

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 25, 2007

6:50 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 purpose of resuming the Regular Session Board Meeting from June 18, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Bill Memory
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER,:

At 6:50 P.M., Chairman Sammie Jacobs called the June 25, 2007 Regular Session Board Meeting to order which was resumed from the June 18, 2007 Regular Session Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Elections - Board Approval for the Columbus County Board of Elections to Accept the E.R.A.P.P. Grant, as recommended:

Carla Strickland, Elections Director, requested Board approval for the Columbus County Board of Elections to accept the E.R.A.P.P. Grant in the amount of seventy-eight thousand and 00/100 (\$78,000.00) dollars, as recommended.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Columbus County Board of Elections to accept the E.R.A.P.P. Grant in the amount of seventy-eight thousand and 00/100 (\$78,000.00) dollars, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried. A copy of the Grant Acceptance Agreement for Electronic Records Access at the Polling Place (ERAPP) For Columbus County will be marked as Exhibit "A" and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for review.

Agenda Item #6: AGING - BOARD APPROVAL OF BATEMAN CONTRACT for NUTRITION SERVICES:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the Bateman Agreement for Nutrition Services. The bid was awarded to Bateman at the June 18, 2007 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Bateman Contract for Nutrition Services, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "B", and filed in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #7: APPOINTMENT - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD of TRUSTEES:

Chairman Sammie Jacobs appointed Mcki Jacobs Graham, 515 Carver Moore Road, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450, to the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees to replace Randy Britt, for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2011.

Chairman Jacobs stated the following relative to the appointment of Ms. Graham:

1. This is the first Native American to be appointed to the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees;
2. She is employed by UNC-Pembroke Department of Nursing and holds the position of Assistant Professor;
3. Received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Southeastern Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNC-Pembroke and completed her Master of Science in Nursing from Duke University;

- 4. Spent the past three (3) years as a member of the Tribal Council for the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe;
- 5. Has worked as a nurse in Emergency Services and critical care areas for over ten (10) years at Southeastern Regional Medical Center, Lumberton, North Carolina;
- 6. In 2001, she began her teaching career at Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, North Carolina;
- 7. In August 2006, one (1) year after the opening of a much-needed generic program at UNC-Pembroke, she was appointed as Assistant Professor to the University’s Department of Nursing;
- 8. Resides in the St. James Community, along with her husband, Haynes, Jr., and her twenty-two (22) month old son, Ayden;
- 9. She is the daughter of Samuel Jacobs and Hilda Jacobs, and granddaughter of Esther Green and the late Edward and Luticia Jacobs; **and**
- 10. I would like to appoint Ms. Graham publicly to this Board.

Ms. Grahm stated the following:

- 1. I was born and raised in Columbus County;
- 2. Without Southeastern Community College, I would not be here tonight;
- 3. I am a past employee of the college; **and**
- 4. With pride and pleasure, I will be glad to serve on the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees.

Agenda Item #8: RECESS REGULAR SESSION:

At 6:57 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess the June 25, 2007 Regular Session Board Meeting until June 29, 2007, at 7:50 A.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners’ Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Monday, June 25, 2007
7:13 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 Budget Workshop.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
James E. Prevatte, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
Bill Memory
Ricky Bullard
Ronald Gore
Lynwood Norris

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:

Gail Edwards, Executive Assistant to Manager
Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director
Amanda Davis, Administrative Assistant
Bobbie Faircloth, Assistant Finance Officer

BUDGET WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 7:13 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the June 25, 2007 Budget Workshop to order and requested Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, to deliver a brief overview of the status of the budget.

OVERVIEW by COUNTY MANAGER:

Mr. Varner stated the following:

1. I feel like I presented you a budget with adequate cuts before;
2. We have done additional cuts and the tax rate is down to 5.04 cents;
3. I don't know how we can operate on this tight budget; **and**
4. You will find on the following list, the recommended cuts to the Proposed 2007/2008 Columbus County Operating Budget.

Proposed Cuts to Manager's Recommended Budget 2007/2008

Manager's Recommended Tax Increase:	\$3,500,000
Total Budget Cuts:	<u>-2,003,228</u>
BALANCE AFTER BUDGET CUTS:	\$1,496,772
TAX INCREASE with PROPOSED CUTS:	5.04 Cents

<u>Department</u>	<u>Line Item / Name</u>	<u>Deductions</u>
Finance	10-4130-512200	Salaries & Wages-O/T (5,000)
Tax Administration	10-4140-518301	Insurance Retirees (10,000)
Court Facilities	10-4160-559000	Other Improvements (50,000)
Public Bldg Admin	10-4262-559000	Other Improvements (80,000)
Public Bldg - All Oth	10-4265-559000	Other Improvements (153,500)
Jail Revenue		Housing Fees (50,000)
Law Enfor Center Jail	10-4320-535110	M&R Build/Grounds (27,000)
Emergency Services	10-4330-512100	Salaries & Wages-Regular (21,018)
Emergency Services	10-4330-512200	Salaries & Wages-O/T (50,000)
Emergency Services	10-4330-518100	FICA (10,760)
Emergency Services	10-4330-518200	Retirement Contribution (6,182)

Emergency Services	10-4330-518400	401K-Contribution	(2,215)
Health Revenues		Home Hlt F/B Appro	(500,000)
Social Services Admin		M & R Equipment	(8,794)
Public Assistance Prog	10-5302-519916	Spec Asst Adults	(624,759)
All Departments	Cut By 10%	Travel	(34,000)
Special Appropriations	10-9600-560017	Sheltered Workshop	(60,000)
Special Appropriations	10-9600-60074	Col Co ROPE Team	(15,000)
Contingency	10-9999-999999	Contingency	<u>(295,000)</u>
TOTAL BUDGET CUTS:			(2,003,228.00)

OVERVIEW by INTERIM FINANCE OFFICER:

Chairman Jacobs requested that Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, deliver a brief overview of the budget cuts. Mr. Hunt stated the following:

1. In the budget, as per the proposed cuts, there is no maintenance to any of the County buildings;
2. There is no Contingency Fund;
3. If any department should fall short of their budgeted amount, they can not go the Fund Balance, or we will violate the requirements of the Local Government Commission;
4. If you cut this budget this year, you will be in the same situation next year that you are now;
5. It is my recommendation that you fix the problem you have and that would be to have a twelve (\$.12) cents tax increase; **and**
6. There are only two (2) ways to correct this problem, and they are to increase revenue or decrease expenditures.

COMMENTS by COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Jacobs requested that each Board member render their opinion on the Proposed 2007 / 2008 Columbus County Operating Budget, as per the proposed cuts that have been made and the recommended tax increase.

Amon E. McKenzie: stated the following:

1. I would like to thank staff for their diligent efforts in preparing this Budget;
2. I do not want to cut salaries or the employee benefits; **and**
3. If this calls for a reasonable tax increase, I will support it.

Bill Memory: stated the following:

1. Columbus County's tax rate is now at \$.765, and I do not want to break the \$.80 tax rate;
2. Where do we stand on Medicaid Relief? Gail Edwards, Executive Assistant to Manager, replied stating that \$5.4 million had been budgeted, and this amount is the Medicaid cap amount and as of today, the State has not adopted the cap on Medicaid;
3. This budget is tight;
4. I recommend taking one (\$.01) cent from education and that includes Columbus County Schools, Whiteville City Schools and Southeastern Community College, because I think there is fat in their budgets. I have a copy of the Whiteville City Schools Budget, and they have given themselves a salary increase;
5. Take from the Medicaid allotment and budget at three-quarters (3/4) of the amount budgeted;
6. I will agree to do three (\$.03) cents; **and**
7. I do not want to go over \$.799) cents tax rate.

Ronald Gore: stated the following:

1. In the Solid Waste Department, Chuck Stanley's salary is still in there in the forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars range, and I would like to know if that is going to be left in the Budget. Mr. Hunt stated that this salary has been took out of the Budget;
2. Last year the Sheriff asked for five (5) employees which were one (1) cook and four Detention Officers, and I would like an explanation from the Sheriff. Sheriff Batten replied stating he had asked for eight (8) new employees for the new jail. I was asked to wait on these, and I only hired four (4) new employees in January, 2007, and now I need the other four (4) from the original request for the new jail;
3. I do not want to raise taxes, but I do realize that we have to fund all the departments;
4. It is inevitable to raise revenues or cut expenditures;
5. I commend the staff for all the hard work they have done in preparing the Budget;

6. In order for us to operate within our Budget, every department will have to make sacrifices;
7. I recommend that each and every department look at their Budget as closely as you can; **and**
8. I am not in favor of cutting education.

Ricky Bullard: stated the following:

1. I concur with a lot of the previous statements that have been made;
2. I can not support a tax increase;
3. I strongly support cutting expenditures; **and**
4. I do not support cutting education.

James E. Prevatte: stated the following:

1. I appreciate all the work that everyone has done in preparing this Budget;
2. Relative to the POTW position which I understand was a grant for Economic Development, and they employ eighty (80) employees, but do we have to fund this position at \$27,000, and can it be cut out? Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, replied stating this position was very vital to this operation, and would play a key role in the future sewer lift station operation;
3. I am not in favor of cutting employee benefits;
4. I am not in favor of cutting education;
5. I have discussed the COLA; **and**
6. I will not vote for a tax increase.

Lynwood Norris: stated the following:

1. I would like to thank the staff for all the hard work they performed in preparing this Budget;
2. This is one of the toughest budgets that I have been involved in;
3. We can not cut the Sheriff's Department to where he can't operate efficiently, and if you have ever experienced a need for the Sheriff's Department, like I have, you will learn to appreciate their worth;
4. I recommend not cutting employee salaries or benefits; **and**
5. If a tax increase is necessary, I will go with it.

Sammie Jacobs: stated the following:

1. I have been working with the County Budgets for fifteen (15) years, and this is the toughest Budget I have been a part of;
2. We have a \$8.6 million Jail that we must pay for and operate;
3. We have good departments and good employees;
4. I support the COLA; **and**
5. From the information we have here, I do not think we can reach a point where we don't need a tax increase.

Terry Dudney (Finance Director, Columbus County Schools): stated the following:

1. The two (2) school systems do run differently;
2. For the last six (6) years, there have been no salary increases;
3. The Assistant Superintendent and the Superintendent are at their existing salaries;
4. The State has informed us that schools need assessments done every year;
5. There was an assessment done two (2) years ago, and the result of that assessment was that it would take \$150 million to bring our schools up to par; **and**
6. We are not asking for this monetary amount figuratively, but based on our need.

OTHER:

Commissioner Memory stated that three (\$.03) cents of the tax increase was for the new jail.

Commissioner Bullard stated that two (\$.02) cents of the tax increase was for COLA, which could be eliminated. It is my strong opinion that additional cuts could be done within the departmental budgets.

Commissioner Prevatte asked why there was no money in the Budget for the re-districting of the Commissioners' Districts, which Columbus County is presently under a Federal Court Order to do, and has been for several years. I am in favor of going through this Budget, page by page, and locate the cuts that need to be made. Chairman Jacobs recommended that if anyone found any cuts that needed to be made, to call staff and make that recommendation.

Sheriff Batten stated he would like to know the status of the Fire Marshall’s position. Jim Varner, County Manager, stated the position is still open, we thought we had located someone, but they did not work out, and we are trying to secure a suitable person for this position.

Commissioner Memory stated he recommended doing a one (\$.01) cent cut across the Board for education.

DISCUSSION RESULTS:

After lengthy and in-depth discussion relative to the Budget, Chairman Jacobs requested that each Board member state what amount of tax increase they would agree to in the Proposed 2007 / 2008 Columbus County Operating Budget. The results were as follows:

Commissioner McKenzie	Four (\$.04) cents
Commissioner Memory	Three and one-half (\$.035) cents
Lynwood Norris	Four (\$.04) cents
Sammie Jacobs	Four (\$.04) cents
James Prevatte	No increase
Ricky Bullard	No increase
Ronald Gore	No increase

After additional lengthy discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board to direct staff to make the recommended cuts to the budget, cut education across the board by one (\$.01) cents.

BUDGET WORKSHOP CLOSED:

At 9:21 P.M., Chairman Jacobs stated this Budget Workshop was closed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV
BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 25, 2007
6:15 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board and resume the June 18, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District Board Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
James Prevatte, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
Bill Memory
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER and INVOCATION:

At 6:15 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting to order resumed from June 18, 2007. The invocation was delivered by Reverend Ronald Campbell.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING on WHETHER the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS for the COUNTY of COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, as the GOVERNING BODY of the COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV, SHOULD EXTEND the BOUNDARIES of SAID DISTRICT:

Commissioner Memory made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Jacobs announced the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board was now in a Public Hearing. Chairman Jacobs requested that Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, to explain the procedures that would be followed at this Public Hearing. Mr. Fowler orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings that was adopted by the Board on February 2, 2004.

Agenda Item #2: CERTIFICATE as to NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Jacobs stated he would follow the required legal protocol and read the following Certificate as to Notice of Public Hearing.

CERTIFICATE AS TO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I caused a notice of public hearing in the form

attached hereto as Appendix A (a) to be published in The News Reporter, a newspaper published in the City of Whiteville, North Carolina, once at least one week before June 25, 2007, the date of the public hearing described therein, and (b) to be mailed, by a class of United States mail which was fully prepaid, at least four weeks before the date of such public hearing to the owners, as shown by the tax records of Columbus County as of January 1, 2007, of all property located within the territory proposed to be annexed to said District as described in said notice and the Preliminary Engineering Report hereinafter described.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY FURTHER that a copy of the Preliminary Engineering Report for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, revised as of May 21, 2007, which was prepared by Green Engineering, P.L.L.C., was available for inspection in my office as Clerk to said Board during normal business hours at least four weeks before the date of such public hearing.

WITNESS my hand as of the 25th day of June 2007.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV, SHOULD EXTEND THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held at 6:15 P.M. on June 25, 2007 in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus Water and Sewer District IV (the "District"), should extend the boundaries of the District pursuant to Section 162A-87.1 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, in order to be able to provide water service in the territory proposed to be annexed to the District as well as in the initial territory of the District.

Said Board of Commissioners has received a Preliminary Engineering Report for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, revised as of May 21, 2007, which was prepared by Green Engineering, P.L.L.C. and contains the information required by subsection (d) of said Section 162A-87.1. A copy of such report is available for inspection in the office of the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners during normal business hours, which can be confirmed by calling 910-640-6640.

June B. Hall

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

PRESENTATION by LEO GREEN:

Chairman Jacobs requested Leo Green, Green Engineering, to deliver an update on this project. Mr. Green stated the following:

1. In 1999, the Columbus County Commissioner formed Water and Sewer District IV. This District was made up of Welches Creek and Bogue Townships and the northerly portion of Waccamaw Township. The County identified over 1,200 potential residential customers in this area together with 20+ commercial users and two (2) schools;
2. After preliminary engineering and planning was completed for this study area, a bond referendum was held and was successfully passed. An application to USDA-RDA was made and the District was successful in obtaining \$5,614,000 (\$4,113,000 loan and \$1,501,000 grant) from that agency;
3. Upon receipt of funding authorization, the County authorized its engineer to proceed with the development of final plans to extend water service into this area and in early 2002, this work was completed;
4. A diligent effort was made during this plan development phase and thereafter to sign up sufficient customers in the district in order that a viable system could be established. Unfortunately, the water customer interest was just not there and in early 2004, the County decided not to move ahead with further development of a system in this area;
5. However, in 2006, many residents of an area to the east of District IV expressed an interest for the County to extend water service to them. The County Commissioners held a Public Meeting on June 26, 2006, in the area, and based on the turnout have decided to expand the original boundaries of District IV to include this area;
6. After diligent review by the Bond Counsel, it was determined that some legal requirements had not been met for this project and that necessitated this Public Hearing;
7. We are looking for three hundred seventy-five (375) customers to make this project feasible to do;
8. We now have two hundred twenty-eight (228) customers who have signed up or are on an existing system;
9. At the present time, we have eighty-seven (87) new signups which will bring the total to three hundred fifteen (315) customers;
10. This project will include three existing systems which are: Deerfield Estates, Lakeland Village and Acme Service Area; **and**
11. The proposed service area of this revised project will include a portion within the original district boundary together with the area adjacent to the Brunswick County line.

COMMENTS by COMMISSIONER MEMORY:

Commissioner Bill Memory stated the following:

1. This district will be servicing the Delco area along Highway 74/76 to the Brunswick County line to Water Tank Road;
2. This district can service the school that is now being serviced by the Riegelwood Sanitary District;
3. Our goal is to supply good quality water to the citizens;
4. The water is being offered at a reasonable price;
5. Tommy Huffham is our water representative for this area;
6. There will be new lines installed where the density necessitates; **and**
7. If we do not get enough customers for this district to be self-supportive, the water lines will not go in the ground.

Commissioner Gore asked if the water lines were going by Delco Elementary School. Commissioner Memory stated yes they would.

Commissioner Memory requested that Mr. Green explain that these figures have been worked up on the basis of a forty (40%) percent grant. Mr. Green stated the following:

1. The report that I have prepared has been based on a forty (40%) percent grant;
2. \$5,142,000 Have been obligated to Water District IV, and out of this amount, \$1,501,000 have been previously obligated; **and**
3. The total cost of this project as I have proposed will be \$3,335,000 leaving a balance of \$1.8 million.

Agenda Item #3: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Jacobs stated he had received seven (7) cards for Public Comments and opened the floor for these to be presented. The following people spoke.

1. **Jeff Crawford:** stated the following:
 - A. This water is needed in the eastern end of Columbus County;
 - B. The area is developing quickly;
 - C. Good water will improve the quality of life for our citizens; **and**
 - D. I appreciate your support.
2. **Glenn Evans:** stated the following:
 - A. I have good water, but the water is hard but it is good to drink;
 - B. My children live all around me and they do not have good water;
 - C. My daughter can not raise flowers or a garden due to her deep well being salty;
 - D. We need help in this area of the County to get good water; **and**
 - E. Thank you for your support in this venture.
3. **Martin Benton:** stated the following:
 - A. In this part of the County, if you have a deep well, the water is salty;
 - B. If you have a shallow well, the water is rusty;
 - C. Every four to five (4-5) years, you have to change all your water faucets due to the water;
 - D. We need help with the water, and we need it as soon as possible.
4. **Phillip Caines:** stated the following:
 - A. I live on Byrdville Freeman Road and I have good water;
 - B. Are you going to do anything on this road? Commissioner Memory replied stating that this road was not included, and the water lines were not going any further west than Water Tank Road.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated that in the previous Public Hearing held on June 26, 2006, the citizens were told they would not be mandated to sign on if they did not want the water.

Commissioner Bullard asked Mr. Green how many signups were needed for the system to be feasible. Mr. Green replied stating that three hundred twenty-five (325) signups were needed and we have two hundred twenty-five (225) signups now.

5. **James Jordan:** stated the following:
 - A. I do not have decent water;

- B. I have two (2) shallow wells and they are rusty, and I have two (2) deep wells and they are salty;
 - C. I want good water; **and**
 - D. I live at the edge of Water Tank Road on Swimming Hole Road.
6. **Sheldon Batchelder:** stated the following:
- A. I live at Lake Waccamaw;
 - B. I have some land on Mitchell Road which is off of Livingston Chapel Road;
 - C. Will this area be included? Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, stated it would be based on the number of water hookups.
7. **Gene McNeil:** stated the following:
- A. I live in the Old Armour area which is two (2) miles from Delco Elementary School on Cemetery Road;
 - B. Will this water be installed on this road? Mr. Green replied stating the water would not be installed on this road at this time.

Mr. Green also stated, for clarification purposes that the water would not be going to Delco Elementary School.

Chairman Jacobs asked the Clerk if any written comments on this matter had been received. June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, stated no written comments had been received as of this date.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING on WHETHER the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS for the COUNTY of COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, as the GOVERNING BODY of the COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV, SHOULD EXTEND the BOUNDARIES of SAID DISTRICT:

At 6:49 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #4: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION EXTENDING the BOUNDARIES of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV and PROVIDING for CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS:

Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Extending the Boundaries of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV and Providing for Certain Related Matters as a result of the findings of the Public Hearing:

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV
AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV (the “District”), has been considering extending the boundaries of the District pursuant to Section 162A-87.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended (“Section 162A-87.1”), in order to be able to provide water service in the territory proposed to be annexed to the District as well as in the initial territory of the District, and said Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) is authorized to do so only after a public

hearing on such proposed extension and satisfying certain other requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received a Preliminary Engineering Report for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, revised as of May 21, 2007, which was prepared by Green Engineering, P.L.L.C. to meet the requirements of subsection (d) of Section 162A-87.1; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on such proposed extension of the boundaries of the District was duly held on June 25, 2007 and it is necessary to act on such proposed extension and provide for certain related matters at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board, as follows:

- Section 1. The Board hereby finds and determines that it desires to proceed with the extension of the boundaries of the District that has been under consideration as described above.
- Section 2. As required by subsection (a) of Section 162A-87.1, the Board hereby finds and determines in connection with such extension of the boundaries of the District that:
- (a) The aggregate external boundary of the area to be annexed to the District is 313,784 linear feet in length of which 41,655 linear feet are coincident with the existing boundary of the District. Accordingly, the area to be annexed is contiguous to the District, with at least one-eighth of the aggregate external boundary of the area to be annexed to the District coincident with the existing boundary of the District.
 - (b) The residents of the territory to be annexed will benefit from the annexation by acquiring a safe and dependable water supply meeting all standards and requirements of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Health Services. The residents of such territory will also benefit from some limited fire protection afforded by the installation of numerous fire hydrants along the water system routes.
 - © It is economically feasible to provide the proposed water service in the area to be annexed to the District by charging reasonable rates and charges for water service. It is not anticipated that any annual tax levies will be required to support the water system in such area. Accordingly, it is economically feasible to provide the proposed water service in the area to be annexed to the District without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies.
- Section 3. Upon the basis of the foregoing and other information that has been made available to the Board, the Board hereby determines and resolves that the area proposed to be annexed to the District, as described in such Preliminary Engineering Report and shown in Exhibit I attached thereto, is to be annexed to the District as of the date that this resolution takes effect and that the boundaries of the District are accordingly to be extended as shown in such Exhibit I in order to be able to provide water service in the territory annexed to the District as well as in the initial territory of the District.
- Section 4. All prior resolutions or other actions of the Board that are inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed.
- Section 5. This resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2007, which is the beginning of the fiscal year next commencing after the passage of this resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 25th day of June, 2007.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Extending the Boundaries of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV and Providing for Certain Related matters, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The Motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:49 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman