

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**April 17, 2006****6:30 P.M.**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Jimmy Varner, **Interim County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Roxanne Coleman, **Finance Officer**

6:30 P.M.**PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application:**

the purpose of this Public hearing is to inform the public on the proposed application and what the application entails. Oral or written comments are welcomed.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Godwin opened the Public Hearing, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive any comments, written or oral, on the Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application, and requested Charles Patton, Transportation Director, to state what this application entailed. Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. This is a grant we receive annually;
2. It is made up of three (3) parts, which are:
 - A. Elderly and Disabled Transportation, with heavy emphasis on dialysis;
 - B. Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation (small portion); **and**
 - C. Rural General Public; **and**
3. This is a one hundred (100%) percent grant, and requires no matching funds.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

6:33 P.M.:**REGULAR SESSION:****Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED to ORDER and INVOCATION:**

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman Godwin called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Reverend William E. Roy, Pastor at Old Zion Wesleyan Church. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Agenda Item #3: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER PROCLAMATION:

Reverend William E. Roy, Pastor at Old Zion Wesleyan Church, requested Board approval and adoption of the following National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2006

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on a firm and faithful bedrock, by men who turned to their God for guidance through prayer, and prayerful reverence has since sustained our society and guided our government; **and**

WHEREAS, in 1775, the Continental Congress designated a *National Day of Prayer*, an action reaffirmed in 1952, when the United States Congress designated the first Thursday in May as an annual *National Day of Prayer*; **and**

WHEREAS, in these trying times, when the world is so unsettled and when so many brave citizens of Columbus County, and the United States, are far from home, making great sacrifices for those abroad, and for those here at home, prayer becomes all the more meaningful and important; **and**

WHEREAS, *National Day of Prayer* is an opportunity for Americans, of all faiths, to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, at a time in our nations's history, when the power of prayer is needed more than ever, it is appropriate that we publicly demonstrate our faith in the power of divine intercession; **and**

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in the County of Columbus, when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our county, state and nation; **and**

WHEREAS, this year marks the 55th annual *National Day of Prayer* with this year's theme, "*America, Honor God*".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **May 4, 2006**, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in our county, and urge all citizens to observe this day by joining members of all faiths and creeds, all over our nation, in seeking divine guidance for ourselves, our leaders, and our country, and to reaffirm the fact that we are truly one nation, indivisible, under God.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of April, 2006.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/S/ **KIPLING GODWIN, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the National Day of Prayer Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the April 03, 2006 Regular Session Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #5: ROADS - CONDITION of DEER LANE ROAD:

Mike Chappell, private citizen, presented the following information to the Board, on behalf of Luther Williams, private citizen, regarding the condition of Deer Lane Road:

1. I moved to the neighborhood five (5) years ago;
2. The owner of the development, Henry Hughes, has passed away;
3. Mr. Hughes maintained the roads before his death, and now it belongs to his daughter, and the roads have not been maintained since his death;
4. On behalf of all the residents, we would like to know if the County can do anything about this road by possibly working the road up or perhaps hauling gravel in;
5. If the County cannot do anything, we would like to know where to go get the help we need; **and**
6. There are eighteen (18) houses on this road and it is one (1) mile in length, and it is off of Wright Road.

Discussion was conducted regarding similar situations in the County relative to other areas with the same problems.

Jim Varner, Interim County Manager, stated the following:

1. The residents will need to sign a North Carolina Department of Transportation petition;
2. Send the petition to the Department of Transportation; **and**
3. The Department of Transportation will consider factors such as postal service, number of houses, school buses traveling on road, etc. in making their determination.

Chairman Godwin informed Mr. Chappell to follow the directions that have been stated relative to the petition, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation would be contacted to see if anything could be done about the upkeep of the said road.

Agenda Item #6: BEAVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Vice Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr. delivered the following update to the Board on the Beaver Management Committee:

1. All of the members of the committee have been appointed; **and**
2. A meeting has been set for April 18, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

Agenda Item #7: AGING - PRICE INCREASE for NUTRITION FOOD and HOME DELIVERED MEALS:

Ed Worley, Department of Aging Director, requested Board approval of the price increase for the Nutrition Food and Home Delivered Meals, by Bateman Senior Meals. The price will increase from two and 98/100 (\$2.98) dollars, to three and 07/100 (\$3.07) dollars, per meal, due the rising costs of fuel. Mr. Worley stated the following:

1. This contract is a three (3) contract, with an annual review;
2. The price increase is a nine (\$.09) cents increase per meal; **and**
3. This price will be effective from July 01, 2006 until June 30, 2007, and then the contract will be up for renewal.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the price increase for the Nutrition Food and Home Delivered Meals, by Baterman Senior Meals, from two and 98/100 (\$2.98) dollars, to three and 07/100 (\$3.07) dollars, per meal, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #8: TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of SUB-ALLOCATION of FUNDS and SIGNATURE for CERTIFIED STATEMENT for ROAP:

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the sub-allocation of funds and signature for the following Certified Statement, FY 2006-2007, Rural Operating Assistance Program.

State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

**APPENDIX A
CERTIFIED STATEMENT
FY 2006 - 2007
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Whereas Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation as the agency responsible for administering all federal and/or state programs related to public transportation, and grant the department authority to do all things required in applicable federal and/or state legislation to properly administer the public transportation programs within the State of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, G.S. 136-44.27 established the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program;

WHEREAS, funds will be used for transportation related expenditures as specified in the FY 2006 - 2007 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application;

WHEREAS, information regarding use of the funds will be provided at such time and in such a manner as the department may require;

WHEREAS, ROAP funds will be used to provide eligible services during the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007;

WHEREAS, any interest earned on ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application; and

WHEREAS, the County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.

This is to certify that the undersigned is duly elected, qualified and acting chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of COLUMBUS North Carolina, and that the following statements are true and accurate:

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program

1. The funds received from G.S. 136-44.27 will be used to provide additional transportation services for the elderly and disabled, exceeding the quantity of trips provided prior to receipt of the funds.
2. The funds will not be used to supplant or replace existing federal, state or local funds designated to provide elderly and disabled transportation services in the county.
3. The funds received will be used in a manner consistent with the local Transportation Development Plan (TDP) or Community Transportation Services Plan (CTSP) and application approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Board of Commissioners.

Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance Program

1. The purpose of these transportation funds is to support transitional transportation needs of Work First participants after eligibility for cash assistance has concluded and/other specified general public employment transportation needs. The funds may be transferred to the Elderly and disabled Transportation Assistance Program or the Rural General Public Program if not needed for Work First Transportation.
2. The funds are limited to use by the designated local entity(s) specified in the ROAP application, or any revisions or amendments thereto.

Rural General Public Program

1. The funds will be used in a manner consistent with the Rural General Public Transportation Project Description.
2. The funds will not be used to provide human service agency's trips.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 17th day of April, 2006.

ATTEST:

/s/ Charles E. Patton, Certifying Official

/s/ Kipling Godwin, Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners

State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

/s/ Jim Varner, Interim County Manager

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the sub-allocation of funds and signature for the Certified Statement for ROAP, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #9: LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. My first day of employment with the County of Columbus was August 29, 2005;
2. I have a great paralegal;

3. Our office does a wide variety of jobs
4. We have been working on tax foreclosures;
5. We review contracts and agreements as needed;
6. We draft and review existing ordinances;
7. We assists departments with writing grants;
8. Review new and existing contracts with Columbus County and outside agencies;
9. Do real estate closings for the Committee of 100; **and**
10. Provide basic research as needed.

Agenda Item #10: PURCHASING - PROPOSED PROCEDURE for DISPOSAL of SURPLUS PROPERTY VALUED at LESS THAN \$30,000:

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, requested Board approval of a policy for Proposed Surplus Property - Disposal of Property Valued at Less Than \$30,000.00. Mr. Carroll stated the following:

1. At the present time, we have no set guidelines established; **and**
2. This is to get something started as a guideline to follow.

Commissioner Prevatte stated he had a problem with, Item #3 a. Private Negotiation and sale; and, e. Exchange. This could exclude the taxpayers of Columbus County, and due to the fact the property was originally purchased with taxpayer's money, this would not be a good way of disposal.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to table the proposed Surplus Property - Disposal of Property Valued at Less Than \$30,000.00 policy until Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, made some revisions, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Jim Varner, Interim County Manager, requested Board approval to proceed with the advertisement of an auction for the surplus property to be held on May 12, 2006.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the advertisement of an auction for the surplus property to be held on May 12, 2006, at the Columbus County Fairgrounds, with a list of the items to be approved as surplus property, to be presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #11: APPOINTMENTS - COLUMBUS COUNTY MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Commissioner James E. Prevatte appointed John Youngerman, Post Office Box 1703, 200 Mrs. Tate Road, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 642-9751 (H), to the Columbus County Medicaid Advisory Committee. No term of office has been established.

Chairman Kipling Godwin appointed Al Daniel, Post Office Box 745, Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456-0745, Telephone: (910) 655-3106 (H), (910) 515-0986 (Cell), to the Columbus County Medicaid Advisory Committee. No term of office has been determined.

Agenda Item #12: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM - TAX REFUNDS and RELEASES:

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

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
April 17, 2006**

Refunds	Name: Hodge, Betty	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year 004 Account # 05-02224 Bill # 1658 Total		\$177.00
Refund user fee on vacant mobile home.			
PO Box 133	Brunswick	NC	28424

Refunds	Name: Hodge, Betty	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year 005 Account # 05-02224 Bill # 5594 Total		\$177.00
Refund user fee on mobile home that is vacant.			

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
April 17, 2006**

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Patrick Amount: \$113.15
Value: \$15,500.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-03534 Bill # 2705 Total \$141.83
Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (3.10) and the W2 fee (13.95). The boat is listed in Brunswick County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gary, James Amount: \$7.25
Value: \$930.00 Year: 2002 Account # 09-01121 Bill # 0016 Total \$8.80
Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (.56) and the Columbus Rescue (.19). The boat is in Newton, N.C.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gary, James Amount: \$7.22
Value: \$925.00 Year: 2003 Account # 09-01121 Bill # 0386 Total \$8.77
Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (.56) and the Columbus Rescue (.19). The boat is in Newton, N. C.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gary, James Amount: \$7.22
Value: \$925.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-01121 Bill # 6609 Total \$8.77
Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (.56) and the Columbus Rescue (.19). The boat is Newton, N.C.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gary, James Amount: \$6.75
Value: \$925.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-01121 Bill # 74 Total \$7.50
Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (.56) and the Columbus Rescue (.19). The boat is in Newton, N.C.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scotsdale Water & Sewer Amount: \$25.74
Value: \$3,300.00 Year: 2002 Account # 11-05043 Bill # 8978 Total \$28.38
Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire (1.98) and the Whiteville Rescue (.66). The property is double listed to Columbus County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scotsdale Water & Sewer Amount: \$25.74
Value: \$3,300.00 Year: 2003 Account # 11-05043 Bill # 9678 Total \$28.38
Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire (1.98) and the Whiteville Rescue (.66). The property is listed to Columbus County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scotsdale Water & Sewer Amount: \$25.74
Value: \$3,300.00 Year: 2004 Account # 11-05043 Bill # 6003 Total \$28.38
Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire (.48) and the Whiteville Rescue (.16). The property is listed to Columbus County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scotsdale Water & Sewer Amount: \$5.84
Value: \$800.00 Year: 2005 Account # 11-05043 Bill # 0117 Total \$6.48
Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire (.48) and the Columbus Rescue (.16). The property is double listed to Columbus County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shoestrings Automotive Amount: \$49.61
Value: \$6,360.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-82754 Bill # 0608 Total \$60.17
Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (3.82) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.27). The boat was sold prior to 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shoestrings Automotive Amount: \$44.89
Value: \$5,755.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-82754 Bill # 6958 Total \$54.44
Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (3.45) and the Columbus Rescue (1.15). The boat was sold prior to 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shoestrings Automotive Amount: \$53.82
Value: \$6,900.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-82754 Bill # 9906 Total \$65.27

Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (4.14) and the Columbus Rescue (.1.38). The boat was sold prior to 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shoestrings Automotive	Amount:	\$62.40
Value: \$8,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-82754 Bill # 1854	Total	\$70.40

Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold prior to 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shoestrings Automotive	Amount:	\$42.85
Value: \$5,870.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-82754 Bill # 1079	Total	\$47.54

Release the value of a boat, the Williams Fire (3.52) and the Columbus Rescue (1.17). The boat was sold prior to 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of White, James A.	Amount:	\$20.15
Value: \$2,760.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-28665 Bill # 9388	Total	\$232.25

Release the property value, the Evergreen Fire (30.00), Columbus Rescue (.55) and W2 (2.48). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of White, James A.	Amount:	\$5.31
Value: \$681.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-02201 Bill # 5192	Total	\$6.47

Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (.14) and W2 (1.02). The boat was stolen in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of White, James A.	Amount:	\$4.77
Value: \$654.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-02201 Bill # 9387	Total	\$5.98

Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee (.13) and W2 (.59). The boat was stolen in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Horace R.	Amount:	\$90.08
Value: \$12,340.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-01841 Bill # 0374	Total	\$305.66

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (2.47) and the W2 (11.11). The home is double listed in the name of William Britt.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brigman, Sarah	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-02400 Bill # 0518	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edmund, Charles	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-06693 Bill # 7301	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Kevin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 15-00537 Bill # 8376	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on house that is unlivable and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Kevin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-00537 Bill # 274	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on house that is unlivable and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Deborah	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-01811 Bill # 310	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Doris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-41321 Bill # 316	Total	\$354.00

Release two user fees on vacant houses. There is no electricity here or trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Larry D.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-11403 Bill # 410	Total	\$177.00

Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jackson, Donald	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-46581 Bill # 736	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Little, Billy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-24027 Bill # 995	Total	\$177.00
Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Memory, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 07-12030 Bill # 3067	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Memory, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-04231 Bill # 3049	Total	\$174.00
Release two user fees on vacant apartments. No trash cans here.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Memory, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 02-60985 Bill # 3050	Total	\$90.48
Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Memory, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-60985 Bill # 3054	Total	\$90.48
Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Memory, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-60985 Bill # 3055	Total	\$177.00
Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Nance, Dorothy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-19623 Bill # 4483	Total	\$354.00
Release user fees on houses that are unlivable.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Naron, Wanda	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-21260 Bill # 4640	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on a storage building. No trash can here.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Page, Paul	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-31720 Bill # 5825	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on mobile home that is using a commercial hauler.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Page, Paul	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-31720 Bill # 1741	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on mobile home that is using a commercial hauler.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Pierce, James E.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 11-19860 Bill # 6600	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Prince, Kevin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-24335 Bill # 7893	Total	\$354.00
Release two of three user fees. Customer only has one trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Residential Funding Corp.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-03650 Bill # 8722	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Riverside Missionary Baptist Ch.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 18-00166 Bill # 1260	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Trash can has been picked up.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Riverside Missionary Baptist Ch.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 18-00166 Bill # 7568	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee on trash can that has been picked up.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Riverside Missionary Baptist Ch.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 18-00166 Bill # 1744	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on trash can that has been picked up.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Sellers, Agnes	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2005 Account # 09-25440	Bill # 0276	Total \$177.00

Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Stephens, Frank	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2004 Account # 13-38000	Bill # 9903	Total \$177.00

Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Stephens, Frank	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2005 Account # 13-38000	Bill # 4057	Total \$177.00

Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Vaught, Roosevelt	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2004 Account # 16-16600	Bill # 2847	Total \$177.00

Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Vaught, Roosevelt	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2005 Account # 16-16600	Bill # 7031	Total \$177.00

Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Burmeyer	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2005 Account # 02-00940	Bill # 7822	Total \$177.00

Release user fee on house that burned. There is no trash can here.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Wilson, Doris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2005 Account # 04-01223	Bill # 0694	Total \$177.00

Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can.

Agenda Item #13: COMMENTS:

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

A. Public:

Jim Nance: stated the following:

1. I am having severe problems with excessively loud noise late at night where I live;
2. I have contacted the Sheriff's Department on many occasions and they have come out to the problem location, but have not corrected the situation; **and**
3. Columbus County desperately needs a Noise Ordinance that can be enforced and we need some people that are willing to enforce it.

Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, stated he had reviewed the Columbus County Noise Ordinance, he had obtained copies of other Noise Ordinances from surrounding counties, and the existing Columbus County Noise Ordinance needed to include decibels to be effective.

B. Department Heads:

1. **Stevie Cox:** There will be a joint meeting with the Columbus County Planning Board and the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 6:00 P.M., in the Economic Development Conference Room, to hold a workshop for the final review of the Subdivision Regulations Ordinance before the public meetings are scheduled.
2. **Ed Worley:** stated the following:
 - A. The Department of Aging desperately needs to be housed in a larger building;
 - B. The two (2) prospective locations we were looking at, did not materialize;
 - C. We do not have adequate space at the present location, and we have no room to grow; **and**
 - D. I appreciate the involvement of the County Commissioners in this process of locating a larger building, and I am asking that you continue to search.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A. We have a celebrity among us, and his name is Ed Worley;
 - B. Mr. Worley was awarded the Professional Award from the Elder House Group, Incorporated, out of Wilmington, North Carolina, last Thursday night; **and**
 - C. We appreciate all the hard work and help he does for the senior citizens in Columbus County.
2. **Vice Chairman Dutton:** for clarification, and to clear up some of the rumors that are floating around, Annie Ruth Buffkin did get in a wreck today, and she is okay.
3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I would like to invite everyone to the Relay for Life event at Southeastern Community College this Friday and Saturday.

D. Interim County Manager: Jim Varner stated the following:

- A. The County employee who received an award for the most outstanding program is Ms. Serena Sellers with the Department of Aging, and this award was for the Prescription Program for the elderly, where she saved the senior citizens \$1.7 million; **and**
- B. The County employees work hard and are good.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (2) Consideration of Award; (3) Attorney-Client Privilege; and (6) Personnel:

At 7:29 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (2) Consideration of Award; (3) Attorney-Client Privilege; and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:49 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion unanimously carried.

OTHER:**LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL- PROCESS for EMPLOYMENT of DSS ATTORNEY:**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve granting Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, the permission, and the authority, to seek temporary contract services, with an attorney, or attorneys, for the Columbus County Social Services Attorney, due to the resignation of Jim Caviness, to do the required legal work for the Columbus County Department of Social Services. Mr. Fowler will meet with Ms. Marva Scott, Social Services Director, and Kipling Godwin, Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, to discuss hiring a permanent employee for the said position, and when a permanent employee is hired, they will work directly under the purview of the Columbus County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr., and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #15: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:51 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED: