

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**July 02, 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, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Bill Memory
 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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Lynwood Norris

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

Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application - the purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform the public of an application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than July 13, 2007 by the County of Columbus, and to receive oral or written comments.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:15 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Jacobs requested that Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, give a brief overview of this application. Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. This program is an annual one hundred (100%) percent grant;
2. The program is made up of three (3) parts, which are as follows:
 - ETAP which involves dialysis and medical appointments;
 - Work First with the Department of Social Services - employment; **and**
 - Rural General Public which provides transportation, at a minimum fee, for anyone in Columbus County outside of city limits, and generates revenue;
4. The fee for the general public is two and 00/100 (\$2.00) dollars for in-town trips and five and 00/100 (\$5.00) dollars for the rural areas of the County;
5. We have on-demand service which means anywhere in Columbus County; **and**
6. We made six thousand to seven thousand (6,000 - 7,000) trips last year involving five hundred to seven hundred (500 - 700) different people.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Patton if the Rural General Public Program could generate revenue for the General Fund. Mr. Patton replied stating the revenue generated must go back to the Department of Transportation.

Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, stated the County was contributing very little to this program and it is supporting veterans at fifteen thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000) dollars per year.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:23 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

6:30 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION**

Agenda Items #1, #2, and #3: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Sammie Jacobs called the July 02, 2007 Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman James E. Prevatte.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following listed Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

- A. June 18, 2007 Regular Session;
- B. June 18, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting;
- C. June 25, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting; **and**
- D. June 25, 2007 Regular Session.

Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION TO SERENA SELLERS AND JUDY WARD:

Chairman Sammie Jacobs presented the following plaques to Serena Sellers and Judy Ward for winning a national achievement award from the National Association of Counties.

PRESENTED in RECOGNITION
to
SERENA SELLERS

for PARTICIPATION in the
PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
and ACHIEVEMENT of the
NACo 2007 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
for COLUMBUS COUNTY

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PRESENTED in RECOGNITION
to
JUDY WARD

for PARTICIPATION in the
RAMPS and RAILS PROGRAM
and ACHIEVEMENT of the
NACo 2007 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
for COLUMBUS COUNTY

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- Ed Worley, Aging Director, stated the following:
1. I am very proud of all of my employees;
 2. I have two (2) employees who have been recognized by the National Association of Counties for the programs they are working with;
 3. One of these two (2) employees is Serena Sellers who is working with the Prescription Drug Program in which she has saved the citizens of Columbus County \$2+ million;
 4. Ms. Sellers does grant writing and serves as the catch all in the department;
 5. The other employee is Judy Ward who wears six (6) hats, and works with the Ramps and Rails Program;
 6. This program has built approximately two hundred (200) ramps and rails for the citizens of Columbus County who are in need;
 7. Ms. Ward is a strong fighter for the Aging Department;

- 8. I am very proud of these two (2) employees and their accomplishments; **and**
- 9. We are the first county in North Carolina to win national awards.

Jim Varner, County Manager, stated the following:

- 1. Winning a national award is indeed an honor; **and**
- 2. These two (2) employees are to be commended and I am very proud of them.

Commissioner Amon McKenzie stated that the Columbus County Department of Aging sets the pace for other counties in North Carolina to follow, and I am very proud of them.

Commissioner Memory stated it is wonderful to have ladies of this work quality and I extend my thanks to you.

Commissioner Ronald Gore stated these two (2) ladies do a fantastic job in their work and I really appreciate the work they do for Columbus County.

Commissioner Ricky Bullard stated the following:

- 1. I would like to commend both of these ladies;
- 2. You are doing a good job and the work comes from the heart, and that says a lot; **and**
- 3. I would like to thank each of you for what you do.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated he will concur strongly with the previous statements that have been made and would like to thank both of these ladies and say that I am very proud of you for what you do.

Agenda Item #6: 2006 CDBG PROJECT - APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD FOR ASBESTOS INSPECTION:

Tammy Jones, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval of the Recommendation of Award, to the low bidder, for Asbestos Inspection for the 2006 Columbus County CDBG to Kennan Construction of Wilmington as per the following Bid Tabulation Summary.

**2006 Columbus County CDBG #06-C-1507
Asbestos Inspection
Bid Date: June 18, 2007 - 4:00 P.M.
Bid Tabulation Summary**

CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
Phoenix EnviroCorp	\$1,048
Carolina Environmental	\$700
Keenan Construction	\$495

Recommendation of Award

Award asbestos inspection contract to the low bidder, Kennan Construction of Wilmington.

Approved: /s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Recommendation of Award to the low bidder, for Asbestos Inspection for the 2006 Columbus County CDBG, #06-C-1507, to Kennan Construction of Wilmington, in the amount of four hundred ninety-five (\$495) dollars, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Jim Varner, County Manager, stated that eight (8) houses were involved in this grant.

Agenda Item #7: MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION:

Kathryn S. Foley presented the following recommendation to the Board requesting this committee be dissolved:

1. On May 18, 2007, the Medicaid Advisory Committee held a meeting with Jeffery Simms and other State and Federal representatives, which lasted three (3) hours;
2. We were informed that State and Federal law control Medicaid, and there is not anything this committee can do to make a difference;
3. This committee's hands are tied due to Federal and State constraints in accomplishing the tasks we are assigned to do;
4. The Medicaid Advisory Committee met on June 05, 2007, and a motion was made to dissolve the Columbus County Medicaid Advisory Committee due to its inability to accomplish the tasks we are assigned to do, and the motion passed;
5. We were told the Department of Social Services controls Medicaid; **and**
6. We are requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to dissolve the Medicaid Advisory Committee.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated he attended this meeting with Jeffery Simms and he concurred with Ms. Foley's information.

Commissioner McKenzie stated the Columbus County Department of Social Services was one of the best in the State.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to dissolve the Columbus County Medicaid Advisory Committee, and the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to each member for their service on this committee, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #8: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CERTIFIED STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF SUB-ALLOCATION FORM:

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, is requesting Board approval to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certified Statement for the Rural Operating Assistance Program and approval of the Sub-Allocation Worksheet Form. The required Public Hearing was conducted prior to this meeting.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Chairman to sign the Certified Statement for the Rural Operating Assistance Program and approval of the Sub-Allocation Worksheet Form, seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried. A copy of this information will be kept on file in the Public Transportation File in the Office of the Clerk to the Board for review.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF REVISED DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION:

As per Charles Patton's, Public Transportation Director, request, Commissioner Memory made a motion to table this matter until July 16, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF NCDOT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR FY 2007-2008:

Charles Patton, Director, requested Board approval of the Non-urbanized Area Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Public Body Organizations Community Transportation Program - Section 5311, CFDA Number: 20.509, Project Number: 08-CT-076 with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Non-urbanized Area Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Public Body Organizations Community Transportation Program - Section 5311, CFDA Number: 20.509, Project Number: 08-CT-076 with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried. A copy of this document will be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board for review.

Agenda Item #11: HEALTH DEPARTMENT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kimberly Smith, Columbus County Health Director, delivered the following Departmental

Update to the Board:

1. **Adult Health:** 2300 flu vaccines, 100 pneumonia vaccines
In 2006, a total of 4 confirmed cases of tuberculosis and 25 confirmed new cases of HIV. In 2006, with the assistance of the District Attorney’s Office, convicted two (2) individuals for violating Public Health Law so they spent one hundred twenty (120) days in the NC Correctional Facility in Raleigh. Also saw an increase in the number of cases of Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Hepatitis B in our County.
2. **Child Health:** 4,146 Immunizations were given at the Health Department. This represents 87% of all vaccines given in our County. In August, 2006, the Health Department lost our FNP. We are continuing to recruit, but to date, we have been unable to hire anyone due mainly to salary requirements.
3. **Dental Services:** Provided dental services to a total of 2,473 children in Columbus County in 2006. 80.5% Were Medicaid, 13.5 were Health Choice, 6% were uninsured. At this time last year, we were trying to find two (2) dentists and other staff. Today, I am very happy to say we have two (2) full-time dentists and are fully staffed. Our Toothmobile is currently parked at Tabor City Elementary School for the summer.
4. **Environmental Health:** Inspected 892 food and lodging businesses (including the hospital, city and county schools, and area nursing homes). Completed six (6) lead investigations, permitted 15 swimming pools and five (5) tattoo parlors, issued 570 septic tank permits. Total amount of fees collected for 2006 were \$82,001.00.
5. **Family Planning:** Our biggest problem in Family Planning this year consisted of the 790% increases in the price of contraceptives. The state did step in and the percentage did decrease to only 97% increase.
6. **Home Health:** In 2006, was accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Health Services. We were recognized as providing “programs of superior quality”. Total unduplicated patients served 1,243. Indigent care: \$10,466.02.
7. **Lab:** Total test processed - 23,357.
8. **Vital Statistics:** 513 Births and 520 deaths.
9. **Maternal Health:** 157 Babies whose mothers received prenatal care delivered at Columbus Regional HealthCare System. The Prenatal Clinic has experienced a 22% increase in non-paying patients.
10. **Preparedness and Response:** All staff completed the Incident Command System Training (ICS). All plans that were required by Crisis Communication Plan. Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan, and the pandemic Influenza Plan were all developed and submitted to the State on time during 2006. We are now in the process of revising and updating all these plans to continue to meet the ever-changing State requirements.
11. **Women, Infant and Children:** Total WIC vouchers revenue - \$1,415,032. On average, for every \$1.00 spent on the WIC Program in Columbus County, \$4.50 is generated in revenue for Columbus County businesses.
12. **Columbus County Health Department (not Home Health): Calendar Year**
Provided 46,893 patient services, 29,231 were Medicaid reimbursed services and 17,662 non-Medicaid reimbursed services (private pay, private insurance, no pay). This represents a 2% decrease in Medicaid reimbursable services. I feel this represents a 2% increase in individuals receiving services and the Health Department not getting reimbursed for those services.

Agenda Item #12: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments/re-appointments be made to the following boards/committees.

A.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council	VI	Graham Ellis	06-30-2007	Ralph Nobles
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	VII	J.C. Formy Duval, Jr	06-30-2007	Brett Gore
Housing Advisory Committee	IV	Marshall Shepherd (Deceased)	06-30-2007	Hold
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III V	Jerry Jacobs -Vacant-	06-30-2007 06-30-2007	Hold

Library Board of Trustees	II	Robert L. Young	06-30-2007	Hold
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Comm	EB	1 Vacancy (Diane Garcia)	01/03/2007	Hold

B. Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees:

Commissioner Gore appointed Spruell Randy Britt, Post Office Box 463, Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439, Telephone: (910) 649-7007 (W), to finish the unexpired term of Larry Buffkin, who has resigned.

C. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to approve the recommendation of Greg Worthington for Terry Mann, 203 Elm Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 642-2832 (H), to serve as a representative for the Business Community, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

D. Columbus County Planning Board:

Commissioner McKenzie appointed Rodney Fields, Post Office Box 312, Evergreen, North Carolina 28435, Telephone: (910) 640-0366, to fill the vacancy of J.B. Evans, who has resigned, with term expiring September 30, 2009.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

APPOINTMENT - TAX ADMINISTRATOR and DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, and Shirley Settlemyre, Acting Deputy Tax Collector, were appointed at the June 16, 2003 Board Meeting, for a four (4) year term, with terms expiring June 30, 2007. At the March 07, 2005 Board Meeting, Shirley Settlemyre was removed as Acting Deputy Tax Collector, and Doug Ward, was appointed as Deputy Tax Collector. **Richard Gore and Doug Ward are due to be re-appointed and/or replaced.**

Commissioner Gore made a motion to re-appoint Richard Gore as the Columbus County Tax Administrator, and Doug Ward as the Columbus County Deputy Tax Collector, for a four (4) year term, with terms expiring June 30, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Commissioner McKenzie, past Chairman of the Columbus County Social Services Board, stated the following:

1. The Social Services Board has met and chosen the new Director;
2. Out of seven (7) very qualified applicants, we have chosen Ms. Linda Fry;
3. Ms. Fry is presently the Social Services Director of Marion County, South Carolina;
4. She received her masters in Social Services from Virginia Commonwealth University;
5. She is a Native American and comes from the Cherokee Eastern Band Tribe; **and**
6. Out of the seven (7) good applicants, the Social Services Board thought that Ms. Fry could fulfill our expectations better.

Ms. Linda Fry stated the following:

1. I am very honored to be chosen as the new Columbus County Social Services Director;
2. To be fair to Marion County, I am going to work out a notice before I leave employment with them; **and**
3. My official start date of employment with Columbus County will be August 1, 2007.

MOTION:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to appoint Linda Fry as the new Columbus County Social Services Director, at a starting salary of sixty-three thousand and 00/100 (\$63,000.00) dollars, with a start date of August 1, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously

carried.

Agenda Item #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

A. July 02, 2007 Tax Refunds and Releases:

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
July 02, 2007**

Refunds	Name: Duncan, Daisy Belle	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year 006 Account # 07-03520 Bill # 27809	Total	\$193.00

Refund user fee. House is vacant, has no power, no trash can and is unlivable.
5027 Hurop Rd. Sandston, Va 23150

Refunds	Name: Hazel, Ronda	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year 005 Account # 11-05334 Bill # 4384	Total	\$177.00

Refund user fee on a house that is unlivable. Has no power and no trash can.
PO Box 155 Hallsboro NC 28442

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
July 02, 2007**

Release the Property Value	in the name of Batten, Donnie	Amount:	\$369.50
Value:	\$48,300.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-01649 Bill # 9231	Total	\$665.63

Release the value of a double wide, the Evergreen Fire (50.00) the Columbus Rescue fee (9.66) and W2 (43.47). The home was repossessed in 2005.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Cribb, Joshua	Amount:	\$102.43
Value:	\$13,390.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00955 Bill # 6261	Total	\$221.62

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Cribb, Joshua	Amount:	\$104.54
Value:	\$14,320.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-00955 Bill # 5424	Total	\$194.40

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2004.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Cribb, Joshua	Amount:	\$119.42
Value:	\$15,310.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-00955 Bill # 1592	Total	\$221.73

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Jordan, Bob Ed.	Amount:	\$56.23
Value:	\$7,350.00 Year: 2006 Account # 02-02327 Bill # 9217	Total	\$169.47

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville rescue. The home is double listed in the same name with a different address and account number.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Thompson, Shelia	Amount:	\$57.88
Value:	\$7,420.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 5478	Total	\$57.88

Release additional value for overpayment on mobile home.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Thompson, Shelia	Amount:	\$82.21
Value:	\$10,540.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 5478	Total	\$171.32

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. Customer billed with two mobile homes, She only has one.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Thompson, Shelia	Amount:	\$94.07
Value:	\$12,060.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 4744	Total	\$183.48

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Customer billed with two mobile homes. She only has one.

Release the Property Value	in the name of Thompson, Shelia	Amount:	\$36.35
Value:	\$4,752.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 7312	Total	\$36.35

Release additional value for overpayment on mobile home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Shelia Amount: \$65.75
 Value: \$8,429.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 4744 Total \$65.75
 Release additional value for overpayment on mobile homes.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Shelia Amount: \$67.17
 Value: \$8,780.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 7312 Total \$260.17
 Release the value of a mobile home. Customer billed with two homes. She only has one.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, Robert D. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-05403 Bill # 7985 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. This is a storage building. There is no trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Duncan, Daisy Bell Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 07-03520 Bill # 6930 Total \$177.00
 Release user fee on a house that is unlivable, no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hazel, Ronda Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-05334 Bill # 5449 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on a house that is unlivable, has no power and no trash can

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Kenneth Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-01223 Bill # 5818 Total \$193.00
 Release one of two user fees. Mobile home is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, John P. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-13860 Bill # 8997 Total \$193.00
 Release one of two user fees. One mobile home is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, John P. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 10-13860 Bill # 7716 Total \$177.00
 Release one of two user fees. One mobile home is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, John P. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 10-13860 Bill # 3601 Total \$177.00
 Release one of two user fees. One mobile home is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Shelia Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$9,930.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 1824 Total \$143.84
 Release the user fee. Customer billed with two mobile homes. She only have one.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Shelia Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-00745 Bill # 5992 Total \$177.00
 Release one of two user fees. Customer billed with two mobile homes. She only has one.

Release the User Fee in the name of Troy, Vance (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-15681 Bill # 7862 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on a house that is unlivable and does not have a trash can.

B. Amendment to July 02, 2007 Tax Releases:

Release additional value in the name of Shelia Thompson for the year 2003. Amount to release should be \$57.78 instead of \$57.88.

Agenda Item #14: Comments:

Chairman Jacobs opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

A. Public:

Robert Adams: I would like an update on the progress of the re-districting project. Steve Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, replied stating the information from the demographers has been provided to the County Commissioners for their review. Mr. Adams stated this project could be done at a cheaper rate if a person within Columbus County is utilized to do the work.

B. Department Heads:

Carol Worrell: stated the following:

1. We will be holding a Soccer Camp on July 10 - 12, 2007, for ages five (5) to nine (9);
2. We will be having a Volleyball Court for ages eleven (11) to eighteen (18); **and**
3. The Dixie Debs, ages sixteen (16) to eighteen (18), are going to the World Series in Florida on July 27, 2007.

C. Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Bullard: I would like to say that I appreciate the work of the Public Utilities Department. They are doing a good job.

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

Agenda Item #15: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) PERSONNEL:

At 7:19 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:23 P.M., Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

OTHER:

CONTRACT - NON-RENEWAL of COUNTY MANAGER'S CONTRACT (EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT):

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to not renew the contract (Employment Agreement) of Jimmy Varner, Columbus County Manager, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman