

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 02, 2009

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 first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Giles E. Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

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 February 02, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was led by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard.

ADJUSTMENT to FEBRUARY 02, 2009 AGENDA:

It has been requested by William S. Clark, County Manager, and Leo Green, Green Engineering, that we adjust the Agenda to add a Capital Project Ordinance to Agenda Item #13 as an additional action for the Board to approve.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjust the February 02, 2009 Agenda to add a Capital Project Ordinance to Agenda Item #13 as an additional document to the Rural Center Application for the Board to approve, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 22, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, stated that on Page 3 of the January 22, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, 4.b. needed to be deleted due to its redundancy, and 4.c needed to be changed to 4.b.

Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard stated that on Page 11 of January 22, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, it did not state the request he made to withdraw his motion and the Chairman stating that he could not withdraw his motion. I would like for the Board Minutes to reflect exactly what transpired.

Commissioner Norris amended his motion to approve the January 22, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with the two (2) corrections requested, and Commissioner Russ amended his second.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ Norris and Byrd; **and**
NAYS: Commissioner Gore.

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input was received.

Agenda Item #6: M.I.S. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Alan James, M.I.S. Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. M.I.S. is the Management Information Systems and consists of the staff, technology and tools that assist the County in acquiring, sustaining and proliferating information;
2. In year #5 of M.I.S., our priority will to repair and reuse; **and**
3. This department is made up of three (3) divisions which are as follows:
 - A. Information Technology System (ITS), with employees Tim Long and Steve Wagner, which perform the following duties:
 - Configuration, installation, maintenance, repair and upgrades of laptop and desktop systems;
 - Installation of miscellaneous hardware;
 - Installation of and assistance with general software issues;
 - Installation and troubleshooting of network devices;
 - Maintenance and repair of County servers and web appliances;
 - Administration of E-mail system and spam filter;
 - Administration of the IP telephone system in the Tax Office;
 - Manage County-wide area network;
 - Contact point for internet service providers; **and**
 - Receive, review and store surplus computer equipment.
 - B. Geographic Information System (GIS), with employees Tracy Simmons and Bret Ward, which perform the following duties:
 - Store, maintain and distribute all layers of geographic information, except land records;
 - Collect and review available information from other government sources;
 - Continuous review of existing data for accuracy and completeness;
 - Collection and update of existing data using field data collection techniques;
 - Assist the Addressing Department in identifying address inconsistencies;
 - Creation of specialized maps for the public and other county departments;
 - Creation of report for the public and County departments; **and**
 - Large document scanning, printing and laminating.
 - C. Management of Information System, with employee Alan James, who performs the following duties:
 - Create, maintain and update County website and departmental web pages;
 - Create, maintain and update GIS mapping websites and GIS download data site;
 - Assist municipalities with updates and changes to their website data and design;
 - Coordinate activities in the ITS and GIS sections;
 - Provide pricing research and quotes on any technology purchases;
 - Order, receive and schedule installation of all technology purchases;
 - Make recommendations to departments for updating systems, software and security;
 - Track and report security issues and misuse of technology to Administration and Department Heads; **and**
 - Research and planning for advancing technology, as well as mitigation of threats from spam e-mail, hacking, phishing, viruses, spyware, etc.

Agenda Item #7: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION by COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS IMPOSING a GROSS RECEIPTS TAX on HEAVY EQUIPMENT in LIEU of PROPERTY TAX:

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution by Columbus County Board of Commissioners Imposing a Gross Receipts Tax on Heavy Equipment in Lieu of Property Tax.

**RESOLUTION BY COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IMPOSING A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON
HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAX**

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-275(42a) and S.L. 2008-144, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 104-275(42a) designates Heavy Equipment on which a gross receipts tax may be imposed under 153A-156.1, attached hereto and incorporated

herein by reference, and 160A-215.2 as a special class of property which is exempted from property taxation and shall not be listed, appraised, assessed or taxed after January 1, 2009; **and**

WHEREAS, in lieu thereof, North Carolina General Statute 153A-156.1 authorizes a county by resolution to impose a tax at the rate of one and two-tenths percent (1.2%) on the gross receipts from the short-term lease or rental of heavy equipment by a person whose principal business is the short-term lease or rental of heavy equipment at retail; **and**

WHEREAS, this tax provides an alternative to a property tax on the equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a tax of one and two-tenths percent (1.2%) on the gross receipts from the short-term lease or rental of heavy equipment by a person whose principal business is the short-term lease or rental of heavy equipment at retail is imposed pursuant to 153A-156.1 in lieu of the personal property tax. This Resolution shall be effective July 01, 2009.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of February, 2009.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

Mr. Gore stated the following:

1. The State has exempted heavy equipment that is being leased or rented on a short-term basis from property taxation, as of January 01, 2009;
2. Each individual county may, at their discretion, impose a 1.2% gross receipts tax from the short-term lease or rental of heavy equipment in lieu of property tax;
3. Columbus County lost three thousand, seven hundred fourteen and 00/100 (\$3,714.00) dollars in property tax from this action;
4. The 1.2% gross receipts is on the equipment rental and not the value of the equipment;
5. At the present time, there is only one (1) business in the County that is renting heavy equipment;
6. The cost will be approximately five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars to set up the necessary system for this gross receipts tax; **and**
7. Until more businesses start renting heavy equipment, I do not think it would be feasible to impose this tax.

After a lengthy discussion relative to what would be, considered as heavy equipment and how many businesses would be involved, Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to table this matter until the February 16, 2009 Board Meeting, so more, or better, information could be obtained, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda #8: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION OPPOSING RATE INCREASE REQUESTED by INSURANCE COMPANIES:

Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, requested Board discussion and possible approval of the following Resolution Opposing Rate Increase Requested by Insurance Companies, which shows opposition to the increase in Beach Plan insurance policies and homeowners insurance policies.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING RATE INCREASE
REQUESTED by INSURANCE COMPANIES

WHEREAS, Columbus County, as well as other counties in southeastern North Carolina, is experiencing the hard economic times now griping our nation; **and**

WHEREAS, unemployment rates are the highest they have been in years and many of the residents of Columbus County and other southeastern North Carolina Counties are having difficulties making ends meet and maintaining the basic necessities of life; **and**

WHEREAS, insurance coverage is required in order to purchase a home or business and is

vital to the recovery of our home construction industry and our economy; **and**

WHEREAS, any increase in the cost of insurance makes it more difficult for middle and low income families to purchase homes, start businesses and participate in and fuel our economic recovery; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Insurance Commission raised the deductibles for wind events in the Beach Plan insurance policies to two (2) percent of the home's value per occurrence not based on wind speeds or hurricane seasons; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Insurance Commission has imposed a ten (10) percent surcharge on wind and hail policies under the beach plan; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Insurance Commission has imposed a Homeowners' insurance rate revision to twelve (12) percent for Columbus County effective May 1, 2009; **and**

WHEREAS, given these difficult economic times and the severe negative impact an increase in the cost of insurance will have on our citizens and our economic recovery, the insurance industry's request for a rate increase should be denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Columbus County Board of Commissioners opposes the rate increases named solely in this resolution requested by the insurance industry for its customers in Columbus County and supports the efforts of Dare County, North Carolina through litigation to stop said increases.

ADOPTED This the 2nd day of February, 2009.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. The North Carolina Insurance Commission raised the deductible for wind events in the Beach plan insurance policies to two (2%) percent of the home's value per occurrence not based on wind speeds or hurricane seasons;
2. The North Carolina Insurance Commission has imposed a ten (10%) percent surcharge on wind and hail policies under the Beach Plan;
3. The North Carolina Insurance Commissioner has imposed a Homeowner's insurance rate revision to twelve (12%) percent for Columbus County effective May 1, 2009; **and**
4. Basically, what Dare County has done is they have filed lawsuits and somewhat soliciting support and participation from other counties.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution Opposing Rate Increase Requested by Insurance companies, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PRESENTATION - CONCERNS REGARDING BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN BLADEN COUNTY and COLUMBUS COUNTY:

James Davis, private citizen, presented the following information to the Board regarding his concerns about the boundary line between Columbus County and Bladen County.

1. I personally know where the markers are for the county lines on the historical maps;
2. I know where the iron pipes are that Seymour Railroad put down when they done the surveying for Columbus County;
3. The problem is that Bladen County sent me a notice that I owe them for seven (7) years of back taxes;
4. I had to go and get Coburn Powell, Attorney-at-law , to take care of this problem;
5. I have lived here before Highway 11 was ever established or the bridge was built; **and**
6. My property taxes are current.

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, stated the following:

1. In 2006, we pulled Mr. Davis out of Columbus County and put him in Bladen County where he did pay his taxes;
2. He was placed back in Columbus County in 2007, and has paid taxes in Columbus County ever since; **and**
3. There is controversial boundary lines on the north end of the County;

Mr. Davis continued his presentation by stating the following:

1. The problem started in 1997 when James Earl Russell who owned the property next to me got mad with Waste Management, and had his property pulled out of Columbus County and put in Bladen County;
2. This same property is now owned by two (2) doctors and a real estate agent.
3. I will pay my property taxes in whatever county I need to, but if I am paying taxes in Columbus County, then I do not need to be harassed by Bladen County about these taxes being delinquent;
4. I would like for this problem to be addressed and solved; **and**
5. It is my understanding that in order for property to be pulled out of a county and placed in another county, it has to be brought before both of the Boards of Commissioners and the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and to my knowledge, this procedure has not been done in my situation.

Discussion was conducted relative to a problem with the boundary lines between Columbus County and Brunswick County, and information was revealed that the State would provide the funds for the boundary line surveys to be done.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, to contact Bladen County about having the boundary lines established, and to contact Brunswick County to see if they are interested in being a part of this survey, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: TRAVEL and TOURISM - DISCUSSION of LAND USE REGULATIONS for PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT:

Russell M. Honeycutt, Chairman of the Travel and Tourism Board of Directors, stated the following relative to land use regulation for property development in Columbus County.

1. I am proud to be a part of the Travel and Tourism Board of Directors;
2. I would like to present our first comprehensive Resource Guide for Columbus County;
3. We have received many high accolades for our efforts;
4. We have purchased a co-op billboard promoting Columbus County;
5. We are working on developing a Working Farm with a 1930's to 1940's theme;
6. We have established a foundation to enable us to apply for more grants;
7. We are working with WWAY TV 3 on a hometown segment;
8. We are working with Robeson and Scotland Counties on a canoeing project;
9. We would like to have an open dialogue on the land use along our main corridors in Columbus County;
10. The main corridors are the first areas people see when visiting our county, they could have a lasting impression, and could be the determining factor on whether someone would like to live in Columbus County;
11. The dilapidated mobile homes and buildings along the main corridors do not help in promoting our beautiful county;
12. What can the Travel and Tourism Board of Directors do to help correct these problems along the main corridors in Columbus County?

Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

1. We do have a Planning Board in place that is addressing some of these issues; **and**
2. We will be glad to provide you the necessary contact information for the Interim Planner so you can contact him and schedule a meeting with him.

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

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 22, 2009 **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 District, respectively.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

The Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the September and October, 2008 adjustments to the monthly water bills.

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

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III - APPROVAL of the FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- A. MOVE FORWARD with the TEST WELL;
- B. CONTRACT with GREEN ENGINEERING for DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION of this PROJECT;
- C. MOVE FORWARD with BIDDING and DEVELOPING a SECOND WELL; and
- D. APPROVAL of RURAL CENTER APPLICATION FORMS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, and Leo Green, Green Engineering, requested Board approval of the above listed actions

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

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - UPDATE:

Leo Green, Green Engineering, delivered the following update to the Board on the status of Water District IV.

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

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of AMENDED DOCUMENTS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested approval of the following amended documents for the Dothan Road Sewer Project:

- A. Grant Project Ordinance;
- B. Commitment of Other Funds; and
- C. Certification by Chief Elected Official.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County 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 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: 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
Department of Aging Advisory Council	VII	Frances Ellington	06/30/2010	Appoint
Board of Health (Columbus County) Motion: McKenzie Second: Byrd	EB	Peggy Blackmon At Large Member	12/31/2011	Re-Appoint
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board Motion: Russ Second: Norris	EB	Gary Bass	08/01/2010	Appoint

Agenda Item 17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Tax Refunds and Releases:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office)
February 02, 2009**

Refunds Name: Blackmon, Mark Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # Bill # Total \$112.58
Refund the user fee deposit paid in June, 2008. Deal fell through. Customer did not get land and house.
8297 Hallsboro Rd. S Whiteville NC 28472

Refunds Name: Kennedy, David E. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year 006-2 Account # 12-13940 Bill # 99999 Total \$386.00
Refund user fee paid in 2006 and 2007 on a mobile home that is vacant and does not have a trash can.
8715 Haynes Lennon Hwy Evergreen NC 28438

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office);
February 02, 2009**

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Tangela (etal) Amount: \$339.75
Value: \$8,700.00 Year: 2004-2 Account # 06--00623 Bill # 9999 Total \$850.93
Release the value of a house for the years 2004 through 2008 and the Columbus Rescue. The house was torn down prior to 2004.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bridgers, James C. Amount: \$31.95
Value: \$3,920.00 Year: 2008 Account # 05-05148 Bill # 9082 Total \$40.31
Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (.78) and W3 (4.31). The boat is listed in Bladen County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cartrette Pauline Amount: \$212.72
Value: \$26,100.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-03720 Bill # 2148 Total \$430.90
Release a portion of the property value, a portion of Williams Fire (12.96) and a portion of Columbus Rescue (5.22). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. She is in a rest home.

Release the Property Value in the name of McDonald Franklin Amount: \$64.38
Value: \$13,000.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-17240 Bill # 1457 Total \$277.02
Release the value of a house, the Klondyke Fire (5.53), the Columbus Rescue (1.58) and W2 (5.53). The house burned in 2007.

Release the Property Value in the name of Metal Spinners Inc. Amount: \$3,721.97
 Value: \$456,684.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-03733 Bill # 2984 Total \$3,813.31
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. All business equipment was moved to Georgia prior to 2008.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Barbara Amount: \$14.53
 Value: \$1,783.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-22241 Bill # 2078 Total \$17.75
 Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire (1.25) and Whiteville Rescue (.36). The boat has been sold for years.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Richard Amount: \$236.76
 Value: \$29,050.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-05832 Bill # 2689 Total \$271.62
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of Yam City fire (29.05) and a portion of Columbus Rescue (5.81). The customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Larry Amount: \$25.52
 Value: \$810.00 Year: 2005-2 Account # 03-01017 Bill # 9999 Total \$31.30
 Release the value of a boat for 2005 through 2008, the Brunswick Fire (2.28) and Whiteville Rescue (.65). The boat was sold in 2004.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Dale Amount: \$58.67
 Value: \$7,199.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-03861 Bill # 8186 Total \$264.43
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.32) and Columbus Rescue (1.44). The mobile home burned in 2006.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Larry G. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-04860 Bill # 8599 Total \$200.00
 Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gause, Gloria (etal) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-14871 Bill # 9616 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, Robert Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-09865 Bill # 7505 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, James M. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-23960 Bill # 9358 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCants, Lisa Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-04214 Bill # 1224 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Packer, William Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-04452 Bill # 5682 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that is still under construction.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powell, Martha Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-12127 Bill # 7229 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that was repossessed in 2007. Trash can was picked up in 2007.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Genevieve Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-24025 Bill # 4264 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wade, Patty C. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-01947 Bill # 7620 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Dale Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-04834 Bill # 8185 Total \$200.00
 Release one of two user fees. One house has been torn down.

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Kimberly Smith (Health):** I would like to thank the M.I.S. Department for all the help they have rendered to the Health Department in helping us work through the problems we are experiencing.
2. **Bobbie Faircloth (Finance):** I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and concerns they displayed for my husband during his sickness.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Bullard:** I would like to know if the Board will allow me to withdraw my motion that I made at the January 22, 2009 Board Meeting to include education in the two and one-half (2 ½%) percent reduction in expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. I did not understand the full intent of what was being discussed and I made the motion in error.

Chairman Prevatte asked Commissioner Russ if he would be willing to withdraw his second to the motion. Commissioner Russ replied stating yes he would.

Chairman Prevatte asked Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, if this was permissible, and Mr. Fowler replied stating yes, it is permissible.

MOTION:

Commissioner Gore made the following three (3) part motion:

- A. Rescind Vice Chairman Bullard motion made at the January 22, 2009 Board Meeting that reads as follows: “Approve the recommendations made by William S. Clark, County Manager, to reduce expenditures two and one-half (2 ½%) percent for the remainder of the current fiscal year, to include education”;
- B. Rescind Commissioner Russ’s second to the motion made by Vice Chairman Bullard; **and**
- C. Rescind the action of the Board as a result of this motion.

This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris and Gore; **and**
NAYS: Commissioner Byrd.

The motion passed on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the recommendations made by William S. Clark, County Manager, to reduce expenditures two and one-half (2 ½%) percent for the remainder of the current fiscal year, to include education, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris and Byrd; **and**
NAYS: Vice Chairman Bullard and Commissioner Gore.

The motion passed on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

2. **Commissioner Gore:** If a department head is not scheduled on the Agenda for our meeting, or there is no related topic for their department, they do not need to be

driving County vehicles, at taxpayers' expense, to attend the Board Meetings.

3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to thank the Clerk for the nice job she does in the compilation of the Board Packets; **and**
 - B. I would like to thank Ms. Jackie Roseboro for all her efforts in making sure her department runs as smoothly as it can.
4. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to encourage the Department Heads to attend our meetings; **and**
 - B. If the Board is in agreement, we will re-schedule the group pictures to be taken at our next scheduled meeting, February 16, 2009.

- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
1. I would like to introduce Jeremy Jernigan, the new Director of Emergency Services, and today is his first day on the job;
 2. The Personnel Committee is meeting this week and will see the revisions to the Personnel Handbook for the first time; **and**
 3. The Board Retreat that was cancelled due to inclement weather will be held on Thursday, February 05, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon at Southeastern Community College, in the T-Building.

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

At 8:11 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Norris, after a five (5) minute recess. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:45 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Prevatte requested Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, to read orally the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Fowler orally read the following:

The General Account of the Closed Session Meeting is as follows:

1. Discussion of the Public Utilities position;
2. Discussion of the Manager contractual reviews; **and**
3. No action was taken on either matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gore, and seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard to approve the General Account. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:47 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

Monday, February 02, 2009

7:27 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd
Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
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January 22, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 22, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

The Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following September and October, 2008 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2008

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/2/2008	103000	HENRY CLARK	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE

9/3/2008	207910.00 97	VERLETTE SPAIN	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
9/3/2008	301850.0097	ROBIN NORRIS	-114.00	BILLING ERROR
9/3/2008	400430.0094	STACEY SCOTT	-69.70	BILLING ERROR
9/5/2008	104979.0098	MARTY NORRIS	-190.00	CUST LEAK
9/8/2008	301840	RICHARD PERRY	-68.00	CUST LEAK
9/16/2008	301190	ELBERT NORRIS	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/16/2008	302970	DANNY THOMPSON	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/16/2008	601220	TIMOTHY STEVENSON	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/16/2008	101615	WINFRED LIVINGSTON	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/16/2008	207400	JAKE FONVILLE	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/16/2008	204680	VERNELL MARTIN	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/19/2008	208615	BRENDA BROWN	-44.00	METER READ WRONG
9/23/2008	101290	LORETTA HEATH	-242.00	CUST LEAK
9/29/2008	105275	SKYLOR STANLEY	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
		TOTAL	(687.70)	

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT NUM</u>	<u>ACCT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
10/23/2008	60-2530	WANDA SOLES	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
10/24/2008	301100.0098	MICHEAL WILLIAMS	-30.00	FEE APPLIED IN ERROR
10/24/2008	301100.0098	MICHEAL WILLIAMS	-5.00	PEN APPLIED IN ERROR
10/24/2008	301100.0098	MICHEAL WILLIAMS	33.00	MANUAL BILL
10/24/2008	301470	STEVEN WILLIAMS	-30.00	FEE APPLIED IN ERROR
10/24/2008	301470	STEVEN WILLIAMS	-5.00	PEN APPLIED IN ERROR
10/24/2008	301470	STEVEN WILLIAMS	21.00	MANUAL BILL
10/28/2008	402010	CONNIE SIMMONS	-330.00	CUST LEAK
10/28/2008	403170	ROBERT THORTON	29.00	CREDIT REFUNDED
		TOTAL	(347.00)	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for September and October, 2008 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

Monday, February 02, 2009

7:27 P.M.

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Amon E. McKenzie
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Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 22, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

The Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following September and October, 2008 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
9/3/2008	121410.0095	SELENA CASTILLEJOS	-175.00	BILLING ERROR

9/5/2008	133280	BILLY FLOYD	-330.00	CUST LEAK
9/8/2008	110080	ROSEMARY BENTON	25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
9/8/2008	110080	ROSEMARY BENTON	-60.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
9/9/2008	131590	SPENCER WILSON	-146.00	UNUSUAL HIGH READING
9/16/2008	142246	JOHNATHAN OSBOURNE	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/23/2008	120046	JACQUELINE WOOTEN	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
9/23/2008	141255	QUINCY WOOTEN	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/23/2008	131560	MAYBELLE ROGERS	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/29/2008	130024	MARY JONES	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
9/29/2008	130024	MARY JONES	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/29/2008	1231470	ERNESTINE BOONE	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
		TOTAL	(606.00)	

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
10/2/2008	122290.0098	ANGELA ZOKAL	7.50	BALANCE TRANSFERRED
10/3/2008	121120.0097	NESTOR MEZA -	30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/7/2008	111925.0098	DAVID DENNIS	-30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/10/2008	110080.0098	ROSEMARY BENTON	-25.00	CUST DISCONNECTED
10/17/2008	133080.0098	HARRY CONNER	-30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	121690.0098	JAMES JENKINS	-30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	111925.0098	DAVID DENNIS	-5.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	121120.0097	NESTOR MEZA -	5.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	131850	DOUGLAS BROWN	-5.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	122470.0097	JENNIFER MOORE	-116.00	METER READ WRONG
10/20/2008	132910.0098	GRACE MCLLAND	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
10/28/2008	133080	HARRY CONNER	-30.00	BILLING ERROR
10/28/2008	121690	JAMES JENKINS	-30.00	BILLING ERROR
10/29/2008	110200.0098	DENNIS ROUSE	-197.50	BILLING ERROR
10/29/2008	133080.0098	HARRY CONNER	30.00	FEE REMOVED 2X
		TOTAL	(521.00)	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for September and October, 2008 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 22, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

The Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following September and October, 2008 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III..

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2008

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/2/2008	330362	FARRAH THOMPSON	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/3/2008	360545.0098	BEVERLY WEST	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED

9/3/2008	331142.0098	DURAN RANSOM	-220.00	MISREAD METER
9/4/2008	340425.0098	DEWEY MORRIS	-235.00	BILLING ERROR
9/4/2008	350662.0098	LAWERENCE SAULS	-688.00	CUST LEAK
9/5/2008	350520.0096	WILLIAM ANDERSON	50.00	BALANCE TRANSFERRED
9/5/2008	350530.0096	WILLIAM ANDERSON	-50.00	BALANCE TRANSFERRED
9/5/2008	360390	PERRY BENTON	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/16/2008	350665	TIMOTHY VEREEN	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/16/2008	331146	EDWARD & GLENDA RANSOM	(8.00)	METER READ WRONG
9/16/2008	341545	JUAN ALEJANDREZ	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
9/22/2008	370060	PATTY MAYS	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
9/22/2008	370060	PATTY MAYS	(5.00)	PENALTY WAIVED
9/23/2008	360390	PERRY BENTON	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/23/2008	360390	PERRY BENTON	-30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
9/29/2008	340389	BRYAN HARRELSON	50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
		TOTAL	(1,056.00)	

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2008

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/3/2008	360890	ALAN RUIZ	-5.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/7/2008	341336.0098	HUGH MCPHERSON	72.00	RETURN CHECK
10/7/2008	341336.0098	HUGH MCPHERSON	25.00	RETURN CHECK FEE
10/8/2008	340389.0098	BRYAN HARRELSON	-85.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/10/2008	360390.0097	PERRY BENTON	-50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE WAIVED
10/15/2008	370520.0098	CARRIE ALLEN	-30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/16/2008	331290.0098	JERRY HEMINGWAY	-5.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	381050.0098	KEVIN BULLARD	-30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/17/2008	380308.0096	MEISHELLE TYSON	-30.00	COMPUTER ERROR
10/23/2008	360730	LAWERENC PALMER	(30.00)	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
10/27/2008	380820	VALERIE WAYATT	25.00	CREDIT REFUNDED
10/27/2008	350865	DARIAN MEHALIC	17.17	CREDIT REFUNDED
10/27/2008	371380	M H STEPHENS	\$25.00	CREDIT REFUNDED
10/27/2008	350653	ANDREA SMITH	\$21.00	CREDIT REFUNDED
10/27/2008	341846	EUGENE BELLAMY	25.00	CREDIT REFUNDED
10/27/2008	350970	LOUISE TURNER	50.00	CREDIT REFUNDED
10/28/2008	381050	KEVIN BULLARD	-30.00	BILLING ERROR
10/29/2008	330040.0098	ANITA CAVANUGH	(40.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/29/2008	381050	KEVIN BULLARD	\$30.00	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
10/30/2008	350970	CORINDA SULTON	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/30/2008	341846.0098	BEVERLY BUCK	-8.33	BILLING ERROR
10/30/2008	341846.0095	SASHA STRICKLAND	8.33	BILLING ERROR
		TOTAL	(3.16)	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for September and October, 2008 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III - APPROVAL of the FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- A. MOVE FORWARD with the TEST WELL;**
- B. CONTRACT with GREEN ENGINEERING for DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION of this PROJECT;**
- C. MOVE FORWARD with BIDDING and DEVELOPING a SECOND WELL; and**

D. APPROVAL of RURAL CENTER APPLICATION FORMS, as follows:

- 1. Supplemental Application - General Information;**
- 2. Certification by Chief Elected Official;**
- 3. Memorandum of Understanding;**
- 4. Project Budget;**
- 5. Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant;**
- 6. Commitment of Other Funds Form;**
- 7. Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant - Household Water User Rate; and**
- 8. WD-III Capital Project Ordinance** (added at the beginning of the meeting).

William S. Clark, County Manager, and Leo Green, Green Engineering, requested Board approval of the above listed actions. Mr. Green stated the following:

1. In approximately 2003, District III started with two (2) wells to provide water, one (1) on Silverspoon Road and one (1) on Paige Road;
2. Shortly after the well pump was put in service, they started getting bad samples;
3. This is a sixteen (16") inch well, approximately three hundred, seventy-five (375') feet deep;
4. The Water Department asked my firm to look at this situation to see what could be done;
5. We had a good well driller in the area, namely Bill's Well Drilling out of Bladen County, and I asked him to look at this situation for me;
6. He has given me a price of four thousand and 00/100 (\$4,000.00) dollars to drill a four (4") inch test well at one hundred twenty-five (125') feet deep to see if there is a good water source there;
7. There remains approximately fifty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$55,000.00) dollars in that project from the original Rural Development Grant;
8. We will have to buy a ten (10') strip of land to meet the State requirements.
9. Rural Development is allowing us to file a late application for the remaining funds needed.

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the above listed four (4) actions requested by Mr. Clark and Mr. Green, which is inclusive of the Rural Center Application which consists of eight (8) different documents, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. The Rural Center Application documents will be marked as Exhibits "A" - "H", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 3, for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
09-03-2008	410350	Anna Kirk	-26.00	Cust Leak

09-19-2008 420650 Victor Larktins -5.00 Penalty Waived

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCT	AMOUNT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10-08-2008	410350.0098	Anna Kirk	-24.00	Cust Leak
10-10-2008	420512.0095	Robert Boswell	-17.40	Billing Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for September and October, 2008 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - UPDATE:

Leo Green, Green Engineering, delivered the following update the Board on the status of Water District IV.

1. We have received all the permits for the construction;
2. We have the D.O.T. Encroachment Agreements;
3. We have the Soil and Erosions Reports;
4. We have the Permitted Public Water Supply;
5. The sixty, plus (60+) easements are down to five or six (5 or 6), and these involve the old railroad easements.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
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APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

The Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following September and October, 2008 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
09-22-2008	709956	Melba Todd	-30.00	Cut Off Fee Waived
09-22-2008	709957	Melba Todd	-30.00	Cut Off Fee Waived
09-23-2008	709945	Billy Bellamy	-30.00	Cut Off Fee Waived

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
10-21-2008	709830.0098	Henry C. Hewitt	-30.00	Cut Off Fee Waived

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for September and October, 2008 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of AMENDED DOCUMENTS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested approval of the following amended documents for the Dothan Road Sewer Project:

- A. Grant Project Ordinance;
- B. Commitment of Other Funds; **and**
- C. Certification by Chief Elected Official.

Mr. Clark stated the following:

1. There is a change in the project.
2. We received the \$500,000.00 from the Rural Center, but we did not receive the grant money from the CDBG funds that we applied for;
3. The project was originally \$1.2 million, and now it is downgraded to \$675,000.00;
4. This grant provides sewer to thirty (30) low to moderate income households with failed or failing septic systems;
5. This project will involve the installation of 14,600 LF of 3 inch and 4 inch sewer force main;
6. The houses will have individual pumps installed at each house in lieu of gravity sewer and pumping station as originally proposed;
7. There will be no cost to the homeowners; **and**
8. No county funds are involved in this project.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the amended Grant Project Ordinance, the amended Commitment of Other Funds and the amended Certification by Chief Elected Official, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of these documents will be marked as Exhibits "I", "J", and "K", and will be kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 3, for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

