

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP**

February 27, 2008

6:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of holding a workshop on the Interlocal Sewer Agreement.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman** (Departed: 7:00 PM)
Amon E. McKenzie (Arrived: 7:15 P.M.)
Ricky Bullard
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs
Lynwood Norris

OTHER PRESENT:

Al Leonard, Consultant for Towns of Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo and Boardman

WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the February 27, 2008 Workshop to order, and stated the following:

1. This Workshop is being held for information to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, and to permit discussion;
2. This is less formal than a regular meeting and is a part of the decision making process;
3. The purpose of this Workshop is to discuss the Interlocal Sewer Agreement that has been under discussion for a long period of time; **and**
4. The Columbus County Attorney has prepared the latest version of the new Interlocal Sewer Agreement.

DISCUSSION of INTERLOCAL SEWER AGREEMENT:

Chairman Prevatte stated the format for this Workshop was to allow each Commissioner and/or Appointee, to ask one (1) question each, until everyone has finished, and then continue this pattern until all needed questions had been asked.

The following areas of concern were expressed and addressed:

1. If the two (2) schools would become customers of the Town of Cerro Gordo;
2. If the \$5,000 repair cost was per incident or per year;
3. Is there liability for the County for any sewage backup;
4. The old and new language relative to the term of the Agreement;
5. Having a threshold for the \$5,000 repair costs;
6. Will the County have to have special equipment;
7. Local Government Commission approval; **and**
8. The process of billing the customers.

SUMMATION of DISCUSSION:

Al Leonard, Consultant for the Towns of Boardman, Cerro Gordo and Fairmont, stated he wanted clarification on the sequence of the discussion that was conducted at this workshop. It is my understanding that the following is to happen:

1. On Page 16, a threshold of \$5,000 for repairs, per year, needs to be added;
2. Steve Fowler, County Attorney, and I are to contact the Local Government Commission to see if they would like to see this Agreement;
3. Change Article 12, Section A (Initial Rates), Section C (5) and (6); **and**
4. Columbus County will be the last party to sign the Agreement.

Chairman Prevatte stated this summation is correct, and I suggest that this Agreement go back to the municipalities for their final approval.

Commissioner Gore stated the Board needed to waive the Attorney-Client Privilege so the attorney can work with the municipalities on any changes that needed to be made.

Commissioner Bullard asked Mr. Leonard if a water meter had been installed in the Town of Boardman. Mr. Leonard replied stating no.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:49 P.M., Chairman Prevatte stated this Workshop was adjourned.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman