

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**January 22, 2008****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 their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday. These minutes were recorded by Gail Edwards, Deputy Clerk to the Board, and typed by June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 Gail Edwards, **Deputy Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

Leo Hunt, **Interim County Manager**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the January 22, 2008 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Sammie Jacobs. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Bill Memory.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - BOARD APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to SOUTH COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL STALLIONS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the following Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to South Columbus High School Stallions, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed

On the behalf of the entire Board, Chairman Prevatte presented the following Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to South Columbus High School Stallions to Coach Joey Price.

RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to SOUTH COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL STALLIONS

WHEREAS, through many generations of time, Columbus County has been blessed with talented athletes who choose to greatly excel in one of America's favorite sports, namely football; **and**

WHEREAS, these talented athletes devote endless hours of training, discipline, dedication, and sacrifices of the condition of their physical bodies to accomplish their goals; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is blessed to have numerous parents and/or relatives who are willing to allow their young adults to participate in the infamous game of football; **and**

WHEREAS, within Columbus County, there exists South Columbus High School who is widely known and recognized for their talented football team, the **STALLIONS**, who won the 2-A State Runner-Up Title on December 8, 2007, at the State Championship Game, in Raleigh, at the Carter Finley Stadium; **and**

WHEREAS, among their various victory titles are the following: Columbus County Champions, Waccamaw Conference Champions and 2-A Eastern Champions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize the following players and coaches for their achievement of winning the 2-A State Runner-Up Title:

#3 Rashawn Grate; #5 Scott Spivey; #7 Ray Suggs; #8 Lee Hemingway; #11 Chris Gaskins; #12 Justin Duncan; #15 Derrick Clay; #20 Dominique Betts; #21 Andrae Jacobs; #23 Jake Grimmett; #24 Jonathan Buffkin; #25 Dakota Piver; #26 Donovan Watts; #30 Kevin Clay; #31 Cory Harris; #33 T.J. Richardson; #36 Antron Bowman; #40 Justin Smith; #44 Michael Hansen; #45 Buster James; #51 Dusty Duncan; #52 Edward Gerald; #54 Alex Herring; #55 Nico Laqunas; #57 Thomas Everett; #58 Jason Harper; #59 Justin McPherson; #60 Greg Ward; #61 Robbie Watts; #65 Pat Worley; #70 Colby Wright; #71 Steven Beck; #72 Nick Vereene; #76 Justin Bullock; #79 Dusty Little; #80 Trey Ward; #81 Daniel Fowler; and #88 Ethan Farmer
COACHES: *Joey Price, Mike Garrell, Jarret Price and Brandon Smith; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each player and coach who gave of their time and abilities to accomplish this victory.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 22nd day of January, 2008.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman, District II
/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, District I
/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, District V
/s/ RONALD GORE, District VII

/s/ BILL MEMORY, Vice Chairman, District IV
/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS, District III
/s/ RICKY BULLARD, District VI

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the January 07, 2008 Regular Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

No comments were received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION - VIETNAM MEMORIAL MOVING WALL:

Anita Adams, member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 962, Columbus County, made the following presentation to the Board relative to the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall.

1. The Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 962, and other veteran organizations of Columbus County will host the replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. October 9th through October 13th, 2008;
2. The wall is due to arrive in Columbus County on October 8, 2008, and will be set up and will be available to review on October 9th with an opening ceremony;
3. It is our request for you, as Commissioners, to set and approve in the upcoming year's budget, a voluntary contribution to help make this possible;
4. We are also sending out letters to corporations and businesses asking for donations with a copy of the needs and/or expenses this will incur;
5. Some of these expenses are estimates and some are the actual amounts which total well over fourteen thousand and 00/100 (\$14,000.00) dollars;
6. We may have some items that may be donated; **and**
7. My request from you is for ten thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) dollars.

After a brief discussion relative to the location of the said wall, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to consider this request in the upcoming budget process, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: AIRPORT - APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT VISION 100 GRANT, PROJECT 36237.53.5.1 (HANGARS):

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the Block Grant Agreement, Vision 100, Project Number 36237.53.5.1 (Hangars), for the Columbus County Airport in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$150,000.00) dollars, by the approval of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynwood Norris and seconded by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly accepted:

WHEREAS, a Grant in the amount of \$150,000 has been approved by the Department based on total estimated cost of \$166,667; **and**

WHEREAS, an amount equal to or greater than ten (10%) percent of the total estimated project cost has been appropriated by the Sponsor for this Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE Chairman of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this Grant Agreement or any mutually agreed upon modification thereof.

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners of a meeting duly and regularly held on the 22nd day of January, 2008.

This the 29th day of January, 2008.

(SPONSOR SEAL)

Signed: **JUNE B. HALL**
 Title: **Clerk to the Board**
 Of The: **Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

Mr. Edwards stated the following:

1. This grant is for 2007; **and**
2. The match for this grant will come from the 2008-2009 Budget year.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Block Grant Agreement, Vision 100, Project Number 36237.53.5.1 (Hangars), for the Columbus County Airport, in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$150,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy will be marked as Exhibit "A" and kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office, in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

Agenda Item #9: TRANSPORTATION - BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NEXTEL:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of a Nextel Subscriber Agreement. Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. This is a new communication system;
2. The funds for this system were approved at the last meeting;
3. This will replace our two-way radios which we are having multiple problems with;
4. This system will be a group-talk cell phone;
5. We have tested this system in all areas of the County and the reception is great; **and**
6. It has a GPS locator system.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Nextel Subscriber Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

Agenda Item #10: BUILDING INSPECTIONS - APPROVAL of REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT for ENFORCEMENT of FIRE CODES with the TOWN of TABOR CITY:

Ray Reeves, Chief Building Inspector, requested Board approval of the following **revised** Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement of Fire Codes with the Town of Tabor City.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE CODES

This Agreement made and entered into this 1st day of February 2008, by and between the **Town of Tabor City** a municipal corporation having charter granted by the State of North Carolina, hereafter referred to as "Municipality", and Columbus County, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of North Carolina, hereafter referred to as "County".

WHEREAS, the Municipality is desirous of having the County inspect and have enforcement authority within said Municipality's corporate limits and exterritorial jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, the County, in accordance with and under the auspices of N.C. General Statute 160A-461, will enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the purpose of conducting fire inspections; and

WHEREAS, under 160A-360, a Municipality and County may, by agreement, cede its territory to the other for the purpose of enforcement of select ordinances and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Term. The term of this annual Agreement is from January 31, 2008 through January 31, 2009 and shall automatically renew each year unless terminated as provided herein.
2. Responsibilities:
 - A. Municipality. The Municipality agrees to:
 - a. provide any pre-permit reviews of any applicable Municipal ordinances or regulations;
 - b. provide certification (when necessary) that said plans are in accordance with Municipal regulations, plans, and other documentation needed for review under applicable zoning codes;
 - c. adopt the County's current Fire code fee schedule;
 - d. collect any applicable zoning permit fees and issue zoning permits in accordance with the town's zoning ordinance;
 - e. not hold County responsible for enforcement of any other Municipal ordinance or regulations, unless specifically contracted for;
 - f. contact the county, as necessary, for applicable fire inspections.
 - B. County. The County agrees to:
 - a. provide all applicable inspections regarding electrical inspections in accordance with the North Carolina Building Codes for permits issued by the County prior to February 1, 2008;
 - b. issue all fire permits under this ordinance;
 - c. perform site inspections as necessary;
 - d. collect and deposit into the county's bank account all fees associated with fire inspections.
3. Termination. This agreement may be terminated by thirty (30) days written notice and upon mutual agreement by and between the County and Municipality.
4. Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the only agreement between the parties and contains all the terms agreed upon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate by the respective parties, all duly authorized by the respective Governing Boards and the authority duly given to their respective officials, all duly given the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**
Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

TOWN OF TABOR CITY

Royce Harper
Mayor

ATTEST

Clerk to Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ **STEVEN W. FOWLER**
COLUMBUS COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the revised Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement of Fire Codes with the Town of Tabor City, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: HEALTH - BOARD APPROVAL of MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT with COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM for "BLOOD EXPOSURE":

Kimberly Smith, Columbus County Health Director, requested Board approval of the following Memorandum of Agreement with Columbus Regional Healthcare System for "Blood Exposure".

Memorandum of Agreement
Columbus Regional Healthcare System
Department of Laboratory Medicine
And
Columbus County

This agreement entered into on February 1, 2008, between Columbus Regional Healthcare System (CRHS) and Columbus County Departments (CC). The purpose of this agreement is to establish the method by which Columbus County Departments can send Blood and Body fluid exposure personnel to Columbus Regional Healthcare System for Rapid HIV and Hepatitis Profile testing and treatment.

Procedure:

CC will: (if able)

1. Exposed staff will:
 - a. obtain a sample of the source patients's blood (at least one 10 ml serum separator tube).
 - b. obtain worker's compensation statement.
2. The CRHS/CC RAPID HIV Procedure form, worker's compensation statement and source blood sample will be taken to the CRHS Emergency Department (blue entrance) by the individual exposed and given to the CRHS Registration Staff. CC staff will inform the Registration Staff that this is a "**Blood Exposure**" and "**is a time sensitive issue**".
3. The Director of the County Department or designee will call Columbus Regional Healthcare System's Emergency Department to alert the Triage Nurse that the County Department is sending an exposed employee for testing.
4. Cost for CC employee will be covered under workman's compensation.

CRHS will:

Registration Staff:

1. The Registration Staff in the Emergency Department will register the "Source Blood from the Source Person" as a non-patient. The Registration Staff will then take the "Source Blood" to the Lab **ASAP** and the Rapid-HIV/HBP Order Form. This is billable to the Columbus County Department the employee works under.

Laboratory Staff:

1. The Lab Staff will order "SUDSHD" (Rapid-HIV Health Department) and HBP (Acute Hepatitis Profile).
2. The Lab will inform (call) the ED physician of the HIV results. The ED physician/staff will evaluate and treat the CC exposed staff according to CRHS's Exposure to Blood/Body Fluid Protocol.
3. Fax completed results to (910) 640-1088, attention Columbus County Health Department

Communicable Disease Nurse.

This contract shall begin on the 1st day of February, 2008 and continue from year to year without the necessity of re-execution or written amendment, subject to availability of funds, or by budget amendment or revisions.

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman** January 22, 2008
Columbus County Commissioners

/s/ **KIMBERLY SMITH, Health Director** January 22, 2008
Columbus County Health Department

/s/ **JANET W. ROYAL** January 28, 2008
Director of Laboratory Services Date
Columbus Regional Healthcare System

/s/ **ANN L. JOHNSON** January 29, 2008
Chief Operating Officer Date
Columbus Regional Healthcare System

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH** February 01, 2008
Signature of Finance Officer

Commissioner McKeznie made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Columbus Regional Healthcare System for “Blood Exposure”, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously passed. A copy will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board’s Office for review.

Agenda Item #12: SHERIFF - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

The Honorable Christopher Batten, Columbus County Sheriff delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board:

1. Grant monies that have been received in 2007-08 are as follows:

-Governors Crime Commission	-Tasers	\$8,238
-Governor’s Highway Safety	-Radar Trailer	\$12,934
-NC Department of Crime Control	-VIPER (800 mgh radio)	<u>\$18,021</u>
TOTAL:		\$39,193
2. We have four (4) or five (5) other grants which we are currently working on;
3. Electronic House Arrest has been very successful. Since July 1, 2005, EHA has saved the County \$939,637. There have been 497 inmates released from jail through EHA;
4. So far, for the 2007-08 fiscal year, savings total \$105,820. Today there are 14 inmates on house arrest;
5. The cost per day for this program is approximately \$8/day. When inmates participate in the program, the County is not responsible for any medical cost or cost of meals. If the inmate works while on house arrest, he reimburses the County \$15/day;
6. Inmates serving time for child support may be selected for trustees. These trustees work in the laundry, and keep Sheriff’s Offices, Detention Facility and ground clean, thus eliminating need to contract services of outside vendors;
7. We moved into the new Detention Facility on October 7, 2007. The Magistrates moved in early December, 2007. There have been a lot of problems to deal with - from door malfunctions to JVAC - magistrate concerns. We are looking into uses for the old jail, but have been unable to find the engineer drawing from 1972, which would show us the load bearing walls and other necessary information;
8. In general, we are doing well. We have received a bus through Law Enforcement Support Services to expand our mobile command center.
9. STATS from 07-01-2007 to **01-18-2008** are follows:

2007 Detective Division Statistics:

Total Reports:	3644
Cases Assigned to Detectives:	1193

Cases Assigned to Call Status:	1237
Cleared Percentage: (State Average: 24.2%)	39.4%
Felony Arrest:	176
Arrest Percentage:	14.7%

2007 Narcotics Division Statistics:

Felony Arrests:	269
Misdemeanor Arrests:	194
Total Arrests:	463
Guns Seized:	40
Cash Seized:	\$43,339 (partial)

2007 Patrol Division Statistics:

Civil papers served:	2,071
Criminal papers served:	3,028
Child Support papers served:	720

(Includes Order to Show Cause; Notices; Motions and Order/Civil Arrest)

Agenda Item #13: COURTHOUSE - UPDATE by COMMISSIONER SAMMIE JACOBS:

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs, a Courthouse Committee member, delivered the following update to the Board on some ideas that have been discussed relative to the Courthouse.

1. Commissioner Norris, Commissioner Gore and myself, as a committee, met with Judge Sasser a month ago;
2. We went over all the things that were bothering him, and the whole judicial system, at that time;
3. We worked closely, and we discovered we are not the only ones in this boat;
4. There are problems with courthouses throughout the State of North Carolina;
5. During our meeting with Judge Sasser, with the help of Leo Hunt, Interim County Manager, and Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, we discussed things we could and could not do;
6. Judge Sasser asked us to let him look into some possibilities and some remedies that he would have and bring back through the judicial system;
7. The Judge stated he would find out how problems of that nature have been handled in other places and give us some suggestions;
8. We were asked by the Judge to wait on him for this information, and he would get back to us;
9. We had a good productive meeting with Judge Sasser, he wants to do everything good for the County, it is an asset to have him on board now, he is doing a great job and will continue to do a great job, and we are looking forward to working with him;
10. We are aware that we are going to have to do something with our Courthouse; **and**
11. As things develop, the committee will keep the Board updated.

Commissioner Norris and Commissioner Gore concurred with Commissioner Jacobs.

Agenda Item #14: GOVERNING BODY - RULES of PROCEDURE for the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Prevatte requested Board approval and adoption of the following Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. A workshop was conducted on January 14, 2008 on this topic. **(This will be the first reading.)**

**RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

INTRODUCTION

The following Rules of Procedure were developed for use by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "Board"). They incorporate general principles of parliamentary procedure and the applicable laws of North Carolina. The Rules were designed with the following guidelines in mind:

1. The Board must act as a body.
2. The Board should proceed in the most efficient manner possible.
3. The Board must act by at least a majority vote.
4. Every member must have an equal opportunity to participate in decision-making.

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5. The Board must apply the Rules of Procedure consistently.
6. The Board may act only with a quorum.
7. There must be a question before the Board on which it can decide. Except when electing their own officers or balloting for appointments, legislative bodies proceed by voting yes or no on specific proposals put forward by one or more members. Each member has the right to know, at all times, what question is before the Board and what effect a yes or no vote would have on that question.
8. There must be opportunity for debate.
9. Questions must be decided by vote.
10. There must be no fraud, trickery, or deception in the Board's proceedings.

It is the policy of this Board that all hearings, deliberations, and actions be conducted fairly, openly, and consistent with the applicable Statutes of North Carolina.

IN GENERAL

Applicability.

The following Rules shall be the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Board to follow when meeting to conduct public business.

Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply with regard to these Rules of Procedure:

Agenda means a list of things to be done and matters to be considered.

Agenda preview session means information sharing session, no action taken.

Closed session means a meeting, excluding the public, where only certain permitted subjects may be discussed, as determined by the County Attorney. Action is allowed under certain narrow conditions, in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11.

Commissioners' reports and comments shall mean time for individual Board members to share information with other members of the Board and the public. These comments may be on items requiring action for future agendas, and will not be acted upon at the meeting at which first presented unless it is the unanimous consensus of the Board that the item be acted on at the time of presentation.

Consent agenda means a listing of items that are considered non-controversial, do not use county fund balance, or increase staff, which do not generally need explanation or debate, such as approval of budget amendments, minutes, etc. and may be routine.

General Account means providing some sort of record of the discussion that took place in a closed session, whether action was taken or not. A public body must always prepare a general account of a closed session, even if minutes of that closed session are unnecessary. A general account need not summarize the substance of closed session discussion or set out the specific positions taken by each member of the public body.

Majority vote means four (4) votes shall constitute a majority vote and shall be necessary to pass or defeat any action. A majority vote of four may only be waived when an in an emergency meeting has been called and then a quorum is be present.

Minutes means the provision of a record of the actions taken by a board and evidence that the actions were taken according to proper procedures. In closed sessions, if no action is taken, only a general account is necessary.

Pending matter means discussion and/or deliberation of a substantive motion.

Quorum means four (4) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. If a member has withdrawn from a meeting without being excused by majority vote, he/she shall be counted as present for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

Sunshine list means a listing of all persons, corporation, or other entities who have in writing requested notification of all meetings of the Board. The Board may require individuals (other than the media) to pay a \$10.00 annual fee, or higher as applicable by North Carolina law, and renew said request annually.

RULE 1: OPEN MEETINGS

- (a) It is the public policy of North Carolina and of Columbus County that the h e a r i n g s , deliberations, and actions of this Board and its committees be conducted openly to the extent provided by applicable North Carolina law.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in these rules and in accordance with applicable law, each official meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners shall be open to the public and any person is entitled to attend such a meeting.
- (c) For the purposes of the provisions of these Rules concerning open meetings, an official meeting of the Board is defined as any gathering together at any time or place or the simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means of a majority of Board members for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting public business within the jurisdiction, real or apparent, of the Board.

RULE 2: REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board shall hold a regular meeting on the first and third Monday of each month. The meeting shall be held at the Dempsey Herring Building, Second floor in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 112 West Smith Street, NC and shall begin at 6:30 pm (meetings may begin earlier in some circumstances) and end not later than 11:00 pm, unless extended by majority vote to 12:00 midnight. An extension of the meeting beyond 12:00 midnight shall require a unanimous vote of the Board in open session. If the Board votes to extend the meeting beyond midnight, then the Board shall also vote to determine those items remaining on the agenda on which a vote will be taken.

As required by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.12(a) a schedule of these meetings shall be kept on file with the Clerk of the Board who shall publish the schedule and any changes therein and shall notify all persons, organizations or entities who have previously requested notice in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.

RULE 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Chairperson or a majority of the members of the Board may at any time call a special meeting by signing a written notice stating the time and place of the meeting and the subject(s) to be considered. Notice of the meeting shall be delivered to each Board member and posted at the Columbus County Court House at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting is called to order.

If a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency, the notice requirements of this rule do not apply. However, the person or persons who call an emergency special meeting shall take reasonable action to inform the other members; local press and the public of the meeting. Only business connected with the emergency may be discussed at the meeting.

RULE 4: EMERGENCY MEETINGS

Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the Board members to deal with an unexpected circumstance which requires immediate consideration by the Board. In this situation the notice requirements do not apply. However, the person or persons who call an emergency meeting shall take all reasonable action to inform the other Board members, the press, and the public of the meeting at the earliest possible time, prior to the meeting. Only business connected with the emergency may be discussed at the meeting.

RULE 5: RECESSED OR WORKSHOP MEETINGS

A properly called regular, special or emergency meeting may be recessed to a time and place certain by a procedural motion adopted by a majority vote. The motion shall state the time and place when the meeting will convene. Workshop meetings are held as needed and properly scheduled following the public notice laws. Action may be taken during recessed or Workshop meetings.

RULE 6: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS- NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November. At the last meeting in November of any election year, retiring Commissioners shall be honored, so that the organizational meeting scheduled for the first meeting in December can proceed initially with oaths of office for the new Board.

December. At the first Monday in December, the newly-elected members of the Board, if any, shall take and subscribe the oath of office as the first order of business as administered by the Clerk to the Board or any elected or appointed official designated by North Carolina General Statute to officiate oaths.

As the second order of business, the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office. The title "chairman" and "vice-chairman" shall refer to persons who hold those positions, whether male or female.

As the third order of business, the Board shall approve the bonds of the Register of Deeds, the Sheriff; Finance Officer and any other county public official or employee. The Chairman shall then call the regular meeting of the Board to order. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term unless disqualified as a member of the Board. Should removal occur, a new Chairman shall be elected from the remaining membership at the meeting following removal, to serve out the remainder of the term of the Chairman.

In the absence of a Chairman or Vice-Chairman, who are duly-elected members of the Board from the previous term, the County Attorney shall call the organizational meeting to order; oversee the oaths of newly-elected Board members and call for a vote for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman pursuant to the method described in this section. In any case, after election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the County Attorney shall relinquish the chairmanship to the newly-elected Chairman.

RULE 7: AGENDA

The Clerk to the Board shall compile the Agenda for the meeting. The County Manager will have final determination if a particular item is to be placed on the Agenda other than Agenda items requested by a Board member.

Agenda packages will be distributed by the end of the Thursday preceding the Monday meeting date. All Agenda materials must be submitted to the Clerk to the Board on the Monday, one (1) week preceding the meeting date. Any Board member, by a timely request, may have an item placed on the Agenda for inclusion in the Agenda package. A complete copy of the Agenda with attached material shall be available for public inspection as soon as distribution to Commissioners has been completed. At least one copy of the complete Agenda package may be available for public inspection and reference near the rear of the Commissioners' Meeting Room during the meeting, and one copy may be available on the signup table.

Any member of the Board, the County Manager, or County Attorney may add any item to the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting by a majority vote of the Board.

As part of the Agenda, the County Manager in consultation with the Chairman or, in the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman shall prepare consent items for the Agenda. These items shall consist of routine business items which are not considered to be controversial, or items which have previously been discussed at a work session. Any item may be removed by a Commissioner by speaking on the item. Should any item on the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda, the Chairman, in his/her discretion, may place the item at the end of the Agenda.

The Agenda shall include, for each item of business placed on it, as much background information on the subject as is available and feasible to reproduce. A copy of all proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be attached to the Agenda. Large extensive documents may be located in the office of the Clerk to the Board for the public to review. A copy of the Agenda and attached materials shall be available for public inspection as soon as they are completed. Each Commissioner shall receive a copy of the Agenda for regular meetings at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Each Agenda may contain a "Public Charge" in the Agenda, which shall read as follows:

"The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and

fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.”

As a courtesy to others, persons are asked to turn off cell phones during the Board meeting.

RULE 8: PUBLIC ADDRESS TO THE BOARD FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

There shall be a time set aside at each regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for public comment. The meeting Agenda shall be followed as outlined in the Columbus County Commissioner's Board Package and as posted on the Public Agenda prior in the meeting room, unless modified by the Chairman, with the consent of the majority of the Board of Commissioners. The following procedure will be followed for public comment on non-agenda items at meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

1. The Board shall allow public comment. The maximum amount of time set aside for public comment shall be thirty (30) minutes.
2. Anyone wishing to speak shall complete an index card supplied by the County, on which they will provide their name, address and telephone number. They shall identify the topic they wish to address and include all pertinent information. These cards are to be presented to the County Clerk, who will give each card a number in the order in which it is received.
3. When the Board reaches that portion of the meeting when public comments are permitted, the Chairman will recognize those wishing to speak in the numerical order shown on the cards. Individuals who are recognized will come to the podium and give their name and address. They will then be allowed three (3) minutes in which to present comments, and the County Attorney will keep the time for that period. A person may only speak once during the period allotted for all comments. There shall be no yielding of time or allowance for one speaker to utilize another's time when addressing the Board of Commissioners. One must speak on his or her concern, or the concern of the general public as a whole. Only an attorney who represents that person may address the Board of Commissioners about a specific problem of another individual.
4. The Board is not required to comment on matters brought to the Board during this time, and may decline to take action on a request which is presented during the public comment portion of the meeting. Such request may instead be referred to the County Administrator, the County Attorney or other appropriate individual for investigation and action, or for a future report back to the Board.
5. Proper order will be maintained at all times during the meeting and the members of the audience shall be polite and courteous to all speakers at all times, regardless of their respective position. Only the speaker at the podium will be allowed to address the Board of Commissioners, or to make comments during the presentation.

(Adopted 2-2-04)

RULE 9: ORDER OF BUSINESS*

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Determination of a quorum and excusing members not present
- 3) Prayer and Pledge
- 4) Adjustment of Agenda*
- 5) Approval of Minutes
- 6) Water and Sewer District Meeting(s)
- 7) Public Hearings
- 8) Approval of Consent Items
- 9) Appointments**
- 10) Comments**
 - A. Public Input**
 - B. Department Heads**
 - C. Board of Commissioners**

- D. County Manager**
- E. County Attorney**
- 11) Closed Session**
- 12) Adjournment

*By general consent of the Board, items may be considered out of this order.

**May be at the beginning of the meeting.

Timing of the Public Input Session is at the discretion of the Chairman

RULE 10: POWERS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairman of the Board shall be elected annually for a term of one (1) year and shall not be removed from the office of chair unless he or she becomes disqualified to serve as a member of the Board.

The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Board. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside and shall have all the powers specified herein. If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both absent from the meeting, the Columbus County Attorney shall convene the meeting and the remaining members shall elect a Board member to preside for that meeting or until either the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson appears. A member must be recognized by the Chairperson in order to address the Board. The Chairperson shall have the following powers:

1. To rule motions in or out of order, including the right to rule out of order any motion patently offered for obstructive or dilatory purposes;
2. To establish time restraints for discussion, except for matters requiring a quasi-judicial public hearing;
3. To determine whether a speaker has gone beyond reasonable standards of courtesy in his/her remarks and to entertain and rule on objections from other members on this ground;
4. To entertain or refer to the County Attorney questions of parliamentary law or procedure;
5. To call a brief recess when needed;
6. To adjourn in an emergency;
7. To conduct public hearings as otherwise provided for herein; and
8. To direct any person to leave the meeting when the person willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts the meeting. Any person who fails to leave the meeting after being directed to do so by the Chairman shall be removed by the Sheriff and charged with a misdemeanor pursuant to applicable North Carolina law.

RULE 11: ACTION BY THE BOARD

The Board shall proceed to discuss an item, including receipt of comment from the staff or the public, when the item is announced by the Chairman. Upon completion of discussion, the Board shall, unless some other action is deemed appropriate, proceed by motion on the item. Any member, excluding the Chairman, may make a motion or second a motion.

The Board shall proceed by motion. Any member, excluding the Chairman, may make a motion.

- (1) One main motion may be made and seconded at a time.
- (2) An amendment to the main motion may be handled two (2) ways:
 - a. An amendment may be offered and accepted by the motion maker, as well as acceptance by the person who seconded the main motion, or
 - b. An amendment to the main motion may be made by a motion and second. An amendment to a motion is voted on prior to the main motion, and, if passed; is added to the main motion for a final vote.

No more than one amended motion may be made to the principal motion, at one time. This rule stands for the basic principle of parliamentary procedure that distinct issues will be

considered and dealt with, one at a time, and a new proposal may not be put forth until action on the preceding one has been concluded.

- (3) A substitute motion may be made with the intention of totally changing the content of the main motion. A substitute motion is voted on before the main motion, and if passed, it would eliminate the need to vote on the main motion.
- (4) A second is required on all motions, amended motions or substitute motions.
- (5) A motion to go into closed session must cite one or more purposes under G.S. 143-318.11(a) and shall be adopted at an open meeting.
- (6) A motion must be made in closed session to return to open session.
- (7) A motion to "call the question" is not in order until there has been an opportunity for every member to speak. The motion may be made only at the conclusion of action on a pending matter; it may not interrupt deliberation of a pending matter.
- (8) A motion may be made to divide a complex motion and consider it by paragraph.
- (9) A motion whose consideration has been deferred, expires sixty (60) days thereafter, unless a motion to revive consideration is adopted during the 60-day period.
- (10) A motion may be made which allows a matter to be postponed until a time certain. No further action by a member is necessary to insure that it will be placed on a future agenda.
- (11) For a matter to be reconsidered, it must be brought before the Board during the 60-day period following its deferral at a previous meeting.
- (12) To recess or postpone the meeting to a certain time or day.
- (13) A motion may refer a matter to a committee. Sixty (60) days after a motion has been referred to a committee, the introducer may compel consideration of the matter by the entire Board, regardless of whether the committee has reported back to the Board.
- (14) Any member may appeal a ruling of the Chairman. This must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present.
- (15) A motion passes or fails by majority vote. A motion shall be adopted or defeated by a majority or greater vote as defined by these rules, a quorum being present, unless otherwise required by law or these rules.

RULE 12: RECORDING AYES AND NOES IN MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners of Columbus County desires that the minutes reflect the word "unanimous" when all members of the Board of Commissioners vote in unanimity; and that the Clerk is directed to take roll call vote on issues which may arise and upon which unanimity does not exist.

(Adopted 1-3-84)

RULE 13: SECOND REQUIRED

Any motion to be considered for a vote shall require a second. If the motion does not receive a second, it "dies" for lack of a second. If the motion is seconded, and stated by the Chairman, it then goes before the Board for discussion and debate.

RULE 14: SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

A substantive motion is out of order while another substantive motion is pending.

Comment: This Rule sets forth the basic principle of parliamentary procedure: distinct issues are considered and dealt with one at a time, so a new proposal may not be put forth until action on the preceding one has been concluded.

RRO does not refer to substantive motions as such; instead it uses such adjectives as "main" or "principal." Here, a substantive motion is any motion other than the procedural motions listed in Rule 17. The possible subject matter of a substantive motion coextends with the Board's legal powers, duties, and responsibilities. Indeed, since Rule 11 provides that the Board shall proceed by motion, the substantive motion is the Board's exclusive mode of action. The procedural motions detailed in the following Rules set forth the Board's various options in disposing of substantive motions.

RULE 15: ADOPTION BY MAJORITY VOTE

A motion shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present unless otherwise required by these rules, an ordinance, or state statute.

RULE 16: DEBATE

The Chairman shall state the motion and then open the floor to debate. The Chairman shall preside over the debate according to these general principles:

- (a) The introducer (the person who makes the motion) is entitled to speak first;
- (b) A member who has not spoken on the issue shall be recognized before a member who has previously spoken;
- (c) To the extent possible, the debate should alternate between reasonably perceived opponents and proponents of the measure.

RULE 17: PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

- (a) In addition to substantive motion proposals, the procedural motions listed in subsection (b) of this Rule, and no others, shall be in order. Unless otherwise noted, each motion is debatable, may be amended, and requires a majority vote for adoption.

Comment: This rule substantially departs from *RRO*. Each procedural motion in *RRO* was reviewed to determine whether it was appropriate for use by a small board; substantial modifications and deletions were the result. The following enumeration of procedural motions is exhaustive; if a procedural option is not on the list, it is not available.

- (b) In order of priority (if applicable), the procedural motions are:

Comment: While a substantive motion is out of order if another substantive motion is pending, several procedural motions can be entertained in succession without necessarily disposing of the immediately pending one. The order of the list below establishes which procedural motion yields to which—for example, a move to defer consideration (6) may be made while a move to refer to committee (9) is pending because (6) ranks higher on the list.

1. *To Adjourn.* The motion may be made only at the conclusion of action on a pending matter; it may not interrupt deliberation of a pending matter.

Comment: This motion differs from the *RRO* motion in several respects. In *RRO*, it is not debatable or amendable and can be made at any time, even interrupting substantive deliberations. In view of the small number of members and the available procedures to limit debate, this rule allows debate and amendment of the motion to adjourn but allows the motion to adjourn only when action on a pending matter is over. The motion to defer consideration or to postpone to a certain time or day may be used if the Board wants to adjourn before completing action on a matter.

2. *To Take a Recess.*

Comment: *RRO* does not allow debate on this motion, but since the number of members is small and procedures to limit debate are available, this rule allows debate on the motion. As in *RRO*, the motion is in order at any time. Note that under Rule 12, the Chair also has the power to call a brief recess.

3. *To Call to Follow the Agenda.* The motion must be made at the first reasonable opportunity or it is waived.

Comment: This motion differs from the call for the orders of the day in *RRO*: it may be debated and must be made when an item of business that deviates from the Agenda is proposed or the right to insist on following the Agenda is waived for that item.

4. *To Suspend the Rules.* The motion requires a vote equal to a quorum.

Comment: This motion differs from *RRO* in that it is debatable and amendable and the number of necessary votes is a quorum rather than two-thirds. Thus if a board has five members, three members (a quorum) must vote for the motion; if only three members are present at a particular meeting, all three must vote for the motion in order to adopt it. This motion is in order when the Board wishes to do something that it may legally do but cannot without violating its own rules of procedure. The procedure will pose some problems for a three-member board, as it can be used to prevent one member from participating in the Board's deliberations. Frequent use of the motion to prevent one member from

presenting proposals to the Board or from speaking on an issue before the Board is of doubtful legality. A three-member board may decide to require a unanimous vote to suspend the rules.

5. *To Divide a Complex Motion and Consider It by Paragraph.*

Comment: This motion is the same as the division of a question and consideration by paragraph in *RRO* except that it is debatable.

6. *To Defer Consideration.* A substantive motion whose consideration has been deferred expires one hundred (100) days thereafter, unless a motion to revive consideration is adopted.

Comment: This motion, which replaces the motion to lay on the table in *RRO*, was renamed to avoid confusion. It allows the Board temporarily to defer consideration of a proposal. It differs from *RRO* in that it may be debated and amended, and in that a motion that has been deferred dies if it is not taken up by the Board (via a motion to revive consideration) within one hundred (100) days of the vote to defer consideration. (In *RRO* a motion laid on the table dies at the end of that particular session of the assembly.)

7. *To Call the Previous Question.* The motion is not in order until every member has had one opportunity to speak.

Comment: This motion differs from the motion in *RRO*. The *RRO* motion is always in order, is not debatable or amendable, and requires a two-thirds vote for adoption. Thus, it may be used to end discussion of a proposal before every member has had an opportunity to speak. Such a device may be necessary to preserve efficiency in a large assembly, but with a small board, allowing every member at least one opportunity to speak before closing debate strikes a better balance between efficiency and fairness. After every member who wishes to speak has done so, debate may be ended by majority vote.

8. *To Postpone to a Certain Time or Day.*

Comment: This motion allows the Board to defer consideration to a specified time or day and is appropriate when more information is needed or the deliberations are likely to be lengthy.

9. *To Refer to Committee.* Sixty (60) days after a motion has been referred to a committee, the introducer may compel consideration of the measure by the entire Board, regardless of whether the committee has reported the matter back to the Board.

Comment: This motion is identical with the motion of the same name in *RRO* except that the introducer's right to compel consideration by the full Board after a specified period of time prevents using the motion to defeat a proposal by referring it to a committee that intends to take no action on it. If the Board does not use committees, this Rule is unnecessary.

10. *To Amend.* An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the subject of the motion, but it may not achieve the opposite effect of the motion. There may be an amendment to the motion and an amendment to an amendment, but no further amendments. Any amendment to a proposed ordinance shall be reduced to writing.

Comment: This motion is identical to the motion of the same name in *RRO* except for the requirement for written amendments to proposed ordinances.

11. *To Revive Consideration.* The motion is in order at any time within one hundred (100) days of a vote deferring consideration of it. A substantive motion on which consideration has been deferred expires one hundred (100) days after the deferral, unless a motion to revive consideration is adopted.

Comment: This motion replaces the motion to take up from the table in *RRO* and was renamed in order to avoid confusion. This motion may be debated and amended; the motion in *RRO* may not. If the motion to revive consideration is not successful within one hundred (100) days of the original deferral date, the substantive motion expires. The subject matter of the motion may be brought forward again by a new motion.

12. *To Reconsider.* The motion must be made at the same meeting at which the original vote was taken, and by a member who voted with the prevailing side. The motion cannot interrupt deliberation on a pending matter but is in order at any time before adjournment.

Comment: According to *RRO*, the motion may be made at the same meeting or on the next legal day and may interrupt deliberation on another matter. The Rule does not allow reconsideration of a vote once the meeting adjourns. A member wishing to reverse an action taken at a previous meeting may make a motion or introduce a new ordinance having the opposite effect.

13. *To Prevent Reconsideration for Six (6) Months.* The motion shall be in order immediately following the defeat of a substantive motion and at no other time. The motion requires a vote equal to a quorum and is valid for six (6) months or until the next regular election of county Commissioners, whichever occurs first.

Comment: This clincher motion prevents the same motion from being continually introduced when the subject has been thoroughly considered. Because this motion curtails a member's right to bring a matter before the Board, a vote equal to a quorum is required. As with every other motion, a clincher may be dissolved by a motion to suspend the rules. Six (6) months is merely a suggested time; the Board may shorten or lengthen the time as it sees fit. In order to give a new Board a clean slate, the motion is not effective beyond the next regular election.

RULE 18: DUTY TO VOTE

Every member must vote unless excused by a majority vote according to law. A member who wishes to be excused from voting shall so inform the Chairman, who shall take a vote of the remaining members prior to any discussion of the item.

G.S. 153A-44 provides members may be excused from voting on matters in which they have a direct financial interest, or on questions involving the Board member's official conduct. The County Attorney may be asked by the individual Commissioner, the Board, or any other interested party to render an opinion on questions of conflicts of interest arising from financial interest, official conduct, or any other circumstance presenting the appearance of conflict of interest of any member.

RULE 19: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A proposed ordinance shall be deemed to be introduced at the first meeting in which it is placed on the Agenda, regardless of whether it is actually considered by the Board.

RULE 20: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

To be adopted at the meeting at which it is first introduced, an ordinance must receive the approval of all members of the Board. If the proposed ordinance is approved by a majority of those voting but not by all the members of the Board, or if the ordinance is not voted on at that first meeting of the Board, it shall be considered at the next regular meeting. If it then or at any time thereafter within sixty (60) days of its introduction receives another majority vote, the ordinance is adopted.

RULE 21: CLOSED SESSION

The Board may hold closed sessions as provided by law. It shall commence a closed session by a majority vote on a motion to do so which specifically refers to the provision(s) of law providing the authority for the closed session as required by the amended Open Meetings Law.

Closed sessions are to be listed on the public agenda prepared by the Clerk to the Board to be presented to each Commissioner at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Closed session general accounts are to be approved by the board before leaving the called closed session. This may be done by either (a) the clerk, or designated record keeper, reading the general account to the board and the board approving the reading; or (b) the each Board member reading the notes of the record keeper to later be typewritten as the general account and approving said notes as the general account.

RULE 22: QUORUM

A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The members required for a quorum shall not be affected by vacancies. If a member is absent or has withdrawn from a meeting without being excused by a majority vote of the remaining members, he/she shall be

counted as present for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

RULE 23: PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings required by law or deemed advisable by the Board shall be organized and adopted by a majority vote, setting forth the subject, date, place, and time of the hearing.

At the appointed time, and after the staff or other appropriate persons have presented the item, the Chairperson shall call the hearing to order, open the public hearing, and when the allotted time expires or no one who has not yet spoken wishes to do so, the Chairman shall declare the hearing ended.

RULE 24: PUBLIC ADDRESS AT PUBLIC HEARINGS

The meeting Agenda will be followed as outlined in the Columbus County Commissioner's Board Package and as posted on the Public Agenda prior in the meeting room, unless modified by the Chairman, with the consent of the majority of the Board of Commissioners. The following rules shall apply to Public Hearings conducted during this time.

1. All persons wishing to speak during the time allotted for the public hearing must register on a sign up sheet in the rear of the room prior to the beginning of the public hearing as outlined in the printed and posted Agenda. Individuals desiring to address the Board of Commissioners are requested to print their name and address at the time of signing up.
2. Public Hearings scheduled for the Board meetings shall be conducted by the County Board Chairman. Prior to opening any public hearing, the County Attorney shall advise those in attendance of the rules to be followed.
3. The Chairman may elect to first call upon the appellant or designated representative who shall be allowed a combined maximum time of ten minutes to explain the purpose of the hearing.
4. The Chairman may call upon staff members to provide any information related to the matter at hand.
5. The customary amount of time set aside for public comment during a public hearing shall be thirty (30) minutes. The Chairman shall note that the public hearing is the time for speakers to express their opinions about the issue under discussion, not a time to ask questions of the Chairman and County Board or staff members. The Chairman will recognize those wishing to speak on the particular issue, and the individuals who are recognized will come to the podium and give their name and address. They will then be allowed three (3) minutes in which to present comments, and the County Attorney will keep the time for that period. A person may only speak once during the period allotted for all comments on the issue.
6. In an attempt to give balance to discussion on a particular issue, the Chairman shall alternate speakers between someone wishing to support an issue and someone who is opposed to the issue.
7. At the conclusion of the thirty (30) minute period, the Chairman shall close the public hearing.

(Adopted 2-2-04)

RULE 25: COMMISSIONERS TO BE EXCUSED

Any Commissioner who leaves a meeting without being excused by majority vote of the members, shall subject his vote to being counted with the prevailing side on any issue at that meeting. If member is excused by majority vote, no vote shall be counted for the excused member.

RULE 26: FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD

Any vacancy on the Board of Commissioners must be filled according to N.C.G.S. 153A-27

which is attached to these rules for informational purposes.

RULE 27: PARLIAMENTARIAN

The County Attorney shall serve as parliamentarian.

RULE 28: TIME KEEPER

The Clerk to the Board shall serve as time keeper for the Board.

RULE 29: MINUTES

Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board, including closed sessions as provided by law. The Clerk to the Board shall keep and record all minutes unless the Chairman otherwise designates.

RULE 30: ALL NEW POLICIES REQUIRE TWO (2) READINGS

All new policies, and all changes to existing policies, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners implements, shall be brought before the Board for open discussion. The Board shall conduct at least two (2) readings during as many meetings on each suggested policy and/or change before the suggested policy and/or change is approved and adopted.

(Motion passed 1-2-07)

RULE 31: RULES OF PROCEDURE TO GOVERN CONDUCT OF WORKSHOPS FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

See the attached Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

RULE 32: CODE OF ETHICS

See the attached Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

RULE 33: REVISIONS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE

Revisions to these Rules of Procedure will be documented within the Rules and date of revision will be documented.

The Rules of Procedure for Columbus County Board of Commissioners were adopted by the Board on _____, 2008, and became effective _____, 2008.

EXHIBIT A RULES OF PROCEDURE TO GOVERN CONDUCT OF WORKSHOPS FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

INTRODUCTION

The following Rules of Procedure were developed for use by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners in conducting Workshops. Since Workshops have been initiated for the purpose of discussion only with the intent of reducing the amount of time for consideration of items at regularly scheduled meetings, it is intended that no action will be taken on any item during the Workshop, other than that of giving directions to the administration and/or staff as to preparation and presentation of the item at a scheduled regular meeting. However, since notices of the Workshops are given as required by the Open Meetings Law, they constitute an Official Meeting of the Board, and action can be taken. It is recommended however, that actions not be taken unless necessary to address an issue which is time-sensitive and which cannot wait until a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. In the event action is required to be taken on a time-sensitive issue, those Rules of Procedure adopted by this Board on February 4, 2008, and any as amended relate to motions and votes shall be followed.

To the extent the Rules of Procedure adopted by this Board on February 4, 2008, as amended govern discussions of items and materials; they shall apply to discussions at the Workshop.

RULE A-1. MEETING TIME

Workshops will be held on a date when determined by a majority vote of the Board unless the meeting time is changed to avoid conflicts with regularly scheduled holidays, or unless changed or canceled by majority vote of the Board. The meetings will be held in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room or at any other location and time designated by the Board Chairman.

RULE A-2. AGENDA

The Clerk to the Board shall prepare the Agenda for the meeting. Agenda packages will be distributed three (3) calendar days preceding the meeting date. All Agenda materials must be submitted to the Clerk to the Board, one (1) week preceding the meeting date. Any Board member may, by a timely request, have an item placed on the Agenda.

A complete copy of the Agenda with attached material shall be available for public inspection as soon as distribution to Commissioners has been completed. Each Board member shall receive a copy of the Agenda with the Agenda materials three (3) calendar days preceding the day of the meeting.

At least one copy of the complete Agenda package shall be available for public inspection and reference at the rear of the Commissioners' Meeting Room during the meeting.

The Board may, by majority vote of the Board members present, add an item that is not on the Agenda.

RULE A-3. CITIZEN COMMENT

Any citizen of Columbus County shall have the right to request, in writing to the Clerk to the Board, that any item be placed on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at a Workshop. The request should include a summary of the issue being presented and such background material as the requester deems relevant. Upon such request in writing, the Clerk shall forward the request to the County Manager and Chairman of the Board who shall determine whether, in their discretion, to place the item on an appropriate Agenda, or whether the matter can be handled by the County Administration.

If the item is placed on an Agenda, the person making the request shall have up to five (5) minutes to speak on the item. The request must be submitted to the Clerk to the Board at least one (1) week preceding the meeting.

RULE A-4. POWERS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall preside at the Workshops. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside and shall have all the powers specified herein. A member must be recognized by the Chairperson in order to address the Board. The Chairperson shall have those powers specified in the Board's Rules of Procedure related to discussion of items and materials on the Agenda for the Workshop, and specifically

1. To establish time restraints for discussion;
2. To determine whether a speaker has gone beyond reasonable standards of courtesy in his/her remarks and to entertain and rule on objections from other members on this ground;
3. To entertain or refer to the County Attorney questions of parliamentary law or procedure;
4. To call a brief recess when needed; and
5. To adjourn in an emergency.

RULE A-5. DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

The Board shall proceed to discuss an item, including receipt of comment from the staff, when the item is announced by the Chairman. Upon completion of discussion, the Board, if they so decide, shall give the staff and administration direction as to preparation for and presentation of the item at a regularly scheduled meeting. This may take the form of expressed consensus among the members, but if necessary to establish the Board's intent, may be expressed in the form of a motion and voted upon. These rules may be suspended by a majority vote of the

Board.

RULE A-6. QUORUM

A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum. However, since it is intended that no action will be taken during the Workshop, a quorum is not required to discuss materials and Agenda items. In the event it is necessary to vote on any item which is time-sensitive, a quorum must be present for the motion and vote. For purposes of such votes in the Workshops, if a member is absent or has withdrawn from a meeting without being excused by a majority vote of the remaining members, he/she shall be counted as present for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

RULE A-7. MINUTES

Minutes of the Workshops shall be prepared by the Clerk to the Board to the same extent as a regular meeting and as required by law.

These Rules of Procedure to Govern Conduct of Workshops were adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on _____, 2008, and became effective on _____, 2008.

ATTACHMENT "B"

CODE of ETHICS for COLUMBUS COUNTY OFFICIALS

Preamble:

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners is committed to the highest standards of conduct by and among county officials in the performance of their public duties. Individual and collective adherence to high ethical standards by public officials is central to the maintenance of public trust and confidence in government.

Ethical Principles:

The ethical Columbus County official should:

- A. Properly administer the affairs of Columbus County;
- B. Promote decisions which only benefit the public interest;
- C. Actively promote public confidence in Columbus County government;
- D. Keep safe all funds and other properties of Columbus County;
- E. Conduct and perform the duties of his/her office diligently and promptly dispose of the business of Columbus County;
- F. Maintain a positive image to pass constant public scrutiny;
- G. Evaluate decisions so that the best service or product is obtained at a minimal cost without sacrificing quality and fiscal responsibility;
- H. Inject the prestige of the office into everyday dealings with the public employees and associates;
- I. Maintain a respectful attitude toward employees, other public officials, colleagues and associates;
- J. Effectively and efficiently work with governmental agencies, political subdivisions and other organizations in order to further the interest of Columbus County; and
- K. Faithfully comply with all laws and regulations applicable to Columbus County and impartially apply them to everyone.

The ethical Columbus County official should not:

- A. Engage in outside interests that are not compatible with the impartial and objective performance of his or her duties;
- B. Improperly influence or attempt to influence other officials to act in his or her own benefit; and
- C. Accept anything of value from any source which is offered to influence his or her action as a public official.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of April, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman, District IV**
 /s/ **DAVID L. DUTTON, JR., Vice Chairman, District VII**
 /s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, District I**
 /s/ **C.E. WILSON, District II**
 /s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, District III**
 /s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, District V**
 /s/ **KIPLING GODWIN, District VI**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the first reading, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION for REPLACEMENT of NC 11 BRIDGE and TAR HEEL FERRY ROAD BRIDGE:

Leo Hunt, Interim County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution for Replacement of NC 11 Bridge and Tar Heel Ferry Road Bridge.

**RESOLUTION for REPLACEMENT of
NC 11 BRIDGE and TAR HEEL FERRY ROAD BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has a strong interest and concern in the safety of citizens traveling highways and bridges in Columbus County and surrounding counties; **and**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is very concerned with the poor condition of two (2) aging Cape Fear River Bridges which receive a high volume of heavy truck traffic; **and**

WHEREAS, the NC 11 Bridge was built in 1952, and the Tar Heel Ferry Road Bridge was built in 1955; **and**

WHEREAS, both bridges are classified structurally deficient by the North Carolina Department of Transportation; **and**

WHEREAS, the NC 11 Bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2010 and the Tar Heel Ferry Road Bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that due to urgent safety concerns, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to expedite the replacement of the NC 11 Bridge and the Tar Heel Ferry Road Bridge in an effort to protect the citizens of Columbus, Bladen and surrounding counties.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 22nd day of January, 2008.

APPROVED:

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution for Replacement of NC 11 Bridge and Tar Heel Ferry Road Bridge, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into a Combination Meeting of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

January 07, 2008 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets);

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Water and Sewer District, respectively.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION PROVIDING for the ISSUANCE of \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2008:

Leo Hunt, Interim County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2008.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Water and Sewer District V.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 to CONTRACT 3 with CALDWELL TANKS, INCORPORATED:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of Change Order Number 1 to Contract 3 with Caldwell Tanks, Incorporated in the amount of \$1,280.00.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Water and Sewer District V.

ADJOURN Combination Meeting of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING and resume REGULAR SESSION

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	V	Walter Batten (Deceased)	12-05-2007	Sue Shipman
Chadbourn Planning & Zoning Board Motion: Bullard Second: Memory	EB	-Vacancy-	05-2009	Johnny Honeycutt
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Comm Motion: Memory Second: Gore	EB	Jesse B. Vaught (Resigned)	02-06-2008	Debbie Bullard

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Amendments to the January 7, 2008 Tax Refunds and Tax Releases, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Amendments to January 07, 2008 Tax Refunds and Release:

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Greg Hardee for the year 2003. The fire district to release should be Yam city in the amount of \$15.72 instead of Williams Fire.

Release the user fee in the name of Wanda Godwin. The correct account number should be 13-04253 instead of 13-04258.

Release the user fee in the name of John Puckett. The year to be released should be 2006 instead of 2007 on bill number 49292.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the following January 22, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

B. January 22, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases:**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
January 22, 2008**

Refunds Name: Miller, Thomas Amount: \$283.50
Value: \$81,000.00 Year 003 Account # 15-26859 Bill # 75388 Total \$283.50
Refund the value of a house and 1.66 acres of land that are not inside the town limits of Sandyfield.
12844 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: Miller, Thomas Amount: \$283.50
Value: \$81,000.00 Year 004 Account # 15-26859 Bill # 33115 Total \$283.50
Refund the value of a house and 1.66 acres of land that are not inside the town limits of Sandyfield.
12844 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: Miller, Thomas Amount: \$364.70
Value: \$104,200.00 Year 005 Account # 15-26859 Bill # 37392 Total \$364.70
Refund the value of a house and 1.66 acres of land that are not inside the town limits of Sandyfield.
12844 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: Miller, Thomas Amount: \$364.70
Value: \$104,200.00 Year 006 Account # 15-26859 Bill # 74902 Total \$364.70
Refund the value of a house and 1.66 acres that are not inside the town limits of Sandyfield.
12844 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: Miller, Thomas Amount: \$364.70
Value: \$104,200.00 Year 007 Account # 15-26859 Bill # 89525 Total \$364.70
Refund the value of a house and 1.66 acres of land that are not inside the town limits of Sandyfield.
12844 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
January 22, 2008**

Release the Property Value in the name of Bucks Auto Sales Amount: \$113.46
Value: \$13,921.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-01804 Bill # 2270 Total \$333.12
Release the value of a mobile home and boat, the Nakina Fire (11.14) and the Columbus Rescue (2.78). The mobile home is double listed to Harry Wayne Buck and the boat was sold in 2006 to someone in South Carolina.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gambles, L. B. (Heirs) Amount: \$394.46
Value: \$48,400.00 Year: 2007 Account # 13-14640 Bill # 1429 Total \$674.58
Release the value of a double wide, the Klondyke Fire (33.88), the Columbus Rescue (9.68) and W2 (43.56). The home is double listed in the name of Kathleen M. Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lewis, Jeremy Amount: \$92.57
Value: \$12,100.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-23987 Bill # 0986 Total \$120.46

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Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco fire (14.52) and the Columbus Rescue (2.42). The home is double listed in the name of Clifton Lewis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lewis, Jeremy Amount: \$91.85
Value: \$11,270.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-23987 Bill # 1282 Total \$118.38

Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco fire (13.52) and Columbus Rescue (2.25). The home is double listed in the name of Clifton Lewis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Packer, Jimmy L. Amount: \$61.54
Value: \$8,430.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-28517 Bill # 5777 Total \$252.12

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (5.06) and the Columbus Rescue (1.69). The home is double listed in the name of Mickey Hayes.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$79.06
Value: \$10,830.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 7904 Total \$264.73

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (6.50) and Columbus Rescue (2.17). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$77.88
Value: \$10,180.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 9189 Total \$287.63

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (6.11) and Columbus Rescue (2.04). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$90.25
Value: \$11,570.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 3788 Total \$286.45

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (6.94) and Columbus Rescue (2.31). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$96.49
Value: \$12,370.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 7520 Total \$294.02

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (7.42) and Columbus Rescue (2.47). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$110.92
Value: \$14,220.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 833 Total \$290.14

Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$106.56
Value: \$14,800.00 Year: 2000 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 114 Total \$242.22

Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$109.95
Value: \$15,820.00 Year: 1999 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 6609 Total \$220.95

Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$119.54
Value: \$17,200.00 Year: 1998 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 4310 Total \$231.49

Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$103.66
Value: \$13,290.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 6844 Total \$302.72

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (7.97) and Columbus Rescue (2.66). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Michael Amount: \$77.75
Value: \$9,540.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-74057 Bill # 9615 Total \$286.92

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (5.72) and Columbus Rescue (1.91). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie G. Hardwick.

Release the Property Value in the name of Proctor, Doris Amount: \$23.43
Value: \$2,875.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-02746 Bill # 9686 Total \$218.74

Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire (1.73) and Columbus Rescue (.58). Customer failed to receive the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$243.25
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 7728 Total \$364.25
 Release the property value and the Bolton Fire. The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$39.12
 Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2007 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 0901 Total \$44.88
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (4.80) and Columbus Rescue (.96). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$36.72
 Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 0474 Total \$42.48
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (4.80) and Columbus Rescue (.96). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$240.90
 Value: \$33,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 9191 Total \$444.30
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (19.80) and the Columbus Rescue (6.60). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$273.00
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 5076 Total \$478.00
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (21.00) and Columbus Rescue (7.00). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$273.00
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 8772 Total \$478.00
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (21.00) and Columbus Rescue (7.00). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$273.00
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 8061 Total \$478.00
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (21.00) and Columbus Rescue (7.00). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$273.00
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 0028 Total \$466.00
 Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (21.00) and Columbus Rescue (7.00). The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$243.25
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 1998 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 5381 Total \$364.25
 Release the value of a double wide and the Bolton Fire. The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Minnie (Heirs) Amount: \$252.00
 Value: \$35,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 04-13760 Bill # 264 Total \$398.00
 Release the value of a double wide and the Bolton Fire. The home is double listed in the name of Matthew and Janie Robinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shelly, Tommy Amount: \$7.65
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-13164 Bill # 2176 Total \$10.64
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire (1.00) and Columbus Rescue (.20). The home was moved to S.C. in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shelly, Tommy Amount: \$8.15
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 16-13164 Bill # 2682 Total \$204.19
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire (1.00) and Columbus Rescue (.20). The home was moved to S.C. in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Jerry Amount: \$8.15
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 02-02930 Bill # 0046 Total \$9.85
 Release the value of a boat, the Roseland Fire (.60) and Whiteville Rescue (.20). The boat burned in 2006.

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Release the User Fee in the name of Allgood, Fred Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-00562 Bill # 7712 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Allgood, Fred Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-02301 Bill # 7717 Total \$106.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Allgood, Mary A. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-04349 Bill # 7721 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Andrews, Steven Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-04428 Bill # 7960 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bordeaux, Willie Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-01909 Bill # 0777 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boswell, William Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-07260 Bill # 0838 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bright, Bobby Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-03800 Bill # 1244 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee. House vacant, trash can picked up in 2004.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bright, James Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-03820 Bill # 1256 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brigman, Sarah Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-02400 Bill # 1282 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Frances Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-05188 Bill # 1700 Total \$144.72
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Jean Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-04021 Bill # 1784 Total \$16.08
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Pandora Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-00450 Bill # 1943 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee. Mobile home vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Butler, Douglas Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-02287 Bill # 2934 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant and trash can picked up in 2005.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Gwyn Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 08-02649 Bill # 3143 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Thomas Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-08990 Bill # 3906 Total \$386.00
Release two user fees. Both mobile homes are vacant and have no trash cans.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clark, Darlene Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-05025 Bill # 4814 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Collins, Bobby	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-15983 Bill # 5435	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Collins, Bobby	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-15983 Bill # 5436	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Council, J. B.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-06900 Bill # 5819	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Home vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, Kenny	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-07084 Bill # 5991	Total	\$32.16
Release a portion of the user fee. House burned October 2007.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Czartoszewski, Wlodzimierz	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-03351 Bill # 6539	Total	\$193.00
Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Daniels, Barbara	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-03890 Bill # 6652	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House unlivable, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Dubar, Flecksie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-12423 Bill # 7737	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House unlivable, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Duncan, Billy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-08220 Bill # 7863	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Mobile home double listed in the name of Barbara Ballard.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Etheridge, Lautense	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-04212 Bill # 9071	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, William	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 04-03960 Bill # 9649	Total	\$106.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, William	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-03960 Bill # 9509	Total	\$106.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ferriola, Michael	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-01304 Bill # 9716	Total	\$193.00
Release the user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Fisher, Herbert L.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-04786 Bill # 5919	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of FormyDuval, Joey	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-07705 Bill # 0383	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Freedman, Wilbur	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-29760 Bill # 0865	Total	\$386.00
Release both user fees. This is vacant land.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Brady	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-09509 Bill # 2217	Total	\$96.50
Release half of the user fee. This is a summer home.		

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Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Jake	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-10380	Bill # 2306	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Mattie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 16-05276	Bill # 2294	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. This is a vacant store. No trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Jerry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-06401	Bill # 2859	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Jimmy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-06460	Bill # 2869	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Jimmy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-06460	Bill # 2875	Total \$386.00
Release user fee. House is incomplete. No trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Joseph	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-11443	Bill # 2920	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Mark	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-11550	Bill # 2999	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House used for storage, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Guzman, Helen	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-12337	Bill # 4167	Total \$96.50
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Shane	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-17204	Bill # 4880	Total \$106.00
Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can here.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hester, Sarah	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-11760	Bill # 6023	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House unlivable, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Doris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-41321	Bill # 6632	Total \$386.00
Release both user fees. Homes vacant, no trash cans.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Izzo, Samuel	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-05919	Bill # 7979	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Jones Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-09865	Bill # 9442	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Jordan, Jack	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-16029	Bill # 9534	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Kono, Larry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-12640	Bill # 0234	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lawrence Investment Prop. LLC	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-00273	Bill # 0601	Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Isadora	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-08840 Bill # 0981	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Perry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-15840 Bill # 1081	Total	\$386.00
Release both user fees. Buildings are vacant with no trash cans.		
Release the User Fee in the name of McColskey, Timothy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-03261 Bill # 3147	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Day care has a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of McKeithan, Eugene	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-15799 Bill # 3520	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, trash can picked up.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, James	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-62264 Bill # 4985	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Mills, Michael	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 08-12580 Bill # 5058	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Mobley, Betty	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-17740 Bill # 5333	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-02373 Bill # 5660	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, W. Morris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-20460 Bill # 6252	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Oelkers, Nelda	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-03409 Bill # 7313	Total	\$106.00
Release user fee. House burned January 2007.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Page, Paul	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-67725 Bill # 7494	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House burned in 2003.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Pope, Franklin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-20660 Bill # 8613	Total	\$193.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Prince, Abren K.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 16-03651 Bill # 9531	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Shop vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Reynolds, Donald	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-22480 Bill # 0482	Total	\$193.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is unlivable, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Rivenbark, Abner	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-14077 Bill # 0721	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Robinson, Corene	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-05847 Bill # 0843	Total	\$193.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant, no trash can.		

Release the User Fee in the name of Rogers, Billie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-32140 Bill # 0969	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Sanderson, Charles	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-04347 Bill # 1598	Total	\$386.00
Release both user fees. Customer using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Joseph	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-26520 Bill # 3099	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Skipper, L.G.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-22060 Bill # 3477	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, trash can picked up.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Slater, Susan	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-05385 Bill # 3502	Total	\$106.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no user fee.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Soles, Lorena	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 13-00346 Bill # 4639	Total	\$193.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Stevens, William	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-16700 Bill # 6151	Total	\$96.50
Release half of the user fee. This is a summer home.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, C. Franky	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-03345 Bill # 7535	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Thurman, Lucille	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-27737 Bill # 8014	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Tyson, David	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-31220 Bill # 8803	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of W & W. Electric	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 02-09490 Bill # 9100	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Clovie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-05313 Bill # 9851	Total	\$193.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Dale	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-03861 Bill # 9858	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House burned and trash can picked up.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Dale	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-04834 Bill # 9857	Total	\$193.00
Release one of two user fees. There is only one mobile home and one trash can here.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Patty (etal)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 16-16983 Bill # 0230	Total	\$193.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Watson, Sandra	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-05519 Bill # 0603	Total	\$95.60
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.		

Release the User Fee in the name of Wright, John Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-06162 Bill # 3284 Total \$64.32
 Release a portion of the user fee. House burned and trash can picked up in July, 2007.

Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for any comments. The following people spoke.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like for the Board to set another workshop on the Personnel Manual.
 After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. as the date of the Workshop on the Personnel Manual to be held in the Commissioners Chambers.
2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to give accolades to the Sheriff's Department for the fine work he and his staff are doing; **and**
 - b. You now have Lewis Hatcher on staff and he will serve you well.
3. **Commissioner Jacobs:** stated the following:
 - a. Columbus County is blessed with good employees in all departments, and they are our most valuable assets; **and**
 - b. I would like to say we appreciate each and every one of the employees.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 7:40 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 (3) Attorney-Client privilege and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #22: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (3) PERSONNEL.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:32 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

GOVERNING BODY - REQUEST for RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Norris stated he would like for the Board to approve and adopt a Resolution requesting that a North Carolina License Plate Agency be located in the Town of Tabor City, and for this Resolution to be sent to Senator R.C. Soles, Jr.

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for the Resolution to be prepared and placed on the February 4, 2008 Agenda.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT for WILLIAM S. CLARK as COUNTY MANAGER:

Motion:

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to hire William S. Clark as the new Columbus County Manager, contingent upon final negotiations between Mr. Clark, the Chairman and the County Attorney, and for Mr. Clark to begin employment on February 4, 2008, seconded

by Commissioner Memory. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #23: ADJOURNMENT

At 9:37 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

**GAIL EDWARDS, Deputy Clerk
to Board**

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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ADJOURNMENT:

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UPDATE by COMMISSIONER JACOBS:

Commissioner Jacobs delivered the following update to the Board on Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV:

1. Commissioner Memory and I, and several of our staff met with people in the Riegelwood, Acme-Delo and Armor area on Saturday, two (2) weeks ago;
2. We had a very good turnout and good signups;
3. The people are really enthusiastic about the possibility of water coming to their area;
4. We have been in contact with some industries that are willing to locate in that area in the near future; **and**
5. At the present time, we are waiting to hear from the engineers.

Commissioner Memory stated the following:

1. We are right at the number of customers needed to make this district work, and that does not include the schools;
2. The schools could serve as the gravy;
3. We are looking at future industry locating in the area; **and**
4. The prospects are looking good

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION PROVIDING for the ISSUANCE of \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2008:

Leo Hunt, Interim County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2008.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 P.M. on January

22, 2008 (January 21, 2008 having been a holiday).

Present: Chairman James E. Prevatte, presiding, and Commissioners: _____.

Absent: _____.

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Commissioner _____ introduced the following resolution which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2008

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1. Said Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby find, declare and represent:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on April 2, 2001, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 29, 2001.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and that there is outstanding a \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Note of said District, which note is dated May 8, 2007, matures on February 6, 2008 and was issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of said bonds.

(c) That it is necessary at this time to issue \$4,564,000 of said bonds, all of the proceeds thereof to be applied to the payment of said outstanding note at its maturity.

(d) That the maximum period of usefulness of the water system of said District to be acquired and constructed with the proceeds of said bonds to be issued as hereinafter provided is estimated as a period of forty (40) years and that the date of expiration of said period computed from February 4, 2008, the expected date of said bonds to be issued as hereinafter provided, is February 4, 2048.

Section 2. Pursuant to said order there shall be issued bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,564,000, designated "General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2008" and dated the date of the delivery thereof.

Said bonds (the "bonds") shall be stated to mature (subject to the right of prior redemption as hereinafter set forth) annually, June 1, \$50,000 2010, \$52,000 2011, \$55,000 2012, \$57,000 2013,

\$60,000 2014, \$62,000 2015, \$65,000 2016, \$68,000 2017, \$71,000 2018, \$74,000 2019, \$77,000 2020, \$80,000 2021, \$84,000 2022, \$88,000 2023, \$91,000 2024, \$95,000 2025, \$100,000 2026, \$104,000 2027, \$109,000 2028, \$113,000 2029, \$118,000 2030, \$123,000 2031, \$129,000 2032, \$134,000 2033, \$140,000 2034, \$146,000 2035, \$153,000 2036, \$160,000 2037, \$166,000 2038, \$173,000 2039, \$181,000 2040, \$189,000 2041, \$197,000 2042 and \$200,000 2043 to 2047, inclusive, unless the bonds shall be awarded to the United States of America, in which event the bonds shall be stated to mature and shall be subject to a right of the United States of America to request that they be refinanced as hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall be issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$1,000 or any multiple thereof and shall be numbered.

The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at the time the bonds are sold, which interest to the respective maturities thereof shall be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year; provided, however, that the interest on any bond awarded to the United States of America to the respective maturities of the installments of the principal thereof shall be payable on June 1, 2008 and annually thereafter on the 1st day of June each year. Each bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, such bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. The principal of each bond, other than a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, shall be payable to the registered owner thereof or his registered assigns or legal representative at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar mentioned hereinafter or such other place as the Issuer may determine upon the presentation and surrender thereof as the same shall become due and payable.

Payment of the interest on each bond shall be made by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date to the person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of such bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by such bond) at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on such registration books or, in the case of a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, as hereinafter provided. If the United States of America is the registered owner of the bonds, payment of the installments of principal and interest with respect thereto shall be made at the office of such fiscal agent as the United States of America shall designate without presentation or surrender thereof.

Section 3. The bonds maturing prior to June 1, 2019 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on June 1, 2019 and thereafter will be redeemable, at the option of the Issuer, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than June 1, 2018, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

If less than all of the bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular

bonds or portions of bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as the Issuer in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$1,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar shall treat each bond as representing that number of bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$1,000. If less than all of the bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, the Issuer shall direct which maturities of the bonds are to be redeemed.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, the Issuer shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and to be mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of the Issuer. Failure to mail such notice or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of the redemption as regards registered owners to whom such notice was given as required hereby. Each such notice shall set forth the date designated for redemption, the redemption price to be paid, the maturities of the bonds to be redeemed and, if less than all of the bonds of any one maturity then outstanding shall be called for redemption, the distinctive numbers and letters, if any, of such bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of any bond to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. If any bond is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state also that on or after the redemption date, upon surrender of such bond, a new bond or bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such bond will be issued.

The preceding provisions of this Section shall not apply to bonds awarded to the United States of America. If the United States of America is the purchaser of the bonds, there will be issued a single registered bond as hereinafter provided, which bond may be redeemed, at the option of the Issuer, at any time prior to the maturity of any installment of the principal thereof, either in whole or in part in such order of the maturity dates of the installments of principal as the Issuer shall determine, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, at the aggregate principal amount of the installments of principal to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, but without any premium.

In case of a redemption of all or any part of a bond awarded to the United States of America, a notice of redemption shall be sent by registered mail, mailed at least forty (40) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed as the United States of America shall initially direct in connection with the issuance of the bonds or to such other address as the United States of America may designate by registered or certified mail forwarded to the Issuer at least fifty (50) days prior to any interest payment date.

On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given in the manner and under the conditions hereinabove provided, the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided therefor, plus accrued interest to such date. If moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption, are held by the Bond Registrar, or at such place as the United States of America may designate in the case of a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, in trust for the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, interest on the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue, such bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefits or security under this resolution or to be deemed outstanding, and the registered owners of such bonds or portions thereof shall have

no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If a portion of a bond other than a bond awarded to the United States of America, shall be selected for redemption, the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative shall present and surrender such bond to the Bond Registrar for payment of the principal amount thereof so called for redemption and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the order of such registered owner or his legal representative, without charge therefor, for the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the bond so surrendered, a bond or bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

In the event that an installment of principal of a bond awarded to the United States of America shall be redeemed, the Bond Registrar shall direct the registered owner thereof to evidence such redemption by appropriate notation on the schedule attached to such bond for such purpose.

Section 4. Bonds, upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity (or, in the case of a bond awarded to the United States of America, of bonds having maturities corresponding to the maturities of the installments of principal of such bond then unpaid), of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, the transfer of any bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate. The transfer of a bond awarded to the United States of America may be registered by the registered owner thereof only upon an execution of an assignment thereof duly executed by such registered owner or his attorney or legal representative. Notice of such assignment shall be given promptly by the assignor to the Bond Registrar by registered mail, such notice to be in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, and upon receipt of such notice such bond shall be registered as to both principal and interest on such registration books in the name of the assignee named in such notice.

In all cases in which bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of bonds shall be registered hereunder and a new bond or bonds are to be delivered in exchange therefor, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be canceled by the Bond Registrar. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to make any such exchange or registration of transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (ii) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to Section 3 of this resolution.

As to any bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any such bond and the interest on any such bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such bond, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositaries or other agents as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of bonds within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the bonds. First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the "Bond Registrar") for the bonds, subject to the right of the governing body of the Issuer to appoint another Bond Registrar and except as hereinafter provided, and as such shall keep at its corporate trust office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the bonds as provided in this resolution. If the United States of America is the purchaser of the bonds, then the Interim Finance Director of the Issuer shall be the Bond Registrar; provided, however, that, in the event that a bond registered in the name of the United States of America is assigned, the paying agent with respect to such bond shall be First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Section 5. The bonds shall bear the facsimile signatures of or be executed by the Chairman of said Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners and the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or a facsimile thereof shall be imprinted on the bonds. The certificate of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to be endorsed on all bonds shall bear the facsimile signature of or be executed by the Secretary of said Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar to be endorsed on all bonds shall be executed as provided hereinafter

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission of North Carolina whose facsimile signature shall appear on any bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and any bond may bear the facsimile signatures of such persons who at the actual time of the execution of such bond shall be the proper officers to sign such bond although at the date of such bond such persons may not have been such officers.

No bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The bonds, other than a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

	[Front Side of Bond]	
No. R-.....		\$
	United States of America State of North Carolina	

County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V
GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND, SERIES 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Cusip</u>
.....

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

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or registered assigns or legal representative on the date specified above, upon the presentation and surrender hereof, at the corporate trust office of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company (the "Bond Registrar"), in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, the principal sum of

..... DOLLARS

and to pay interest on such principal sum from the date hereof or from the June 1 or December 1 next preceding the date of authentication to which interest shall have been paid, unless such date of authentication is a June 1 or December 1 to which interest shall have been paid, in which case from such date, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on June 1 and December 1 in each year, at the rate per annum specified above, until payment of such principal sum. The interest so payable on any such interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by this bond) is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said District. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District V are hereby irrevocably pledged.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF THIS BOND ARE SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE HEREOF AND SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS IF SET FORTH HERE.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the resolution mentioned hereinafter until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond to bear the facsimile signatures of the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be imprinted hereon, all as of the

date of this bond set forth above.

_____ [Facsimile signature]

Chairman

_____ [Facsimile signature]

Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

_____ [Facsimile signature]

Secretary, Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds of the series designated herein and issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

as Bond Registrar

By _____ [Manual signature]

Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____.

[Reverse Side of Bond]
United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V
GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND, SERIES 2008**

This bond is one of an issue of bonds designated “General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2008” (the “Bonds”) and issued by said District for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for acquiring and constructing a water system of said District, and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on April 2, 2001, which order was approved by the qualified voters of said District at a referendum thereon held on May 29, 2001, and a resolution duly passed by said Board (the “Resolution”).

The bonds at the time outstanding maturing prior to June 1, 2019 are not subject to

redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on June 1, 2019 and thereafter may be redeemed, at the option of said District, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than June 1, 2018, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

If less than all of the bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions of bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as said District in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$1,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar shall treat each Bond as representing that number of bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$1,000. If less than all of the bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, the Issuer shall direct which maturities of the bonds are to be redeemed.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, said District shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of said District. On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given as aforesaid, the bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided for the redemption of such bonds or portions thereof on such date and, if moneys for payment of such redemption price and the accrued interest are held by the Bond Registrar as provided in the Resolution, interest on the bonds or the portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue. If a portion of this bond shall be called for redemption, a new bond or bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued to the registered owner hereof or his legal representative upon the surrender hereof.

The bonds are issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. At the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Resolution, bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity, of authorized denominations and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall keep at its corporate trust office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of bonds. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register any transfer of (I) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (ii) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to the Resolution.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

_____ attorney

to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor’s signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 6. If the United States of America is the initial purchaser of the bonds, there will be issued a single registered bond of the Issuer of the denomination of \$4,564,000, numbered R-1 and maturing in annual installments on the 1st day of June in the following years and in the following amounts, respectively:

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2010	\$50,000	2029	\$113,000
2011	52,000	2030	118,000
2012	55,000	2031	123,000
2013	57,000	2032	129,000
2014	60,000	2033	134,000
2015	62,000	2034	140,000
2016	65,000	2035	146,000
2017	68,000	2036	153,000
2018	71,000	2037	160,000
2019	74,000	2038	166,000
2020	77,000	2039	173,000

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2021	80,000	2040	181,000
2022	84,000	2041	189,000
2023	88,000	2042	197,000
2024	91,000	2043	200,000
2025	95,000	2044	200,000
2026	100,000	2045	200,000
2027	104,000	2046	200,000
2028	109,000	2047	200,000

and bearing interest on the unpaid part of such principal at the rate of four and three hundred seventy-five thousandths per centum (4.375%) per annum until payment thereof.

Such bond and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

No. R-1 \$4,564,000

REGISTERED BOND WITHOUT COUPONS
(Registered as to both principal and interest)

United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V
GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND, SERIES 2008

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE
RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

or registered assigns or legal representative the principal sum of

FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS

in annual installments on the 1st day of June in the following years and amounts:

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2010	\$50,000	2029	\$113,000
2011	52,000	2030	118,000
2012	55,000	2031	123,000
2013	57,000	2032	129,000
2014	60,000	2033	134,000

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2015	62,000	2034	140,000
2016	65,000	2035	146,000
2017	68,000	2036	153,000
2018	71,000	2037	160,000
2019	74,000	2038	166,000
2020	77,000	2039	173,000
2021	80,000	2040	181,000
2022	84,000	2041	189,000
2023	88,000	2042	197,000
2024	91,000	2043	200,000
2025	95,000	2044	200,000
2026	100,000	2045	200,000
2027	104,000	2046	200,000
2028	109,000	2047	200,000

and to pay interest from the date hereof on the unpaid part of such principal sum at the rate of four and three hundred seventy-five thousandths per centum (4.375%) per annum until payment thereof, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on June 1, 2008 and annually thereafter on June 1 in each year. The interest so payable on any such interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the respective dates of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

During the time that the United States of America is the registered owner of this bond, payment of the installments of principal and interest when due and payable on this bond shall be made at the office of such fiscal agent as the United States of America shall designate without presentation or surrender hereof and, during any such time as an assignee hereof is the registered owner of this bond, payment of the installments of principal when due and payable on this bond shall be made at the corporate trust office of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, upon the presentation and surrender hereof and payment of the interest when due and payable on this bond shall be made by check mailed to such assignee at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said District hereinafter mentioned without the presentation or surrender hereof. Upon receipt of said payments of principal and interest, written acknowledgment of the receipt thereof shall be given promptly to the Bond Registrar hereinafter mentioned and said District shall be fully discharged of its obligation on this bond to the extent of the payment so made. Upon final payment this bond shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar for cancellation.

For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District V are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is duly authorized and issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on April 2, 2001, which order was approved by the

qualified voters of said District at a referendum thereon held on May 29, 2001 and a resolution duly passed by said Board, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for acquiring and constructing a water system of said District.

At the office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in said resolution, this bond may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds having maturities corresponding to the maturities of the installments of principal of this bond then unpaid, issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof and bearing interest at the same rate.

This bond is registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the United States of America on books of said District kept by the Interim Finance Director of said District as Bond Registrar, and the transfer hereof may hereafter be registered by the registered owner hereof only upon an execution of an assignment hereon duly executed by such registered owner or his attorney or legal representative. Notice of such assignment shall be given promptly by the assignor to the Bond Registrar by registered mail, such notice to be in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, and upon receipt of such notice this bond shall be registered as to both principal and interest on such registration books in the name of the assignee named in such notice.

This bond or any part hereof at the time outstanding may be redeemed, at the option of said District, at any time prior to the maturity of any installment of the principal hereof, either in whole or in part in such order of the maturity dates of the installments of principal as said District shall determine, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, at the aggregate principal amount of the installments of principal to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, but without any premium.

On the date designated for redemption, notice having been given and moneys for payment of the redemption price being held in trust for such purpose, all as provided in said resolution, this bond or part hereof shall become and be due and payable, and the interest on this bond or part hereof so redeemed shall cease to accrue.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register any transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (ii) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to said resolution.

To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, if at any time it shall appear to the United States of America while it is the registered owner of this bond that said District is able to refinance the installments of principal hereof then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, then said District will, upon request of the United States of America, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the United States of America and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions, and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist, and be performed precedent to and in the

issuance of this bond have happened, exist, and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond to be executed by the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal of said District to be impressed hereon, all as of the _____ day of February 2008.

_____ [Manual signature]
Chairman

_____ [Manual signature]
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

_____ [Manual signature]
Secretary, Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned resolution.

Interim Finance Director
as Bond Registrar

By _____ [Manual signature]

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

_____ attorney

to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

[The following is to be on a separate sheet.]

SCHEDULE "A"

Principal Installments Paid
in Advance of Maturity Dates

<u>Principal Date</u>	<u>Due Amount</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Name of Bond Registrar, Authorized Official and Title</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Section 7. To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, if the United States of America is the initial purchaser of the bonds and if at any time it shall appear to the United States of America while it is the registered owner of the bonds that the Issuer is able to refinance the installments of principal thereof then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, then the Issuer will, upon request of the United States of America, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the United States of America and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

Section 8. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), except to the extent that the Issuer obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the bonds being includable in the gross income of the owners of the bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 9. The Issuer hereby further finds, declares and represents that (a) it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the Issuer (all within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Code) will not issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting certain current refunding obligations and private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2008 and (b) no entity has been or will be formed or availed of to avoid the limits described above. In addition, the Issuer hereby designates each of the bonds as a "qualified

tax-exempt obligation” for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 10. The Local Government Commission of North Carolina is hereby requested to sell the bonds at private sale without advertisement to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, at such prices as said Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Issuer, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina; provided, however, that the purchase price of the bonds is at least \$4,564,000 plus 100% of any accrued interest and that the maximum interest rate does not exceed six per centum (6%) per annum.

Section 11. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina is hereby authorized to approve the purchase price of the bonds and the rate of interest on the bonds in connection with the private sale of the bonds, subject to the provisions of Section 9 of this resolution.

Section 12. If the bonds are awarded to a purchaser other than the United States of America, the bonds will be delivered in such authorized denominations and registered in such names as the purchaser may request no later than five days prior to the date of their delivery. If the purchaser fails to submit such information by the required time, then a single bond will be issued for each maturity date registered in the name of the purchaser or the senior manager of the bidding group constituting the purchaser.

Section 13. If the bonds are awarded to a purchaser other than the United States of America, there shall be printed on the reverse of each of the bonds the legal opinion of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., bond counsel to the Issuer, with respect to the validity of the bonds, and there shall be printed immediately following such legal opinion a certificate bearing the facsimile signature of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, said certificate to be in substantially the following form:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the legal opinion on the bonds therein described which was manually signed by Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, N.C., and was dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for said bonds.

[Facsimile signature]

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina

Section 14. The officers, agents and employees of the Issuer are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and things required of them by the provisions of the bonds and this resolution for the full, punctual and complete performance of the terms, covenants, provisions and agreements therein and herein.

Section 15. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon Commissioner _____ moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: “RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2008”, and Commissioner _____ seconded the motion and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners _____

Noes: _____

* * * * *

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 V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on January 22, 2008 as relates in any way to the issuance of bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in said County, and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. _____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page _____ and ending at page _____.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 P.M., except that regular meetings that are scheduled to be held on a holiday are instead held on the following business day, has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said District, this ____ day of January 2008.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 2008, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 to CONTRACT 3 with CALDWELL TANKS, INCORPORATED:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of Change Order Number 1 with Caldwell Tanks, Incorporated for the amount of one thousand, two hundred eighty, and 00/100 (\$1,280.00) dollars. Mr. Sellers stated the following:

- 1. This is for the changing of the height of the water tank; **and**
- 2. The water tank needs to be in sync with the water tank in Water District I.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve Change Order Number 1 with Caldwell Tanks, Incorporated for the amount of one thousand, two hundred eighty, and 00/100 (\$1,280.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

**GAIL EDWARDS, Deputy Clark
to Board**

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman