COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 21, 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:

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

Jimmy Varner, County Manager Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney June B. Hall, Clerk to Board Leo Hunt, Acting Finance Officer

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Changes to the Six (6) Mile Fire District Lines for the Acme Delco - Riegelwood Fire-Rescue District: the purpose is to receive written and/or oral comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Godwin called the Public Hearing to order, and stated this hearing would run concurrent with the Regular Session. The Chairman stated the purpose of this Public Hearing was to receive written and/or oral comments from the public on the proposed changes to the six (6) mile fire district lines for the Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue District. Chairman Godwin asked Ronnie Hayes, Emergency Services Director, if he had any comments. Mr. Hayes stated the following:

- 1. This includes the digitized unpaved roads;
- 2. It involves one (1) parcel of land owned by International Paper; and
- 3. This area is located in the southern portion of the district and involves Livingston Chapel Road.

Commissioner Jacobs stated there may be overlap of the Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire District and Buckhead Fire District. Fire Chief Steve Camlin and Ray Jacobs were in attendance and stated they had discussed this situation and discovered there was no overlap.

No comments, either written or oral were received from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:35 P.M., there being no further comments, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

6:35 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

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

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman Godwin called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Reverend Charles M. Hester from Riegelwood Baptist Church. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Vice Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

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

- A. July 17, 2006 Regular Session Minutes;
- B. July 26, 2006 Proposed Subdivision Regulations Ordinance Workshop / Joint Meeting; and
- C. August 01, 2006 Proposed Subdivision Regulations Ordinance Workshop / Joint Meeting.

Agenda Item #4: CHAF PROGRAM - TRANSFER of PROPERTY to JOHN ALAN HIGH:

Donald Lee High, CHAF recipient, is requesting the release of a portion of his interest in the CHAF property to his son, John Alan High.

Commissioner James E. Prevatte moved for the adoption of the following by the Board of County Commissioners:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Donald Lee High be allowed, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CHAF Program, to transfer to his son, John Alan High, a ninety-nine (99%) percent undivided interest, and retain a one (1%) percent undivided interest as tenants in common, of the ownership of his house tract, having a physical address of 6419 James B. White Highway North, Whiteville, North Carolina, and more particularly described by deed dated May 29, 1967, and recorded in Deed Book 247, at Page 71 in the Columbus County Registry. By retention of a legal interest in the ownership of said real estate and by continuing to reside in the home as his primary residence, the said Donald Lee High will continue to comply with the terms and requirements of the CHAF Program.

The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bill Memory and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #5: CDBG - SSH, (2005) Grant # 05-C-1358 - WITHDRAWAL of AWARD for UNIT 05-02 and RE-AWARD:

Tammy Jones, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval to withdraw the award to Howard Miller for Unit 05-02, and re-award this unit to Charles Merritt. Ms. Jones stated that Mr. Miller was only licensed in the State of South Carolina, and could not contract to do the said work in North Carolina.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the award for Unit 05-02 to Howard Miller, and re-award this unit to Charles Merritt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #6: <u>CDBG - CONCENTRATED NEEDS (2003), GRANT #03-C-1089</u> <u>CLOSEOUT- ESTABLISH DATE for PUBLIC HEARING:</u>

Tammy Jones, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested the Board to establish September 05, 2006, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the closeout of this grant.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to establish September 05, 2006, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the closeout of CDBG - Concentrated Needs (2003), Grant #03-C-1089, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #7: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL of UPDATED FIRE DISTRICT MAP for ACME DELCO-RIEGELWOOD FIRE and RESCUE DISTRICT:

Ronnie Hayes, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of the updated fire district map for Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue District. The required Public Hearing was conducted prior to this meeting.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the updated fire district map for Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue District, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried. The updated map will be on file in Minute Book Attachments, #2, as "Exhibit A".

Agenda Item #8: PARKS and RECREATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

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

- 1. Major projects for 2005-2006 included the following:
 - -Totally renovating and installing new play equipment for Old Dock;
 - -refurbishing and new site location for play area for Ransom;
 - -Installation of new fitness equipment/play area for Tabor City; and
 - -Fencing for Riegelwood and Mt. Olive.
- 2. Parks and Recreation covers areas all over the county;
- 3. Riegelwood Community Park is owned by the county and maintains a club house which is rented out at a nominal fee;
- 4. Recreation staff maintains the Library grounds and property beside the Barnhill residence;
- 5. Tabor City Complex 25 year lease with County School Board (lease ends in 2018);
- 6. Lake Tabor maintained by County staff, but owned by Town of Tabor City;
- 7. Civitan Park play area on 5th Street;
- 8. Old Dock Community Park obsolete equipment was removed and replaced with a new colorful nine event structure, old equipment was painted and relocated within the play area to meet standards for age groups; tot area was established with baby swings and spring animals, plastic borders and sand were installed to contain the area;
- 9. Bogue Park, Hallsboro building materials supplied to complete picnic shelter (\$2500);
- 10. Elra Gertrude Spaulding Park, Farmer's Union new road site signage installed at a cost of \$1,000;
- 11. Lake Waccamaw Area (Brinkley Park) installed 2,000' of 6' fencing purchased with grant money, mow and maintance previous area;
- 12. Council Field signage renaming ballfield for heirs donating land, renovation of existing ballfield with clay, installing drain tile over ditch to allow passage to create new parking area, replaced boards on bleachers, cost estimates: \$800;
- 13. Bella Coola Boat Landing twice yearly mark in driveway, mowing and debris removal on regular basis, contracted in 2004 with Wildlife Services for new boat ramp;
- 14. Bolton Park mowing and maintenance on regular basis, replaced 50' of fencing, play area completely renovated in 2003, 1 ballfield, basketball court and play area;
- 15. Buckhead mowing and general repairs to fencing and structures, replaced door to press box, dirt on ballfield, 1 lighted ballfield, play area, basketball court (cost: \$700);
- 16. Sandyfield mowing and general repairs;
- 17. Ransom Community relocated pay area and installed playground equipment, sand and borders to meet ADA regulations, dirt and clay for ballfields, 2 basketball courts, 1 lighted ballfield, play area, (approximate cost for playground (\$2,000);
- 18. Chadbourn Depot twice annually straw and landscaping around depot, moving and maintenance on a regular schedule, moved and re-installed 50' fencing (\$800);
- 19. Wilkes Street Park mowing and general upkeep around basketball court and play area;
- 20. Cerro Grodo Dixie Youth Field Recreation Department originally funded the development of this park with a lighted ballfield, press box, fencing and a practice field;
- 21. Fair Bluff Carver Moore School till and maintain softball field, mow on regular schedule, provide port-a-johns from May until September, replaced 70' fencing in outfield 2 loads dirt for ballfield;
- 22. Fair Bluff Progressive Women's Park renovated play area in 2003 by painting old equipment and sand for surfacing around equipment, provide equipment for after-school program;
- 23. Mable Bradley Park, Mt. Olive Community installed 5' fencing to form parking area away from playground, sand clay to ballfield, mow, till weed control on regular basis
- 24. Kramer Field originally installed fence to from soccer fields, mowing, weed control, and fire ant control done on a regular basis;
- 25. Columbus County Airport 3 staff members required to mow 5500' runway and 2 turn-arounds every 2-3 weeks;
- 26. Programs: Youth Basketball, Bowling, Fall Soccer, Volley Ball Camp, Golf Clinic, Tennis Lessons, Karate Classes in Riegelwood, Punt, Pass & Kick Competition-Tabor City Complex, Parent/Child Golf Tournament, Shag Classes, Families First Golf Tournament, NYSCA Training for Youth Coaches, ARC Picnic, Christmas Dinner for Handicapped, Halloween Safe Night for Kids, Candle Light Block Party, Easter Egg Hunts, Seasonal Coloring Contest, Rotary and Pecan Harvest Run, Drop-A-Ton Program, March of Dimes Walk, Bi-Annual Food Distribution Program Whiteville Optimist, Industrial Golf Tournament, and Bleacher Loan Program; and
- 27. Big Projects underway:
 - -Riegelwood Park expansion; and
 - -2008 Centennial Celebration (working on a Central Park for Columbus County which will be located around the Industrial Park area, and we need nine million dollars for this project.

Agenda Item #9: PLANNING - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Stevie Cox, Columbus County Planning Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

- 1. This update covers the period of August 2005 August 2006;
- 2. In 2005-2006, the Planning Department had a budget of \$64,486 with salaries comprising 66.6% of this budget;
- 3. In 2006-2007, I have received permission from the Board of County Commissioners to increase the budget to \$74,182.66;
- 4. The Departmental Fee Schedule was requested and approved to offset cost associated with the review and approval of development activities;
- 5. From August 2005 August 2006, Staff has reviewed and approved 60 cases;
- 6. In December 2005, Staff instituted a Technical Review Committee (TRC) with members from the following departments and agencies: Building Inspections, Environmental Health, Emergency Management Services, Public Utilities, Sheriff Department, District Soil Conservationist, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Columbus County School System;
- 7. TRC has reviewed twenty (20) cases during this period;
- 8. Staff has completed, or is in the process of working on eleven (11) ordinances for approval and adoption;
- 9. In 2005, the Planning Department received one (1) variance case;
- 10. In 2006, Staff has received eight (8) cases that have sought preliminary approval from the Planning Board and three (3) inquires about locating cell towers within the county;
- 11. Staff has provided overview, comments and approval on two (2) cases in 2005 and eight (8) cases in 2006;
- 12. In the past twelve (12) months, the Planning Board has held ten (10) meetings and three (3) workshops;
- 13. Staff has participated in ten (10) public hearings before the Board of Commissioners;
- 14. In 2005, Staff received over forty-five (45) inquires about planning, zoning and flood zone information;
- 15. Staff has received over one hundred thirty-five (135) inquires about planning, zoning and flood zone information;
- 16. In 2006, Planning Staff has provided technical assistance to Boardman, Bolton, Brunswick, Cerro Gordo, Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Lake Waccamaw, Tabor City and Whiteville in the preparation of their Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance;
- 17. With the adoption of the partial Department Fee Schedule, the Planning Department should generate about \$2,000 in Department review by the end of 2006;
- 18. It is our mission to place professionalism, customer service and integrity as our priority;
- 19. I wish to thank everyone who has helped me in this endeavor, and a special thanks to a solid Planning Board.

Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL of NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Chief Deputy Bill Ingram requested Board approval and adoption of the following North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program, Local Governmental Resolution, Form GHSP-06-A.

North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION Form GHSP-06-A

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Sheriff's Office (herein called the "Agency") has completed an application contract for traffic safety funding; and that County of Columbus (herein called the "Governing Body") has thoroughly considered the problem identified and has reviewed the project as described in the contract;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Columbus, in open meeting assembled in the City of Whiteville, North Carolina, this 21st day of August, 2006, as follows:

- 1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Governing Body and the general public; and
- 2. That Chief Deputy Bill Ingram is authorized to file, on behalf of the Governing Body, an

- application contract in the form prescribed by the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of twelve thousand and 00/100 (\$12,000.00) dollars to be made to the Governing Body to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the contract application; and
- 3. That the Governing Body has formally appropriated the cash contribution of \$ -0- as required by the project contract; and
- 4. That the Project Director designated in the application contract shall furnish or make arrangement for other appropriate person to furnish such information, data, documents and reports as required by the contract, if approved, or as may be required by the Governor's Highway Safety Program; and
- 5. That certified copies of resolution be included as part of the contract referenced above; and
- 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ORDERED in open meeting by: /s/ Kipling Godwin, Chairman

ATTESTED BY /s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

DATE: August 21, 2006

Chief Deputy Ingram stated this grant was to purchase a speed zoning trailer for school sites and other sites, where needed, to determine the trouble spots within the County, and this was a twelve thousand and 00/100 (\$12,000.00) dollars grant, with no matching funds.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program, Local Governmental Resolution, Form GHSP-06-A, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #11: FORESTRY SERVICE - APPROVAL of AGREEMENT for the PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT and IMPROVEMENT of FOREST LAND in COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Shane D. Hardee, District Forester, requested Board approval of the following Agreement for the Protection, Development and Improvement of Forest Land in Columbus County, North Carolina.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Department of Environment & Natural Resources

\$ 366,611.00 Total Cooperative Appropriation

State \$219,967.00

County \$146,644.00

AGREEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FOREST LAND IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS AGREEMENT, made under authority of "An act to authorize Counties to cooperate with State in Forest Protection, Reforestation and promotion of Forest Management," (Section 113-59 of the general Statutes of North Carolina - 1943), and also under authority of another Section of the General Statutes, namely Section 113-54, by the North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources (hereinafter Called the Department), party of the first part, and the Board of Commissioners of Columbus in the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the Board), party of the second part, witnesseth:

That WHEREAS the said Board, recognizing the need for active forest protection, development, reforestation, management and improvement in Columbus County, has accepted the offer of the Department for cooperation in accomplishing this object:

Now THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the said parties contract and agree to maintain a legally appointed and equipped Forest Ranger organization in said county at the joint cost of the State and County, insofar as the joint finds will permit, as follows:

I. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES:

- 1. To select, employ and appoint, after consultation with the Board, a County Forester or County Forest Ranger for the purposes of controlling forest fires in said County; for detecting and extinguishing fires that break out; for investigating the origin of forest, woodland and field fires; for enforcing State forest fire laws; for taking such preventative measures, educational and otherwise, as shall seem necessary to prevent forest fires; for developing and improving the forests through reforestation promotion and practice of Forest Management practices; and for protection from insects and diseases.
- 2. To furnish to each Forester or Forest Ranger so employed a badge of office, stationery and report forms, instructional posters for use in the County, leaflets for distributing to landowners and others; to purchase necessary equipment, communication systems, and other Forestry improvements deemed necessary insofar as the joint funds will permit.
- 3. To pay the Forester or Forest Ranger for all official services rendered, at a fair rate of pay. Rates of pay are to be established by the. Department in accord with existing State salary schedules.
- 4. To direct supervise, instruct, and inspect, through its agents, the work and conduct of the Forester or Forest Ranger, to discipline and, when necessary, discharge such Forester or Forest Ranger.
- 5. To submit to the Board of Commissioners monthly (or at other mutually satisfactory intervals) an itemized statement of all monies to be paid by the County and those paid by the Department for proper conduct of the work within said County.
- 6. To make available annually from State, Federal, and other funds allotted to it, the sum of two hundred nineteen thousand, nine hundred sixty-seven and 00/100 (\$219,967.00) dollars, as *its* share of an annual budget of \$366,611.00 for carrying the work in said County.

Part II. THE BOARD AGREES:

- 1. To pay to the Department 40% of the total cost of the Forester or Forest Ranger salaries and expenses and of other proper expenditures made in connection with the over-all Forestry program in said County, upon receipt and consequent approval of the periodic statements submitted by the Department.
- 2. To appropriate annually the sum of one hundred forty-six thousand, six-hundred forty-four dollars and 00/100 (\$146,644.00) dollars, which sum shall be available for expenditure under the terms of this Agreement, and shall represent the County's share of the annual budget.

Part III. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES:

- 1. That this Agreement becomes effective July 1, 2006.
- 2. That the annual appropriations as set forth above may be revised by mutual agreement between the Department and the Board, based on the amount of annual appropriation desirable for the proper conduct of the Forestry work, such revision to become effective at the beginning of a given Fiscal Year. Any unused balance of County funds remaining at the end of a Fiscal Year shall revert to said County unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- 3. That the Board reimburse the Department as provided in Part II, Item 1, by forwarding a county voucher drawn in favor of the Department for the amount of the County's share of expenditures as set forth in the Department's periodic statement to the Board. That such payments be made by the Board within thirty days following receipt of the Department's billing.
- 4. That title to all improvements and equipment purchased and/or constructed in connection wit this agreement will rest with the Department; such materials or their equivalent will remain in the County as long as this agreement is in effect, or as long as they are needed by the Department for the proper conduct of the work therein.
- 5. That the Forester or Forest Ranger periodically or at the request of the Board, shall present to the Board statements of the work being done within the County, so that said Board may

be fully informed at the times regarding the Forestry finances and activities within the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties do hereunto affix their names and seals upon the date herein below specified.

For the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Agreement for the Protection, Development and Improvement of Forest Land in Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #12: GOVERNING BODY - APPROVAL of LANDFILL GAS TASK FORCE:

Chairman Godwin requested Board approval of a Landfill Gas Task Force to be formed to explore the possible uses of methane gas at the closed Landfill, and stated the following:

- 1. On Thursday, July 27, 2006, a meeting was conducted to discuss the potential uses for the methane gas currently being vented from the closed Columbus County Landfill near New Hope;
- 2. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the assistance available from the Appalachian State University Energy Center in putting together a "business Plan" for the use of the gas;
- 3. The ASU staff requested the Columbus County Board of Commissioners appoint a Task Force to include the following: farmers, the landfill manager, County Manager's Office, agricultural Cooperative Extension, the community college, the local electric utility company, financial institutions, and other key community groups to begin the process of looking at options for the optimal use of the landfill gas for the Columbus County economy;
- 4. The work of the Task Force and assistance from the ASU Energy Center will be at no cost to the County; **and**
- 5. All plans will be subject to the final approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the formation of a Landfill Gas Task Force, with the membership as requested, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #13: RESOLUTION - NC 401-K CONTRIBUTION RESOLUTION:

Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

NC 401-K CONTRIBUTION RESOLUTION

- (a) **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an employer contribution to the North Carolina 401-K Plan for two (2%) percent of the gross salary for all eligible employees, to be effective July 01, 2006.
- (b) New eligible employees, after July 01, 2006, will also receive the North Carolina 401-K Plan contribution.

(c) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actions heretofore taken by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, and all things done by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, with respect to the aforementioned actions, are hereby ratified, confirmed, authorized, approved and accepted as acts of Columbus County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of Columbus County by order of the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of August, 2006.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS /s/ KIPLING GODWIN, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Mr. Varner stated this was a requirement of the agency who is handling the North Carolina 401-K Plan for Columbus County, and the percentage rate would be established each year.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the NC 401-K Contribution Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #14: PROCLAMATION - FALL LITTER SWEEP 2006 PROCLAMATION:

Leroy Sellers, Acting Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Fall Litter Sweep 2006 by the County of Columbus, A Proclamation.

FALL LITTER SWEEP 2006 by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus annually organizes an annul countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the fall 2006"LITTER SWEEP" roadside cleanup will take place September 16 - September 30, 2006 and we encourage local governments, 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 2006 Fall cleanup will celebrate the 18th 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 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 "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 **September 16 - September 30, 2006**, as "FALL 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 August, 2006.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS /s/ **KIPLING GODWIN, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Fall Litter Sweep 2006 by the County of Columbus, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #15: <u>VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION - NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE</u>:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the designation of a voting delegate for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to appoint Chairman Kipling Godwin as the Voting Delegate for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference, and Sammie Jacobs as an alternate, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENT - PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

Fair Bluff Mayor Spruell R. Britt, requested the replacement of Rodney Singletary, with J.B. Evans, with an alternate of Cliff White, as the representative for the Town of Fair Bluff.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to appoint J.B. Evans, with Cliff White, as an alternate, to serve on the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Commissioner Norris appointed Lou Ann Pickell, 2110 Swamp Fox Highway East, Tabor City, North Carolina 28433, Telephone: (910) 653-5828, to the Columbus County Library Board of Trustees, to replace Len Fowler, for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2010.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): August 21, 2006

 Refunds
 Name: Cartrette, Greer
 Amount:
 \$0.00

 Value:
 \$0.00
 Year 006
 Account # 09-03260
 Bill # 24187 Total
 \$193.00

Refund user fee. Trash can was picked up 9-23-05.

2956 Old Cribbtown Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431

Refunds Name: Freeman, Jason Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year 004 Account # Bill # Total \$147.50 Refund user fee prepayment. Customer never got trash can. Make check payable to Dellia B. Freeman.

1044 Buckhead Rd. Bolton NC 28423

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): August 21, 2006

Release the Property Value in the name of Atkins, Sylvia Amount: \$110.16 Value: \$14,400.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-01148 Bill # 8204 Total \$136.76 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the North Whiteville fire (5.00), a portion of the Whiteville Rescue (2.88) and a portion of the W3 (18.72). Customer was billed with incorrect acres.

Release the Property Value in the name of Beasley, Sharon Amount: \$46.27 Value: \$13,220.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-03430 Bill # 4666 Total \$46.27 Release the value of a single wide home for the town of Sandy Field. Customer was billed with single wide and double wide home. They own a double wide.

Release the Property Value in the name of Beasley, Sharon Amount: \$101.13 Value: \$13,220.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-03430 Bill # 9421 Total \$312.63 Release the value of a single wide home, the Acme Delco fire fee (15.86) and the Columbus Rescue (2.64). Customer was billed for a single wide and a double wide home. They own a double wide only.

Release th	ne Property	Value in the	ne name of Boyd, Mattie			Amount:	\$34.62
Value:	\$4,809.00	Year: 2000	Account # 06-02182	Bill#	2634	Total	\$103.08
Release th	ne value of a	mobile home	e that burned in 1999.				

Release the Property Value in the name of Boyd, Mattie Amount: \$36.86 Value: \$4,725.00 Year: 2001 Account # 06-02182 Bill # 2669 Total \$116.59 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home burned in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Boyd, Mattie Amount: \$34.73 Value: \$4,452.00 Year: 2002 Account # 06-02182 Bill # 0188 Total \$126.18 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home burned in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Boyd, Mattie Amount: \$28.84 Value: \$3,950.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-02182 Bill # 0271 Total \$119.59 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home burned in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Willie Amount: \$122.32 Value: \$15,990.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-05421 Bill # 2072 Total \$348.66 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fee (15.99) and the Columbus Rescue (3.20). The home is double listed in the name of Brenda Brown.

Release the Property Value in the name of Caines, James Amount: \$53.27 Value: \$6,830.00 Year: 2003 Account # 06-02418 Bill # 2580 Total \$244.62 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fee (6.83) and the Columbus Rescue (1.37). The home is double listed in the name of Daren P. Lacewell.

Release the Property Value in the name of Caines, James Amount: \$46.91 Value: \$6,426.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-02418 Bill # 2466 Total \$237.09 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fee (6.43) and the Columbus Rescue (1.29). The home is double listed in the name of Daren D. Lacewell.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cardwick, William Amount: \$17.83 Value: \$3,241.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-04043 Bill # 4676 Total \$19.61 Release the value of a boat for the Town of Brunswick. The boat is outside the town limits.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cardwick, William Amount: \$9.26 Value: \$1,780.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-04043 Bill # 0018 Total \$10.19 Release the value of a boat for the town of Brunswick. The boat is outside the town limits.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cardwick, William Amount: \$17.54 Value: \$3,189.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-04043 Bill # 8266 Total \$17.54 Release the value of a boat for the town of Burnswick. The boat is outside the town limits.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cardwick, William Amount: \$1.16 Value: \$3,335.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-04043 Bill # 154 Total \$1.16 Release the value of a boat for the Town of Brunswick. The boat is outside the town limits.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cardwick, William Amount: \$15.24 Value: \$2,931.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-04043 Bill # 2539 Total \$16.76 Release the value of a boat for the town of Brunswick. The boat is outside the town limits.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, W. A. Sr. Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-22100 Bill # 7090 Total \$1.76 Due to computer error the full amount of North Whiteville district fee was not released.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edmonds, Virginia Amount: \$496.87 Value: \$64,950.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-22780 Bill # 8194 Total \$748.33 Release the property value, the Brunswick fire (45.47) and the Whiteville Rescue (12.99). House and storage should be on property # 90256 (same name). The land is a cemetery.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edwards, Raymond Amount: \$62.05 Value: \$8,500.00 Year: 2005 Account # 10-03960 Bill # 7482 Total \$79.90 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cole Service fee (8.50), a portion of the Columbus Rescue (1.70) and a portion of the W2 (7.65). The double wide was billed with incorrect value.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Walter Amount: \$50.26 Value: \$6,570.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-04909 Bill # 0718 Total \$254.06 Release the value of a mobile home, the Buckhead fire fee (3.94) and the Columbus Rescue (1.31). The home is double listed in the same name on a different account.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fuller, Betty Amount: \$11.09 Value: \$1,450.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-04944 Bill # 1130 Total \$12.25 Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Williams fire (.87) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.29). The storage utility has been moved off the property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gedraytis, Edward Amount: \$34.27 Value: \$4,480.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-06533 Bill # 1558 Total \$38.69 Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, David Amount: \$98.69 Value: \$12,900.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-08990 Bill # 2465 Total \$110.30 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Brunswick fire (9.03) and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue (2.58). Customer billed with incorrect land breakdown.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammonds, Dale Amount: \$206.59 Value: \$28,300.00 Year: 2005 Account # 07-07803 Bill # 480 Total \$234.89 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Nakina fire (22.64) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (5.66). Customer billed with incorrect land breakdown.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hannon, William Amount: \$7.30 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-36744 Bill # 555 Total \$95.25 Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville rescue. The home is double listed in the name of John S. Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hedgepeth, Jimmy Amount: \$7.65 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-05644 Bill # 5530 Total \$8.64 Release the value of a boat and the Columbus rescue. The boat is listed in Bladen County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hudson, Monte Amount: \$153.00 Value: \$20,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-02668 Bill # 7225 Total \$171.00 Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Brunswick fire fee. Customer failed to receive senior citizen exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jone, Shane Amount: \$325.58 Value: \$44,600.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-16021 Bill # 061 Total \$538.26 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams fire (26.76) and the Columbus rescue (8.92) The home was repossessed in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Shane Amount: \$323.70 Value: \$41,500.00 Year: 2001 Account # 09-16021 Bill # 9540 Total \$521.90 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams fire (24.90) and the Columbus Rescue (8.30). The home was repossessed in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Shane Amount: \$323.70 Value: \$41,500.00 Year: 2002 Account # 09-16021 Bill # 7396 Total \$533.90 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams fire (24.90) and the Columbus rescue (8.30). The home was repossessed in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Shane Amount: \$323.70 Value: \$41,500.00 Year: 2003 Account # 09-16021 Bill # 7883 Total \$533.90 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams fire (24.90) and the Columbus rescue (8.30). The home

was repossessed in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Shane Amount: \$323.70 Value: \$41,500.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-16021 Bill # 115 Total \$533.90 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams fire (24.90) and the Columbus rescue (8.30). The home was repossessed in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jordan, R.N. Amount: \$284.58 Value: \$37,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-03380 Bill # 9288 Total \$533.38 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Columbus rescue (7.44) and a portion of the W3 (48.36). Customer was billed with two houses in error.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lazzara, Barbara Amount: \$248.25 Value: \$32,450.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-10940 Bill # 0367 Total \$254.74 Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus rescue. Customer failed to get full senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lee, Noah Amount: \$15.47 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-14620 Bill # 0504 Total \$208.47 Release the 2% not absorbed by computer. Release also the user fee. This house is vacant and has no trash can

Release the Property Value in the name of Lofland, Jennifer Amount: \$8.42 Value: \$1,100.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-02526 Bill # 1268 Total \$10.23 Release the value of a boat, the Williams fire (.66) and Columbus rescue (.22). The boat was sold out of county in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Longs Automotive & Small Engine Amount: \$40.36 Value: \$5,276.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-24347 Bill # 1718 Total \$50.78 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Columbus rescue (1.06) and a portion of the W2 (4.74). Part of the equipment has been disposed of.

Release the Property Value in the name of Murhpy, Norman Amount: \$286.16 Value: \$39,200.00 Year: 2005 Account # 14-05944 Bill # 4326 Total \$471.00 Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Murphy, Norman Amount: \$323.70 Value: \$41,500.00 Year: 2003 Account # 14-05944 Bill # 4037 Total \$509.00 Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Murphy, Norman Amount: \$299.88 Value: \$39,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-05944 Bill # 5588 Total \$500.72 Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Murphy, Norman Amount: \$323.70 Value: \$41,500.00 Year: 2004 Account # 14-05944 Bill # 0302 Total \$509.00 Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus rescue. The home was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Perritte, Jimmy Amount: \$7.65 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-05139 Bill # 7653 Total \$8.85 Release the value of a boat, the Yam City fee (1.00) anad the Columbus Rescue fee (.20). The boat was sold in 2005 out of county. (Horry)

Release the Property Value in the name of Ratley, Charles Amount: \$123.79 Value: \$15,870.00 Year: 2002 Account # 13-02421 Bill # 7137 Total \$226.66 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed prior to 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ratley, Charles Amount: \$115.28 Value: \$14,780.00 Year: 2003 Account # 13-02421 Bill # 7828 Total \$205.24 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed prior to 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ratley, Charles Amount: \$107.87 Value: \$13,830.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-02421 Bill # 4107 Total \$208.70 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed prior to 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ratley, Charles Amount: \$94.46 Value: \$12,940.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-02421 Bill # 8213 Total \$184.05 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus rescue fee. The home was repossessed prior to 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ratley, Charles Amount: \$129.38 Value: \$17,970.00 Year: 2000 Account # 13-02421 Bill # 390 Total \$207.32 Release the value of a mobile home that was sold prior to 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ratley, Charles Amount: \$134.00 \$17,180.00 Year: 2001 Account # 13-02421 Bill # 125 Total \$226.18 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home was repossessed prior to 2000. Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Joyce Amount: \$223.86 Value: \$28,700.00 Year: 2003 Account # 06-30710 Bill # 7914 Total \$420.18 Release the value of a home and the Williams fire. The home burned in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Joyce Amount: \$223.86 Value: \$28,700.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-30710 Bill # 4194 Total \$420.18 Release the value of a home and the Williams fire. The home burned in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Joyce Amount: \$261.34 Value: \$35,800.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-30710 Bill # 8300 Total \$481.30 Release the value of a house, the Yam City fire (35.80) and the Columbus Rescue (7.16). The house burned in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Roberts, Hilda Amount: \$76.19 Value: \$9,960.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-03435 Bill # 0374 Total \$287.77 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock fire fee (7.97) and the Columbus Rescue (1.99). The home is double listed in the name of The News Reporter.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$46.80 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 0797 Total \$52.20 Release the property value, the Klondyke fire fee (4.20) and the Columbus Rescue (1.20). The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$70.08 Value: \$9,600.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 9994 Total \$87.36 Release the property value, the Klondyke fire (6.72) the Columbus rescue (1.92) and W2 (8.64). The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$46.80 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 5880 Total \$61.20 Release the property value, the Klondyke fire (4.20) the Columbus rescue (1.20) and W2 (9.00). The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$46.80 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 8851 Total \$52.20 Release the property value, the Klondyke fire fee (4.20) and the Columbus Rescue (1.20). The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$43.20 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 971 Total \$47.40 Release the property value and the Klondyke fire fee. The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$41.70 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 8417 Total \$45.90 Release the property value and the Klondyke fire fee. The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$41.70 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 1998 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 6035 Total \$45.90 Release the property value and the Klondyke fire fee. The property is double listed in the name of Sandra

& Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$41.70 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 1997 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 0875 Total \$45.90 Release the property value and the Klondyke fire. The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$28.08 Value: \$3,600.00 Year: 1996 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 2610 Total \$30.60 Release the property value and the Klondyke fire fee. The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess..

Release the Property Value in the name of Saulter, Sam Amount: \$46.80 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 13-35240 Bill # 9555 Total \$52.20 Release the property value, the Klondyke fire fee (4.20) and the Columbus rescue (1.20). The property is double listed in the name of Sandra & Robert Burgess.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Jim Amount: \$41.70 Value: \$5,712.00 Year: 2005 Account # 07-02021 Bill # 2223 Total \$225.55 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fire (5.71) and the Columbus Rescue (1.14). The home burned in 2004.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Jim Amount: \$29.42 Value: \$3,864.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-02021 Bill # 3513 Total \$227.04 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fire (3.85) and the Columbus Rescue (.77). The home burned in 2004.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Scarlet Amount: \$14.73 Value: \$1,926.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-22661 Bill # 3814 Total \$18.33 Release the value of a boat, the Old Dock fire fee (1.54) and the Columbus Rescue (.39). The boat is double listed in the name of Emery H. Smith.

Release the Property Value in the name of Spivey, Berkley Amount: \$422.28 Value: \$55,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-02416 Bill # 4644 Total \$488.52 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Yam City fee (55.20) and the Columbus Rescue (11.04). The property should remain in the land use program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stocks, Ervin Amount: \$133.11 Value: \$17,400.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-26340 Bill # 5716 Total \$136.59 Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue. Customer failed to receive full senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Linda Amount: \$171.45 Value: \$22,500.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-01158 Bill # 6089 Total \$218.70 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cole Service (22.50), a portion of the Columbus Rescue (4.50) and a portion of the W2 (20.25). The land should remain in the land use program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Three J F LLC Amount: \$629.60 Value: \$82,300.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-02221 Bill # 7369 Total \$753.05 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Columbus Rescue (16.46) and W3 (106.99). Customer was billed wrong house.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tod, Jimmy Amount: \$20.27 Value: \$2,650.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-02941 Bill # 7569 Total \$217.63 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.59) and the Columbus Rescue (.53). The home is listed in South Carolina.

Release the Property Value in the name of Todd, Jimmy Amount: \$21.49 Value: \$2,755.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-02941 Bill # 2072 Total \$203.06 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams fire (1.65) and the Columbus rescue (.55). Home moved to SC years ago.

Release the Property Value in the name of Todd, Jimmy Amount: \$18.98 Value: \$2,600.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-02941 Bill # 6249 Total \$200.17

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.56) and the Columbus rescue (.52). The home is listed in South Carolina.

Release the Property Value in the name of Tyree, Delane Amount: \$33.72 Value: \$4,408.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-18180 Bill # 8133 Total \$231.13 Release the value of a mobile home, the Nakina fire (3.53) and the Columbus Rescue (.88). The home is double listed in the name of Vickie Tyree.

Release the Property Value in the name of Whiteville Building Supply Inc. Amount: \$537.03 Value: \$70,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-43013 Bill # 0959 Total \$551.07 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Whiteville Ready Mix.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Thomas Amount: \$14.27 Value: \$1,830.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-32500 Bill # 6601 Total \$18.11 Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (.37) and W3 (2.01). The boat was sold in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Thomas Amount: \$10.66 Value: \$1,460.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-32500 Bill # 0796 Total \$13.95 Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (.29) and W3 (1.90). The boat was sold in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Thomas Amount: \$8.87 Value: \$1,160.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-32500 Bill # 2210 Total \$11.52 Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (.23) and W3 (1.51). The boat was sold in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Winyah Concreate & Block Amount: \$702.27 Value: \$91,800.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-44025 Bill # 2240 Total \$720.63 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Whiteville Ready Mix.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worley, Dennis Amount: \$419.02 Value: \$57,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-05333 Bill # 2922 Total \$505.12 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Whiteville Rescue (11.48) and a portion of the W3 (74.62). The property should remain in the land use program.

Release the	User Fee	in the	name of Alford, Kelly J.			Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year:	2006	Account # 15-04010	Bill#	7724	Total	\$193.00
Release one	of three user for	ees. Onl	ly has two trash cans.				

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, Barbara Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-01028 Bill # 8356 Total \$193.00 Release user fee. House is vacant and there is no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, John Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-00476 Bill # 8371 Total \$193.00 Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Benoche, Ronnie Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-00251 Bill # 9791 Total \$579.00 Release three of four user fees. Customer only has one trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blackwell, Aldred Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-00560 Bill # 0327 Total \$193.00 Release user fee on old house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boswell, Earl T. Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-01912 Bill # 0085 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 Boswell, Earl T. Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-01912 Bill # 0819 Total \$193.00 Release user fee on house that is unlivable and does not have a trash can.

Release the Value:	User Fee in the name of Bozeman, George \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 04-02958 Bi	ill # 0297	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$177.00
Release user	fee. Customer has never had a trash can. House is	vacant.		
Value:	User Fee in the name of Bozeman, George \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 04-02958 Bir fee. Customer has never had a trash can. House is	ill # 6594 vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$177.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Bradley, Ramona \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-02375 Bir fee on a house that is still under construction.	ill# 1103	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Brown, Brenda \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-01647 Bit fee on a mobile home that is vacant and does not have	ill# 1542		\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Brown, Phyllisteen \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-05225 Bir fee on vacant land.		Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Bryant, David \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-02611 Bit fee on a house that is unlivable.	ill# 2157	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:		ill # 8721 acewell.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$154.92
Value:	User Fee in the name of Capps, Winston R. \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-02624 Bir fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.	ill# 3713	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	11 /	ill# 3714	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Cartret, Rebecca \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-02147 Bi ortion of the user fee. Customer did not have the tras	ill# 4092	Amount: Total full year.	\$0.00 \$80.42
Value:	User Fee in the name of Cherry, John \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-01146 Bit fee on a house that is incomplete.	ill # 4586	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value: Release user	User Fee in the name of Corbett, Stacy \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-01748 Bir fee that is double listed in the same name with a different feet of the same name with a differ	ill # 5752 fferent acco		\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Cribb, Joey \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-02142 Big fee on a mobile home that has been moved out of the	ill # 6252	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Dowless, Joseph \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-03523 Bir of the user fee. This is a vacation home.	ill # 7607	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$96.50
Value:	User Fee in the name of Edwards, John C. \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-23160 Bit fee on land that is vacant.	ill # 8330	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Value:	User Fee in the name of Floyd, C. Neil \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-09060 Bi user fees. Customer is using a commercial hauler.	ill# 9925	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$2,123.00

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, C. Neil Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-09060 Bill # 9926 Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Doris Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-05237 Bill # 0391 Release user fee on a shop that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Freeman, Jason Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-03602 Bill # 0840 Release a portion of the property value. Did not have the trash can for a full state of the property value.	Amount: Total ll year.	\$0.00 \$112.58
Release the User Fee in the name of Fuller, Betty Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-04944 Bill # 1130 Release one of eight user fees. This mobile home has been moved and tras		\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Billy Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-05563 Bill # 2402 Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, David Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-00845 Bill # 2468 Release two of three user fees. Two houses are vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$386.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Eastaleen Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-02081 Bill # 2543 Release user fee on land that is vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Estaleen Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-02081 Bill # 2542 Release user fee on vacant land.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Miriam Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-11565 Bill # 2823 Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Gowan, Eva Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-06555 Bill # 3058 Release user fee on a house that is vacant. Trash can picked up in 2005.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Grady, Duncan Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-21580 Bill # 3089 Release user fee . Trash can has been picked up. House vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Hester, Aaron Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-03448 Bill # 5762 Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$106.00
Release the User Fee in the name of High, James Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-02429 Bill # 5947 Release user fee on land that is vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of High, James, W. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-02429 Bill # 5946 Release user fee on vacant land.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Jackson, Donald Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-46581 Bill # 7816 Release user fee on a house that is unlivable and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Jewell, Jeffrey Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-04113 Bill # 8501 Release user fee on a shop that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, James Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-07920 Bill # 9054 Release user fee on a house that is vacant. Does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, James. S. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 14-07920 Bill # 941 Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$177.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Jordan, Ralph Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-03423 Bill # 9290 Release user fee on a house that is unlivable and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of King, William Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-03374 Bill # 9790 Release user fee on land that is vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$106.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Ada B. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-16920 Bill # 1286 Release user fee on a vacant house. Trash can has been picked up.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Kenneth Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-03609 Bill # 1533 Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Looper, Karen Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-02348 Bill # 1721 Release user fee on a house that is vacant. Trash can picked up.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Marlowe, Carl Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-03838 Bill # 2282 Release user fee on a camper that is in Brunswick County.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Memory, Robert Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 02-60981 Bill # 3047 Release user fee on a house that is vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$177.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Merrywoods Inc. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-50092 Bill # 4419 Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Charles A. Faulk.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, Melissa Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-04135 Bill # 4623 Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Mitchell, Yvonne Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-03240 Bill # 4953 Release a portion of the user fee. Customer did not have the trash can for a	Total	\$0.00 \$112.58
Release the User Fee in the name of Nobles, Jimmy Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-02023 Bill # 6377 Release user fee on vacant land.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Nye, Benjamin Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-13940 Bill # 6854 Release user fee on house that is vacant. Trash can has been picked up.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Old Dock UMC Parsonage Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 18-05414 Bill # 3356 Release user fee that is double listed in the same name with a different account # 18-05414 Bill # 3356	Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Patrick, Natalie Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-03649 Bill # 7415	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00

Release one of two user fees. The shop is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pittman, Helen Amount: \$0.00 \$0.00 Year: 2005 Value: Account # 01-70468 Bill # 6755 Total \$87.00 Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Release the User Fee in the name of Pittman, Lola Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-00235 Bill # 8064 Total \$193.00 Release user fee. House vacant and trash can picked up. Release the User Fee in the name of Piver, Brenda Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-05821 Bill # 8080 Total \$193.00 Release user fee on a mobile home that is used for storage. Trash can picked up in 2004. Release the User Fee in the name of Prince Mobile Homes \$0.00 Amount: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-29721 Bill # 7905 Total \$1,239.00 Release all user fees. Mobile homes sold to Altman Properties LLC, Conway, S.C. Release the User Fee in the name of Savage, Robert R. \$0.00 Amount: Account # 01-04841 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Bill # 1301 Total \$193.00 Release user fee that was prepaid in 2006. Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Wilson \$0.00 Amount: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-02163 Bill # 1840 Value: Total \$193.00 Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Lloyd & Cheryl Sellers. Release the User Fee in the name of Shear, Michelle Amount: \$0.00 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-03658 Bill # 2123 Total \$193.00 Release user fee on a lot that is vacant. Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Shirley Amount: \$0.00 Account # 07-02723 Total Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Bill # 3827 \$193.00 Release the user fee. House used for storage. No trash can here. in the name of Soles, Allen Release the User Fee Amount: \$0.00 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-33902 Bill # 3987 Total \$193.00 Release user fee on vacant lot. Release the User Fee in the name of Spaulding, Annie Amount: \$0.00 Bill # 4327 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-15361 Total \$193.00 Release one of two user fees. Customer has one house and one trash can. Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, J.A. Amount: \$0.00 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-28940 Bill # 5074 Value: Total \$193.00 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can. Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Charles E. Amount: \$0.00 Account # 09-29323 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Bill # 5331 Total \$193.00 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can. Release the User Fee in the name of Stilley, Patricia Amount: \$7.65 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-03125 Bill # 5680 Total \$203.31 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke fire (.70), the Columbus Rescue (.20) and W2 (90). The house is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Charles \$0.00 Amount: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-04705 Value: Bill # 5899 Total \$193.00 Release user fee that is double listed in the same name with a different account number in the name of Strickland, William Release the User Fee Amount: \$0.00 \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-16700 Value: Bill # 6230 Total \$193.00

Release user fee on a house that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Taylor, Vanessa Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-06973 Bill # 6788 Release user fee on a single wide mobile home that was traded for a double		\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Rodney Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-25300 Bill # 5946 Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$177.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Rodney Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-25300 Bill # 1777 Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$177.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Three J F LLC Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-02221 Bill # 7370 Release user fee on land that is vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Thurman, Lucille Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-27737 Bill # 7396 Release user fee on vacant house. Trash can was picked up in 2004.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Todd, Myrtle Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-30540 Bill # 7605 Release one of two user fees. The activity building is vacant and does not h	Amount: Total ave a trash can.	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Turbeville, Jimmy Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-16219 Bill # 7935 Release user fee on a storage building. No trash can here.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Turbeville, Jimmy Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-16219 Bill # 7936 Release user fee on vacant land.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of White, David E. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00167 Bill # 0719 Release user fee on land that is vacant.	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Hank Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-30645 Bill # 1755 Release user fee on vacant mobile home. Home has no power and no trash	Amount: Total can.	\$0.00 \$193.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Patricia Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-02513 Bill # 2719 Release both user fees. House and service garage are vacant,	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$386.00
Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, Patricia Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-02513 Bill # 2718	Amount: Total	\$0.00 \$193.00

Agenda Item #19: <u>COMMENTS</u>:

Release user fee on house that is vacant.

Chairman Godwin opened the floor for comments. The following people spoked.

A. Public:

1. **Reverend Charles M. Hester:** stated the following:

- A. I am here tonight to talk about the adult entertainment business in the Riegelwood area;
- B. I would like to commend the County Commissioners, Sheriff Batten and Mr. Fowler for their help in this matter;
- C. We are now living in a bright age with new developments;
- D. The business, Whispers, is just across the road from our church; and
- E. What begins at the borders will soon be at the County seat.

2. **Pastor Eddie Watts:** stated the following:

A. I wish to return thanks for the progress that has been made relative to the adult entertainment

- business in the Riegelwood area;
- B. I encourage people to pray that businesses of this nature will soon come to an end;
- C. I would like to return thanks to everyone that has rendered help in this matter, especially Sheriff Chris Batten;
- D. I will make reference to Proverbs 29:16, and 18:3 relative to this matter.

3. **Pastor Thurston (Calvin) Malpass:** stated the following:

- A. I am the pastor at Red Hill Pentacostal Church, and have been since 1980;
- B. I would like to thank everybody who has rendered assistance in this matter, especially Sheriff Chris Batten and the County Commissioners; **and**
- C. I would like to know if you can make the laws tighter on this type of business other than what there is now.

4. **Pastor Donald Melvin Lawing:** stated the following:

- A. I am the pastor of Faith Baptist Church and Faith Christian Academy in the Delco area;
- B. I urge the existing Ordinance be looked at and to make it as strong as possible relative to the adult entertainment business in Columbus County; **and**
- C. It would be nice if the big sign in front of Magic Moments could be removed.

5. **Bonnie F. Hinson:** stated the following:

- A. I would like to address the Board regarding the old County Home Cemetery;
- B. A portion of this cemetery was moved around 1973;
- C. I have been unsuccessful in locating a deed to this cemetery;
- D. It was surveyed by Goldston Surveying last year;
- E. I would like to get a trust fund set up for this cemetery in order to take contributions;
- F. I have been told one hundred (100) bodies were moved beside Legion Stadium;
- G. This area has been cleared of trees and brush;
- H. I would like to get a deed for this cemetery; and
- I. I would like for this area to be recognized as a memorial site.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY (COOPERATOR) and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE ANIMAL and PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS):

Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to approve the following Cooperative Service Agreement Between Columbus County (Cooperator) and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS), seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT between COLUMBUS COUNTY (COOPERATOR) and

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this Cooperative Service Agreement is to provide Columbus County residents and others the requested service to reduce or eliminate property damage and threats to human health and safety caused by beaver activities on lands identified by Columbus County.

WS activities are described in the attached Work and Financial Plans. Beaver damage management services provided by WS will follow Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) Policies and Procedures as outlined in Appendix 1 (attached).

ARTICLE 2

USDA, APHIS, WS has statutory authority under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C. 426-426b) as amended, and the Act of December 22, 1987 (101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. 426c), for the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with States, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and

institutions in the control of wild mammals and birds that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases injurious or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and public health and safety.

ARTICLE 3

APHIS-WS and COLUMBUS COUNTY mutually agree:

1. The parties' authorized representatives who shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement shall be:

Columbus County Jim Varner, County Manager 111 Washington Street Whiteville, NC 28472

USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services Jon F. Heisterberg, State Director 6213-E Angus Drive Raleigh, NC 27617

- 2. To meet as determined necessary by either party to discuss mutual program interests, accomplishments, needs, technology, and procedures to maintain or amend the Work Plan (Attachment A). Personnel authorized to attend meetings under this Agreement shall be the Columbus County Manager or his/her designee, the WS State Director or his/her designee, and/or those additional persons authorized and approved by the Columbus County Manager and the WS State Director.
- 3. APHIS-WS shall perform services more fully set forth in the Work Plan, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The parties may mutually agree in writing, at any time during the term of this Agreement, to amend, modify, add or delete services from the Work Plan.
- 4. To follow Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) Policies and Procedures as outlined in Appendix 1 (attached). Landholders requesting services are required to pay a cost share for services as set by the Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board. Landholder cost share fees will be billed, collected, and retained by APHIS-WS.

ARTICLE 4

COLUMBUS COUNTY agrees:

- 1. To authorize APHIS-WS to conduct direct control activities to reduce human health and safety risks and property damage associated with beaver activities as defined in the Work Plan. APHIS-WS will be considered an invitee on the lands controlled by Columbus County. Columbus County will be required to exercise reasonable care to warn APHIS-WS as to dangerous conditions or activities in the project areas.
- 2. To pay APHIS-WS \$30,000 for costs of services provided under this Agreement as specified in the Financial Plan (Attachment B). The Cooperator ensures and certifies that it is not currently debarred or suspended and is free of delinquent Federal debt.
- 3. To designate to APHIS-WS the Columbus County authorized individual whose responsibility shall be the coordination and administration of activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement.
- 4. To notify APHIS-WS verbally or in writing as far in advance as practical of the date and time of any proposed meeting related to the program.
- 5. APHIS-WS shall be responsible for administration and supervision of the program.
- 6. All equipment purchased for the program is and will remain the property of APHIS-WS.
- 7. To coordinate with APHIS-WS before responding to all media requests.
- 8. To obtain the appropriate permits for removal activities and list APHIS-WS as subpermitees.

ARTICLE 5

APHIS-WS Agrees:

- 1. To conduct activities as described in the Work and Financial Plans.
- 2. To designate to Columbus County the authorized APHIS-WS individual who shall be responsible for the joint administration of the activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3. To bill Columbus County for services agreed upon and specified in the Work Plan. APHIS-WS shall keep records and receipts of all hereunder for a period of not less than one year from the date of completion of the services provided under this Agreement and Columbus County shall have the right to inspect and audit such records.
- 4. To coordinate with Columbus County before responding to all media requests.

ARTICLE 6

This Agreement is contingent upon the passage by Congress of an appropriation from which expenditures may be legally met and shall not obligate APHIS upon failure of Congress to so appropriate. This Agreement may also be reduced or terminated if Congress only provides APHIS funds for a finite period under a Continuing Resolution.

ARTICLE 7

APHIS assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this Cooperative Service Agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 1346(b), 2401(b), and 2671-2680).

ARTICLE 8

Pursuant to Section 22, Title 41, United States Code, no member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom.

ARTICLE 9

All activities will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, and regulations. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent APHIS-WS from entering into separate agreements with any other organization or individual for the purpose of providing wildlife damage management services exclusive of those provided for under this agreement.

ARTICLE 10

Columbus County certifies that wildlife damage management options, including the use of services provided by the private sector, have been carefully considered. After considering these options, Columbus County requests that APHIS-WS provide its services under the stated terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable environmental statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.

ARTICLE 12

This Cooperative Service Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Also, this Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing, or by one party provided that party notifies the other in writing at least 120 days prior to effecting such action. The length of notice for unilateral termination may be longer or shorter if necessary. Further, in the event the Cooperator does not provide necessary funds, APHIS-WS is relieved of the obligation to provide services under this agreement.

COLUMBUS COUNTY:

In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the Department of Treasury requires a **Taxpayer Identification Number** for individuals or businesses conducting business with the agency.

Columbus County Taxpayer I.D. #: 56-6000-289

BY: Jim Varner Date: August 22, 2006

Columbus County Manager 111 Washington Street Whiteville, NC 28472

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, WILDLIFE SERVICES

BY:			
	Jon F. Heisterberg, State Director USDA, APHIS, WS 6213-E Angus Drive Raleigh, NC 27617	Date	
BY:			
	Charles S. Brown	Date	
	Director, Eastern Region		
	USDA, APHIS, WS		
	920 Main Campus Drive		
	Suite 200		
	Raleigh, NC 27606		

ATTACHMENT A WORK PLAN

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to protect American agriculture and other resources from damage associated with wildlife. The primary authority for Wildlife Services (WS) is the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C. 426-426c) as amended. Wildlife Services activities are conducted in cooperation with other Federal, State and local agencies; private organizations and individuals.

The WS program uses an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) approach (sometimes referred to as IPM or "Integrated Pest Management") in which a series of methods may be used or recommended to reduce wildlife damage. IWDM is described in Chapter 1, 1-7 of the <u>Animal Damage Control Program Final Environmental Impact Statement</u> (USDA, 1994). These methods include the alteration of cultural practices as well as habitat and behavioral modification to prevent damage. However, controlling wildlife damage may require that the offending animal(s) are killed or that the populations of the offending species be reduced.

Purpose

Columbus County requested assistance in managing beaver damage problems in addition to what the Beaver Management Assistance Program provides to help alleviate increased flooding problems, property damage, and protect human health and safety on lands identified by Columbus County.

Planned USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services Activities

- 1. WS will use an integrated pest management approach to manage beaver damage throughout Columbus County to help reduce property damage and protect human health and safety.
- 2. Columbus County residents and others will receive prompt technical assistance, direct beaver damage management measures, educational workshops and programs, and liaison with regulatory agencies. Liaison with federal and state regulatory agencies will be for consultation on endangered and threatened species, wildlife management and ecology, permits to take wildlife, and state and federal wildlife laws and regulations. Details on planned activities are attached as Appendix 1, North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Program Policies and Procedures, FY 2006.

Effective Dates

The cooperative agreement shall commence September 1, 2006 and shall expire on June 30, 2007.

ATTACHMENT B FINANCIAL PLAN

Personnel Costs Travel and Vehicle Usage Supplies, Materials, and Equipment Program Support		\$17,550 \$ 6,000 \$ 2,250 \$ 4,200
	TOTAL	\$30,000

The distribution of the budget from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed \$30,000.

Financial Point of Contact

Cooperator: Jim Varner, County Manager (910) 640-6600

APHIS, WS: Carol Thrasher, Budget Analyst 1-866-487-3297 Ext. 222

Appendix 1 NORTH CAROLINA BEAVER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BMAP) FY 2006 (OCTOBER 2005 – SEPTEMBER 2006) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Pilot Program, later known as the Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP), was established in November 1992. Since that time the program has grown more than tenfold from four participating counties in 1992-93 to 42 in 2005-2006. At the same time, BMAP services to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) have grown from four counties in 1992-93 to all 100 North Carolina counties in 1998. To ensure that program administration and operation are clear, the BMAP Advisory Board has compiled and approved the following policies and procedures.

HISTORY OF BEAVER IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historically, beaver were considered a valuable natural resource and were an extremely important part of the North Carolina economy. Well into the 1800's, beaver fur was the primary item of trade, and without trapping or hunting regulations, beaver were trapped to near extinction by the late 1890's.

In 1939, in an effort to assist the public and effectively manage wildlife and natural resources in the state, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development (the predecessor of the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission) (NCWRC) obtained 29 beaver from Pennsylvania and released them in North Carolina on what is now the Sandhills Game Lands. Because of economic and aesthetic values, public demand for beaver restocking remained high and restocking programs were continued between 1951 and 1956 with an additional 54 beaver being stocked over a nine-county area. The restocking and management efforts of the NCWRC were successful, and by 1953 there were an estimated 1,000 beaver over a seven-county area in the state. Today, beaver occupy watersheds throughout nearly the entire state with estimated statewide populations as high as 500,000.

While beaver populations are thriving and expanding throughout the state, resource use practices have changed, and there is no longer as high a demand for beaver products as there once was. This has resulted, in some areas, in beaver populations expanding to levels where they are in conflict with the health, safety, and livelihood of people.

In the early 1990's, state and county agencies and the public had few places to turn for relief from beaver damage as private trappers were few and far between and generally conducted beaver damage control activities only as a hobby or part time job. In the early to mid-1990's, at least three North Carolina counties attempted to use bounties to reduce beaver damage. These efforts proved to have little effect on alleviating specific beaver damage problems.

CREATION OF THE BMAP

Responding to public complaints and requests for assistance, the 1991 Session of the North Carolina Legislature created the North Carolina Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board effective July 1, 1992. The Board is composed of the administrative heads, or their designees, of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (Chair), NC Department of Agriculture, NC Division of Forest Resources, NC Soil and Water Conservation Division, NC Cooperative Extension Service, NCDOT, NC Farm Bureau Federation, NC Forestry Association, and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Division of Wildlife Services. The Board was mandated to develop a program to manage beaver damage on public and private lands. This includes developing a priority system for responding to beaver damage complaints, developing a system for documenting activities, providing educational programs, providing for the hiring of personnel, evaluating the costs and benefits of the program, and advising the NCWRC on its implementation.

Utilizing the expertise of NCWRC and USDA Wildlife Services personnel, considering the past history of beaver damage management efforts in the state, and drawing on the experiences of other states, the Advisory Board created the Beaver Management Assistance Pilot Program in November 1992. The primary focus of the program was oriented towards public health and safety and assistance to landholders experiencing beaver damage problems. The program was structured to be flexible, fair, and feasible. Because of practical and ecological considerations, the program was designed to assist the NCDOT, landholders, and others address specific beaver damage problems rather than to eradicate beaver populations over wide areas. The key to success of the program was the active participation of the NCWRC, USDA Wildlife Services, counties, landholders, Cooperative Extension Service and NCDOT personnel. Because of the success of the pilot program, the name was changed to the Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) in 1995. In 1998 the BMAP was expanded to include all 100 North Carolina counties.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Wildlife specialists use an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management approach in which a combination of methods may be used or recommended to reduce wildlife damage. Wildlife specialists use proven beaver damage management techniques and equipment to alleviate beaver damage. Whenever feasible, the use of non-lethal techniques is recommended and/or implemented; however, lethal beaver removal techniques are the predominant methods used. Wildlife specialists encourage landholders not to remove beaver if they determine such activities would result in little or no benefit to the landholder. Due to practical and ecological considerations, the NCWRC does not permit relocation of beaver within the state.

When conducting lethal management activities, beaver are the target species. Trapping is the primary tool for removing beaver from public and private property. Shooting is also used.

Beaver damage management techniques are used selectively to ensure public safety and minimize detrimental effects on other animals. Animals captured other than nutria (an undesirable species not native to North America) are released whenever possible. Beaver are offered to the landholder, disposed of in a sanitary manner, or sold, when practical and feasible, to provide additional funding for the BMAP. Some may be kept for future research, study or educational needs, or other purposes. When necessary to alleviate flooding, beaver dams are removed by wildlife specialists using hand tools or explosives. All wildlife damage management activities that take place are undertaken according to relevant laws, regulations, policies, orders, or procedures.

COUNTY PARTICIPATION

County participation is required before any direct beaver damage management assistance is provided to landholders under the BMAP. Participation in the program is currently open to all North Carolina counties. Counties must renew participation annually. In April of each year, the NCWRC will send a letter to each county advising it of program eligibility. To participate, a county must respond by established deadlines as set forth by the Advisory Board or general statute. General Statute 113-291.10 requires that a county wanting to participate in the program in a given fiscal year shall provide written notification of its wish to participate and shall commit \$4,000 in local funds no later than September 30 of that year. Counties not in the program the previous fiscal year who elect to participate in the program will receive BMAP services starting in October or November of the current fiscal year.

Questions concerning county participation or program operations should be directed to either the USDA's Wildlife Services office in Raleigh at (919) 786-4480 or the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Division of Wildlife Management office in Raleigh at (919) 733-7291.

BMAP ASSISTANCE IN PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

Current (FY 2006) BMAP participating counties can expect to receive approximately one-third of a manyear of a wildlife specialist's time to address beaver damage problems on both public and private lands in their county. Some counties may receive more service and some less depending on available state, federal, and private funding, the demand for BMAP services in that county, and the geographical area in which a wildlife specialist works.

ADDITIONAL BMAP ASSISTANCE IN PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

Participating counties occasionally request beaver management services for private landholders in addition to those received under the BMAP. Generally, requests for additional assistance (beyond the one-third manyear of assistance provided by the BMAP) require hiring additional experienced personnel, which is inherently difficult to obtain, especially if such a request is for seasonal or less than full time work. If Wildlife Services is able to accommodate such requests,

any additional work provided landholders in the county will follow BMAP guidelines, with only specific beaver damage problems being addressed, and the private landholders paying the cost share as outlined under the section entitled "Landholder Cost Share in Participating Counties." Cost share fees paid by individual landholders will be used to provide additional BMAP services in that county. Further, any county requesting additional assistance pays full program costs (labor, travel, equipment and supplies, etc.). To receive additional services, a county enters into a cooperative service agreement with Wildlife Services with payment going directly to Wildlife Services, not the NCWRC.

BMAP ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

Actual administrative authority for the BMAP rests with the NCWRC, but enabling legislation allows the NCWRC to transfer program administration, upon agreement, to Wildlife Services. Presently, Wildlife Services administers the BMAP according to the plan developed by the Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board and approved by the NCWRC. Administration of the BMAP follows the federal fiscal year (October through September).

Funding for the BMAP comes from state, county, federal, and private sources, making the BMAP a truly cooperative effort. All state and county funding is collected by the NCWRC. The NCWRC then enters into a cooperative service agreement with Wildlife Services to conduct the work.

STATE COST SHARE

The extent of state funding is set by state legislation. State general funds appropriations, earmarked for the BMAP, are made available to the Wildlife Resources Commission budget. In state fiscal year 2005-2006 this is \$349,000.

Additional cost-share funding is provided by the NCDOT. In fiscal year 2005-2006 the NCDOT will contribute \$300,000 towards the program. There are no additional cost-share charges to the NCDOT relating to beaver damage management along state-owned highways, roads, and bridges throughout North Carolina. If beaver damage management work must be conducted on adjacent properties to resolve a problem affecting NCDOT rights-of-way, those landholders are not charged for services.

COUNTY COST SHARE

General Statute 113-291.10 sets a \$4,000 cost share a county government must pay so that landholders, businesses, and others residing in that county are eligible for services. Counties paying the \$4,000 cost share are considered participating counties. All county cost share participation fees are made payable to the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, 512 N. Salisbury St., 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1701, ATTN.: Beaver Management Assistance Program.

Landholders and others residing in nonparticipating counties (counties electing not to pay the \$4,000 cost share) are ineligible to receive BMAP services. Wildlife Services may, however, enter into beaver damage management agreements with these landholders separate from the BMAP. Costs of services provided under these agreements are paid by the landholder.

BMAP services are conducted for the NCDOT in all North Carolina counties regardless of a county's participation in the program. However, response time will vary for nonparticipating counties.

LANDHOLDER COST SHARE IN PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

For purposes of this document, individual landholders, businesses, municipalities, county governments, soil and water conservation drainage districts, and others requesting BMAP services in a participating county are identified as landholders. Landholders in participating counties requesting BMAP services are required

to pay a cost share for services as set by the Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board. This cost share fee also applies to landholders receiving beaver damage management services through cooperatively funded agreements between counties and Wildlife Services where the county fully funds the beaver damage management work (see "Additional BMAP Assistance in Participating Counties"). Landholder cost share fees are billed and collected by Wildlife Services or the county, are paid for by the county, or are indirectly collected by the county through a local tax where a county funds the landholder cost share fees. All landholder cost share funds collected by Wildlife Services are made available to the BMAP through a separate trust fund agreement.

The BMAP Advisory Board set the landholder cost share at \$15 for each separate visit a wildlife specialist makes to a landholder's property or properties. There will be no charge for the initial assessment. The initial assessment is defined as the time spent with a landholder whether in person or over the phone to discuss the BMAP and sign the paperwork. A site visit is defined as a trip to a landholder's property or properties during which time beaver damage management activities occur. A site visit may last an entire day (as might be the case when initially setting traps on a property), or as little as 15 minutes. After 20 individual visits to a landholder's property or properties in a given fiscal year, further beaver damage management services will be provided only as time permits and at full program costs. (That is, the landholder pays for labor, travel and transportation, supplies and equipment, etc.) Landholders are also charged \$100 for beaver dam removal. Landholders requesting BMAP services requiring beaver damage management work on adjacent lands are required to provide for payment of those services. Additionally, written permission from adjacent landholders is required.

FEDERAL COST SHARE

A minimum of \$25,000 annually in federal funding is directed by Wildlife Services specifically for beaver damage management work in North Carolina. This is also a requirement of the enabling state legislation. All federal funding goes directly into the Wildlife Services budget.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Landholders should make requests for assistance through their local cooperative extension service office or, in some cases, their local soil and water conservation district office or other designated contact. Each year a BMAP leaflet listing telephone contacts, by county, is distributed to all interested parties.

Requests for technical assistance, educational programs, and similar activities are given high priority and are provided at no cost to cooperators and the general public. Technical assistance includes recommendations, advice, and hands-on training aimed at teaching interested landholders and others how best to alleviate problems caused by beaver. Instructional materials are available for distribution statewide. Educational programs on beaver ecology and management are presented statewide.

Requests for direct assistance (wildlife specialists doing the work) are generally addressed on a first-come, first-served basis with top priority addressing threats to public health and safety, particularly along highway rights-of-way. Requests for help on state and county property and along highway rights-of-way should be made directly to the wildlife specialist. In general, the following priority rankings are observed when responding to requests for direct assistance:

- 1) State highways, roads and bridges
- 2) County-owned property in participating counties
- 3) Private landholders in participating counties
- 4) Cities/municipalities in participating counties
- 5) Industrial/corporate landholders and landholder associations
- 6) Other lands

Logistic or travel cost considerations may require that some requests be worked out of order. In special cases, priority work areas may be established as determined by the wildlife specialists.

Whenever possible, all requests for assistance receive an initial response by telephone within 72 hours. Time of site visits and any field work activities will vary according to current workloads.

Before assistance begins, a wildlife specialist meets with all relevant landholders to determine the extent of the problem caused by beaver, if any, and makes recommendations on the best course of action for addressing the damage problem. At this time the wildlife specialist offers to teach the landholder(s) how to address the problem including hands-on training on the landholder's property. If the landholder is unable or uninterested in conducting the work and requests that the wildlife specialist conduct the work, the wildlife specialist estimates the time and cost share the landholder must pay to receive the beaver management

services. The landholder(s) signs an agreement that includes the estimated costs, the type of activities to be conducted on his/her land (e.g., trapping, shooting, installation of water control devices), and the granting of permission to work on his/her land.

Wildlife specialists do not remove beaver and their dams if such activities are expected to have little benefit in protecting timber, agricultural interests, roadways, other property such as sewer systems or waste water treatment facilities, or protecting human health and safety.

Sometimes a beaver damage problem affecting a landholder or the NCDOT rights-of-way originates on adjacent properties not owned by the landholder or the NCDOT. In these cases the landholder requesting the services pays for any work done on these adjacent properties. Further, wildlife specialists will work on adjacent lands only if written permission is received.

LANDHOLDER GUARANTEE

BMAP activities are guaranteed for a period of approximately 30 days following the completion of a project. If a problem recurs within the guarantee period, the project is reworked at no additional charge.

PERSONNEL AND REPORTS

BMAP WILDLIFE SPECIALISTS

Wildlife specialists are hired by, and work directly for, Wildlife Services. The number of wildlife specialists hired as full-time or part-time employees is determined by the BMAP budget. Wildlife specialists generally work year-round as weather and other conditions allow.

Demand for beaver damage management activities on public and private lands varies throughout the year with the least demand during the summer months. During such slow periods, BMAP Wildlife Specialists occasionally work on non-beaver related projects that might be available. All costs (salaries, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.) associated with such work are covered by the other project, resulting in a cost savings for the BMAP. This is a definite advantage to BMAP customers as additional BMAP services can be offered during the more critical times of the year such as the winter season.

SUPERVISION AND RECORD KEEPING

Wildlife specialists are supervised out of the state office in Raleigh and two field offices.

Wildlife specialists and supervisors maintain records of all appropriate BMAP information with records based on the federal fiscal year. Information is reported to the NCWRC during periodic Advisory Board meetings. An annual report documenting all activities during the federal fiscal year (October through September) is provided to the Advisory Board and the NCWRC no later than December 31 following the end of the federal fiscal year. County officials are also kept informed on progress through periodic meetings and/or reports.

Landholders are kept updated about ongoing work on their property. Once a project is complete, the landholder is sent an invoice listing the beaver management activities conducted on his/her land including numbers of beaver and/or beaver dams removed, number of site visits, work start and stop dates, and cost. Landholders are given 30 days following billing to pay their cost-share. Landholders not paying for services will be ineligible for any future services.

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COMMENTS (cont'd):

B. **Department Heads:**

Chairman Godwin stated that we have a new person on board, namely NaTonya Hassell, as the Public Housing Director.

- 1. **Kimberly Smith (Health):** requested everyone to tune into their local cable station tomorrow night for coverage on the Avian Flu.
- 2. **Marva Scott (Department of Social Services):** stated the following:
 - A. We have Emergency Assistance Funds available to help citizens who are qualified, in the high cost of cooling, and I encourage everyone to come in and apply for these funds; **and**

- B. I request a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of finding out what the financial procedure is for budget amendments.
- 3. **Carol Worrell (Parks and Recreation):** stated the March of Dimes Walk will be held on September 29, 2006, and I encourage everyone to participate.
- 4. **Sheriff Chris Batten (Sheriff Department):** I would like to thank all the citizens and the pastors for their support in our efforts to eliminate the adult entertainment businesses in the Delco area.
- C. Board of Commissioners:
- 1. **Bill Memory:** I have received multiple calls from residents in the Timber Cove housing development regarding the installation of water lines and I would like to know what the status is. Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, replied stating this was in process and, at the present, the plans are in the engineer's hands.
- 2. **Amon E. McKenzie:** I would like an update on the Medicaid Advisory Committee. Chairman Godwin replied stating a meeting had been scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2006, at 6:00 P.M.
- 3. **Vice Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr.:** I would like to appoint Robert Adams to the Medicaid Advisory Committee.
- 4. **Chairman Kipling Godwin:** I attended an event on August 19, 2006 at the Columbus County DREAM Center, and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to them from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. They also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Columbus County Commissioners.
- D. **County Manager:** Jim Varner encouraged the public to call Administration if they were having a problem, and he will try to do the necessary research to see if he could help them with their problem.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, (5) (I) REAL ESTATE, 5 (ii) EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 8:01 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, (5) (i) Real Estate, 5 (ii) Employment Contract, and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:30 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #21: <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

At 9:31 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL Clerk to Board	KIPLING GODWIN, Chairman