.00		
				Release the value of a old house and the Whiteville			
				Rescue fee. The house has been torn down and replaced with a new one. Approved by Solid			
Property	Ray, Judy	\$261.30	\$33,500.0	2004 01-7046 12657	\$355.00		
				Release user fee on house that is vacant, and			
				used for storage. Approved by Solid Waste.			
Property	Singletary, Richard	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 09-2720 57916	\$177.00		
				Release the property value, the Williams Fire (3.26)			
				and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.09). The property is double listed in the name of Chris Cartrette.			
Property	Singletary, Richard	\$12.35	\$5,430.00	2004 01-0141 17487	\$21.37		
				Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock			
				fee (4.37) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.09). The home is double listed in the name of Larry Godwin. Approved by Solid Waste.			
Property	Singletary, Richard	\$42.62	\$5,464.00	2003 03-2197 61129	\$229.89		
				Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock			
				fee (4.24) and the Columbus Rescue (1.06). The home is double listed in the name of Larry Godwin. Approved by Solid Wast.			
Property	Singletary, Richard	\$42.35	\$5,306.00	2004 03-2197 17486	\$229.32		
				Release the property value, the Williams Fire (3.32)			
				and the Columbbus Rescue (1.11). The property is double listed in the name of Chris Cartrette.			
Property	Smith, George	\$43.10	\$5,525.00	2003 01-0141 61130	\$52.28		
				Release property that is double listed in the name			
				of George L. Smith. Approved by Solid Waste.			
Property	Smith, George	\$276.61	\$39,800.0	1999 14-0502 30400	\$376.61		
				Release the property value and the Columbus			
				Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of George L. Smith. Approved by Solid			
Property	Smith, George	\$310.44	\$39,800.0	2001 14-0502 12861	\$483.40		
				Release the property value and the Columbus			
				Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of George L. Smith. Approved by Solid			
Property	Smith, George	\$310.44	\$39,800.0	2002 14-0502 90919	\$495.40		
				Release the property value and the Columbus			
				Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of George L. Smith. Approved by Solid			
Property	Smith, George	\$310.44	\$39,800.0	2003 14-0502 61628	\$495.40		
				Release the property value and the Columbus			
				Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of George L. Smith. Approved by Solid			
Property	Smith, George L.	\$310.44	\$39,800.0	2004 140-050 17966	\$495.40		
				Release the property value that is double listed in			
				the name of George L. Smith. Approved by Solid			
Property	Smith, George L.	\$286.56	\$39,800.0	2000 14-0502 11985	\$411.56		
				Release the value of a double wide, and the			
				Roseland Fire fee. The home was repossessed in 1999. Approved by Solid Waste.			
Property	Smith, George L.	\$303.02	\$43,600.0	1999 09-0121 30409	\$429.18		
				Release the value of a double wide and the			
				Roseland Fire fee. The home was repossessed in 1999. Approved by Solid Waste.			
				2000 09-0121 11996	\$465.08		
		\$313.92	\$43,600.0				

Property	Smith, George L.	Release the value of a double wide, the Roseland Fire fee (26.16) and the Columbus Rescue fee (8.72). The home was repossessed in 1999. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$340.08	\$43,600.0	2001	09-0121	12874	\$539.96
Property	Smith, George L.	Release the value of a double wide, the Roseland fee (26.16) and the Columbus Rescue (8.72). The home was repossessed in 1999. Approved by Solid	\$340.08	\$43,600.0	2002	09-0121	90934	\$551.96
Property	Smith, George L.	Release the value of a double wide, the Roseland Fee (26.16) and the Columbus Rescue (8.72). The home was repossessed in 1999. Approved by Solid	\$340.08	\$43,600.0	2003	09-0121	61644	\$551.96
Property	Smith, George L.	Release the value of a double wide, the Roseland fee (26.16) and the Columbus Rescue (8.72). The home was repossessed in 1999. Approved by Solid	\$340.08	\$43,600.0	2004	09-0121	17981	\$551.96
User Fee	Corbett, James	Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Stacey Corbett. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	09-0411	91054	\$177.00
User Fee	Davis, Jacqueline	Release user fee on vacant land. Release approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-0485	92159	\$177.00
User Fee	Dixon, Donna	Release user fee that is double listed in the name of David Jones. Release approved.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	14-0438	92710	\$177.00
User Fee	Fairfax, Alton	Release user fee. No trash can here. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-0215	94427	\$177.00
User Fee	Fisher, Henry	Release user fee. No trash can here. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	13-1304	94996	\$177.00
User Fee	Fowler, Ralph	Release user fee. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Approved.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	03-0806	95781	\$177.00
User Fee	Hinson, Craig	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	16-0864	45165	\$177.00
User Fee	Hinson, Craig	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	16-0864	1375	\$138.03
User Fee	Hinson, Craig	Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	16-0864	45169	\$177.00
User Fee	Hinson, Craig	Release one of two user fee. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	16-0864	1379	\$177.00
User Fee	Huggins, Ricky	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Unlivable and has no power. Approved by Solid	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-4464	2272	\$177.00
User Fee	Jacobs, Alvin	Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	08-0970	2906	\$177.00
User Fee	Malpass, Ashford	Release user fee. Trash can has been picked up. Approved by Solid Waste.						

		\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-2534	6912	\$177.00
User Fee	McPherson, Hugh	Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Approved by Solid					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	05-0428	8595	\$59.00
User Fee	Patterson, Corey	Release user fee that is double listed in the name of MJM Realty Holding Inc. Approved by Solid					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	01-0065	55772	\$11.50
User Fee	Ward, Burmey	Release user fee on house that burned in 2002. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	02-0094	23632	\$177.00
User Fee	Ward, Burmey	Release user fee on house that burned in 2002. Approved by Solid Waste.					
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	02-0094	67304	\$177.00

Agenda Item #15: RECESS MEETING:

At 9:00 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess this meeting until May 17, 2005, at 4:30 P.M., seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.
