

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**June 01, 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 the purpose of holding a Public Hearing and 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**
 Terri L. Martin, **Interim County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: Columbus County Budget Hearing - the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments on the Proposed 2009 - 2010 Columbus County Operating Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments on the Proposed 2009 - 2010 Columbus County Operating Budget.

COMMENTS:

Robert Adams: stated the following:

1. I have reviewed the budget and asked questions and have received some good answers;
2. This is a balanced budget and I hope the appropriate staff keeps the budget balanced;
3. I am going to request that you, the Commissioners, re-think the trash being taken out of the county;
4. The cost for trash in this county is larger than what we are spending on education; **and**
5. On a long-term basis, I would like to see a county landfill opened up which would save Columbus County a significant amount of money.

Chairman Prevatte asked the clerk if she had received any comments either oral or written. June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, replied stating no.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:35 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

6:35 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION**

Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the June 01, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered 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.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the May 18, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Gore.

Chairman Prevatte stated that on Page 168 of the **Draft** May 18, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, the following corrections needed to be added:

1. The results of the tie vote needed to be added; **and**
2. The motion by Commissioner McKenzie needs to read **reconsider** in lieu of **table**.

Commissioner Norris amended his motion to approve the May 18, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with the recommended two (2) corrections on Page 168, and Commissioner Gore amended his second. The amended motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

1. **Bobby Stanley** (Soil and Water Conservation Board): stated the following:
 - A. The State Environmental Management Commission is trying to get a bill passed where every animal operation must have their water tested several times per year;
 - B. The cost for the water testing is \$3,000 each time;
 - C. Farm Bureau is highly protesting this and is taking the lead;
 - D. A public hearing has been scheduled for June 11, 2009, at 7:00 P.M., in Kenansville, North Carolina, at James Sprunt Community College, and if you plan to speak at this public hearing, you need to be there by 6:30 P.M. to sign in;
 - E. A bill has been introduced regarding the control of water usage;
 - F. There is a proposed bill stating that if you use 100,000 gallons of water per day, you will have to be permitted; **and**
 - G. I encourage everyone that can to attend this public hearing and voice your opinion on this matter.

Agenda Item #5: SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - APPROVAL to TRANSFER CAPITAL OUTLAY APPROPRIATION to CURRENT EXPENSE:

Dr. Kathy Matlock, President, Southeastern Community College, requested approval, by Resolution, to transfer Capital Outlay Funds to Current Operating Expense Funds to meet fiscal year 2008-2009 budget needs.

In the absence of Dr. Matlock, or her designee, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to move this Agenda Item to the end of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL of ANNUAL PLAN INCLUDING ALLOCATION to PROGRAM FUNDING GRID, and ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

Greg Worthington, Chairman of the Columbus County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, requested approval of the following listed documents for the Columbus County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

1. Annual plan, including allocation to program funding grid; **and**
2. Annual membership roster.

Mr. Worthington stated the following:

1. We are responsible for over \$200,000 that comes to Columbus County;
2. Through a risk and needs assessment and a resource assessment, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council has determined that the following services are needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Columbus County:

1. Domestic Violence;	2. Parenting;	3. Structured Day Treatment;
4. Counseling;	5. Mentoring;	6. Life Skills;
7. Assessment;	8. Restorative; and	9. Mental Health Skills;
3. The funding recommendations are as follows:

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| A. | Court Psychologist Program | \$4,950 |
| B. | Teen Court/Restitution/Community Service | \$62,529 |
| C. | Making a Difference Mental Health Counseling Program | \$56,057 |
| D. | Youth and Family Counseling Program | \$64,970 |
| E. | Unallocated Funds | \$20,880 |
4. The DJJDP funding is for \$209,386, with a local in-kind match of \$29,554, for a total of \$238,940;
 5. The percentage of juvenile delinquency in Columbus County is very high,
 6. This program is advantageous to the youth in Columbus County; **and**
 7. As part of this package, I will need Board approval for the membership roster.

Lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the appointee for Commissioner District III, and the appointment of a County Commissioner representative, or the Chairman of the County Commissioners to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Annual Plan, including the allocation to the Program Funding Grid for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to remove Chairman James E. Prevatte from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and appoint Commissioner Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd to serve, and the annual membership roster to be placed on the June 15, 2009 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. Our mission is helping people help the land;
2. Conservation is our purpose and our passion;
3. Conservation districts provide products and services that enable people to be good stewards of the nations' natural resources - soil, water, air, plants, animals and humans on non-Federal lands;
4. With our help, people are better able to conserve, maintain, or improve their natural resources;
5. On August 3, 1937, North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure made history when he signed the certificate establishing the Brown Creek Soil Conservation District as the first in the state, the nation and the world;
6. Soil conservation districts were the brainchild of Hugh Hammond Bennett, chief of the USDA Soil Conservation Service;
7. Today, North Carolina has 96 Soil and Water Conservation Districts covering all 100 counties in the state;
8. Report from July 01, 2008 through May 30, 2009:

-Money received through County	\$142,372
-Benefits Received back into Columbus County	\$488,747
-\$488,737 / \$142,372 = \$3.43 per dollar spent	
9. Beaver Management Report from July 1, 2008 through May 30, 2009:

-Money received through County	\$53,500
-Total benefits to Columbus County	\$456,750
-\$456,750 / \$53,500 = \$8.54 per dollar spent	
10. We have received an 11% reduction in our budget this year; **and**
11. We have been instructed not to write any of our allocations until after the State budget has been adopted.

Agenda Item #8: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM:

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the revised Columbus County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program. (This is the second reading of this document. The first reading was conducted at the May 18, 2009 Board Meeting.)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the revised Columbus County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of this document will be listed in the May 18, 2009 Board Minutes.

Agenda Item #9: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION CONCERNING SOUTHERN TIRE and MUFFLER, INCORPORATED:

Terri Martin, Interim Columbus County Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Concerning Southern Tire and Muffler, Incorporated.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING SOUTHERN TIRE AND MUFFLER, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edwin Russ has represented to the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners that he has an ownership interest in the following business:

Southern Tire and Muffler, Incorporated

AND WHEREAS, the County of Columbus may from time to time require the goods and services which can be provided by said business; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Russ desires to avoid any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest if goods or services are sold to Columbus County by said business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Columbus County government may purchase goods and services from the above named business under the following statutory conditions as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 14-234 that is hereby attached and incorporated by reference:

1. Purchase may be made only as long as there is no incorporated municipality of more than 15,000 population within Columbus County according to the most recent official federal population census.
2. Expenditures shall not exceed an amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for goods or services within a 12-month calendar period.
3. Commissioner Russ shall not in his official capacity participate in any way or vote on matters affecting the County's business with the above named company.
4. The total annual amount of undertakings or contracts shall be specifically noted in the audited annual financial statement of Columbus County.
5. The governing board shall post in a conspicuous place in the County Courthouse a list of all such officials with whom such undertakings or contracts have been made, briefly describing the subject matter of the undertakings or contracts and showing their total amounts. This list shall cover the preceding 12 months and shall be brought up-to date at least quarterly.

In addition to these statutory conditions, this Board requires that each department or office of County government shall keep public records that document that it has engaged in competitive purchasing practices and that the director of the department or office has determined that the purchase of goods or services from the above named business is in the best interest of Columbus County.

It shall be the responsibility of the Columbus County Finance Department to develop an accounting procedure which will assure that purchases do not exceed the statutory limit.

Commissioner Russ abstained from voting on this resolution.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of June, 2009

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman
ATTESTED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution Concerning Southern Tire and Muffler, Incorporated, seconded by Commissioner Norris.

After discussion was conducted, a roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

ABSTAIN: Commssioner Russ.

The motion fails for the lack of a majority vote.

Agenda Item #10: 2009 CDBG GRANT PROGRAM - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested the Board to establish June 15, 2009, as the date for a public hearing in order to apply for CDBG funds. A time needs to be set for this public hearing.

Mr. Clark stated the following:

1. This will apply to all of the upcoming 2009 Community Development Block Grants; **and**
2. The public hearing is a requirement of the state.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish June 01, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing in order to apply for the 2009 CDBG funds, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:49 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, 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:

May 18, 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 DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL of WATER MAINS to SERVE PROPERTY UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

J.E. Thompson, Trigon Corporation, requested discussion and possible approval of the extension of water mains to serve the proposed development in Deerfield Estates.

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

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE APPROVAL of EXTENSION of WATER MAINS to SERVE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT on SWAMP FOX ROAD and HERBERT NORRIS ROAD:

Kyle Cox, Developer of a subdivision, requested discussion and possible approval of the extension of water mains to serve the proposed development on Swamp Fox Road and Herbert Norris Road. (This matter was tabled at the May 18, 2009 Board Meeting.)

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 8:13 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn the **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COUNCILS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments to be made.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Chadbourn Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Brad Walker (ETJ)	05-2009	Hold
Department of Aging Advisory Council	I III IV VI	Leona Martin Ray Wyche Mary Graham Elaine Gore Murray Myra Godwin	06-30-2009 06-30-2009 06-30-2009 06-30-2009 06-30-2009	Hold Hold Hold Hold Hold
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	I	Troy Willard Goss, Sr.	06-30-2009 06-30-2009	Hold
Fair Bluff Board of Adjustments Motion: Vice Chairman Bullard Second: Commissioner Byrd	EB	Frank Horne (ETJ)	01-2009	Re-Appoint
Fair Bluff Planning Board Motion: Vice Chairman Bullard Second: Commissioner Byrd	EB	N.I. "Chip: Singletary, Jr. (ETJ) Mike Hughes (ETJ)	April, 2009 April, 2009	Re-Appoint Hold
Four-County Community Services, Inc. Motion: Commissioner Byrd Second: Commissioner Gore	EB	Richard Wilson	06-30-2009	Re-Appoint
Jury Commission	EB	J.B. Evans	06-30-2009	Hold
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	I III IV VI	-Vacant- Sandra Lewis Nancy Sigmon Willis Nealy	06-30-2009 06-30-2009 06-30-2009 06-30-2009	Hold Hold Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Library Board of Trustees	I	Carol Caldwell	06-30-2009	Hold
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee Motion: Vice Chairman Bullard Second: Commissioner Norris	EB	Herb Harp	01-03-2009	Re-Appoint
Vehicle Review Committee Motion: Commissioner Gore Second: Commissioner Norris	EB	Robert White Anthony H. Ray	02-01-2009 02-01-2009	Hold Re-Appoint

Agenda Item #15: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Tax Refund and Releases:

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

**TAX REFUND (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
June 01, 2009**

Refunds Name: Hill, Estelle E. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 10-08680 Bill # 64417 Total \$200.00
 Refund the user fee. The house is vacant and the home was picked up in 2006.
 c/o Carolyn Simon 12024 Antebellum Dr. Charlotte 28273

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
June 01, 2009**

Release the Property Value in the name of Cribb, Jessica Amount: \$76.85
 Value: \$9,430.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-05607 Bill # 4132 Total \$292.84
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (5.66) and the Columbus Rescue (1.89). The home is double listed in the name of Randal Gene Cartrette.

Release the Property Value in the name of Meares, Catrinia Amount: \$480.90
 Value: \$13,770.00 Year: 2005/2 Account # 10-00105 Bill # 9999 Total \$954.58
 Release the value of a mobile home for 2005 - 2008 and the Columbus Rescue. The home was repossessed prior to 2005.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cartwright, Lorraine Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05126 Bill # 2238 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee. The house is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rhodes, Christopher Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-00337 Bill # 8854 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee. House vacant, with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rhodes, Joan D. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-22587 Bill # 8864 Total \$113.00
 Release the user fee. House vacant, no trash can here.

B. Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following budget amendments, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	26-4370-566905	Cerro Gordo Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569900	Remittance to District - Whiteville Rescue	35,172
	26-4370-469903	Acme Delco Riegelwood Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569904	Buckhead Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569905	Chadbourn Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569906	Fair Bluff Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569907	Lake Waccamaw Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569908	Nakina Rescue	8,400
	26-4370-569909	Tabor City Rescue	8,400
Revenue	26-3434-411104	Special District Tax	45,187
	26-3434-416101	Tax Refunds	(15.00)
	26-3436-416100	Tax Refunds	(25.00)
	26-3436-416103	Releases	(11,000)
	26-3436-416107	Releases	(10,000)
	26-3436-432308	County Rescue Tax .02 cents	78,225
Expenditure	28-4349-569900	Buckhead Fire District	7,128
Revenue	28-3434-310090	Special Fire Tax - Buckhead	7,450
	28-3434-416103	Tax Releases	(322)
Expenditure	28-4340-569900	Yam City Fire District	33,722
Revenue	28-3434-411011	Special Fire Tax -Yam City	48,772
	28-3434-416119	Tax Releases	(15,000)

	28-3434-416118	Tax Refunds	(50)
Expenditure	28-4348-569900	Bolton Fire District	5,620
Revenue	28-3434-310095	Special Fire Tax - Bolton	10,746
	28-3434-416104	Tax Releases	(5,076)
	28-3434-416101	Tax Refunds	(50)
Expenditure	28-4341-569900	Acme-Delco Fire District	91,780
Revenue	28-3434-411012	Special Fire Tax - Acme Delco	97,991
	28-3434-416121	Tax Releases	(6,211)
Expenditure	28-4342-569900	Klondyke Fire District	36,118
Revenue	28-3434-411013	Special Fire Tax - Klondyke	40,513
	28-3434-416123	Tax Releases	(4,395)
Expenditure	28-4334-569900	St. James Fire District	2,899
Revenue	28-3434-411015	Special Fire Tax - St. James	3,899
	28-3434-416127	Tax Releases	(1,000)
Expenditure	28-4343-569900	Coles Fire District	12,530
Revenue	28-3434-411017	Special Fire Tax - Coles	14,030
	28-3434-416131	Tax Releases	(1,500)
Expenditure	28-4344-569900	Cerro Cordo Fire District	15,503
Revenue	28-3434-411018	Special Fire Tax - Cerro Gordo	18,682
	28-3434-416133	Tax Releases	(3,179)
Expenditure	28-4345-569900	Williams Township Fire District	18,388
Revenue	28-3434-411018	Special Fire Tax - Williams Township	20,443
	28-3434-416135	Tax Releases	(2,005)
	28-3434-416134	Tax Refunds	(50)
Expenditure	28-4347-569900	Brunswick Fire District	49,870
Revenue	28-3434-411104	Special Fire Tax - Brunswick	61,032
	28-3434-416105	Tax Releases	(11,162)
Expenditure	28-4346-569900	White Marsh Fire District	18,042
Revenue	28-3434-411106	Special Fire Tax - White Marsh	26,942
	28-3434-416109	Tax Releases	(8,900)
Expenditure	28-4336-569900	Nakina Fire District	8,855
Revenue	28-3434-411107	Special Fire Tax - Nakina	10,985
	28-3434-416110	Tax Releases	(1,205)
	28-3434-416111	Tax Refunds	(25)
Expenditure	28-4337-569900	Old Dock Fire District	11,853
Revenue	28-3434-411108	Special Fire Tax - Old Dock	20,861
	28-3434-416113	Tax Releases	(9,008)
Expenditure	28-4338-569900	Hallsboro Fire District	13,380
Revenue	28-3434-411109	Special Fire - Hallsboro	16,074
	28-3434-416115	Tax Releases	(2,674)

	28-3434-416114	Tax Refunds	(20)
Expenditure	28-4339-569900	Roseland Fire District	13,039
Revenue	28-3434-411110	Special Fire Tax - Roseland	15,146
	28-3434-416117	Tax Releases	(2,107)
Expenditure	30-9830-598050	Transfer to GF Reimbursement Debt Payment	1,161,255
	10-9800-598055	Transfer to General Fund Balance	1,161,255
Revenue	30-3983-430129	School Building Capital Fund	1,354,809
	10-3980-498010	Transfer from Debt Service Fund Reimbursement Debt Pay	1,161,255
	30-3983-430130	½ Cent Sales Tax	(193,554)
Expenditure	10-4380-526001	Departmental Supplies	5,500
	10-4380-535300	Maintenance/Repair Vehicles	3,500
Revenue	10-3438-440103	Animal Control Fines/Fees	9,000
Expenditure	10-4310-535300	M & R Vehicles	1,967
Revenue	10-3431-489000	General Funds Balance	1,967
Expenditure	10-5150-512100	COLPO Salaries	(25,000)
	10-5150-551000	COLPO Office Equipment	(4,917)
Revenue	10-3515-489045	COLO Misc Grant	(29,917)
Expenditure	75-9600-810012	Revolving Loan	75,000
Revenue	75-3839-440005	Rural Dev Revol Loan	75,000
Expenditure	10-4155-512100	Salaries & Wages Regular	3,328
	10-4155-518100	FICA	254
	10-4155-512600	Office Supplies	749
	10-4155-531000	Travel and Transportation	1,000
	10-4155-532000	Communications	(300)
	10-4155-551000	C/O Office Equipment	(658)
	10-4155-519000	Professional Services	3,880
	10-4155-549900	Miscellaneous	150
Revenue	10-3416-436025	NC JCPC Grant	9,753
	10-3416-489040	Miscellaneous	(1,350)

Agenda Item #16: Comments:

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A. I have reviewed the budget and I would like to thank Mr. Clark, Bobbie Faircloth, and the staff for doing a find job in putting it together;
 - B. The best part of the budget is we did not have to eliminate any positions;
 - C. I would like to thank the employees for the attitude they have on the fact we could give a Cost-of-Living increase this year;
 - D. It has been very nice to have Terri Martin, Interim County Attorney, on board and when I ask a question, I get an answer; **and**
 - D. There are a few areas where I have some questions, but overall, it looks good.

2. **Commissioner Russ:** I made a routine visit to the Department of Aging and I would like to commend Mr. Worley for the fine job he is doing while operating in such small quarters.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - A. I have reviewed the budget;
 - B. I don't see how we can overlook the fact that other places are having to make cuts, and we are proposing to maintain what we have;
 - C. I think there are some places where we can cut; **and**
 - D. We need to look at wasteful spending.
4. **Vice Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to inform Mr. Russ that the vote on the Southern Tire and Muffler Resolution was the toughest vote I have experienced since I have been on this Board;
 - B. Would it be good for the Board to come up with a Conflict of Interest Policy so that it would be something for the new Commissioners, in the future, to be aware about what could cause a conflict?
Terri Martin, Interim County Attorney, replied stating that if the Board wants to impose restrictions that are even more stringent than what the Statutes have set out, then that is what the Board should do.
Chairman Prevatte stated I believe we have a Conflict of Interest Policy, but this does not follow a Conflict of Interest Policy because the General Statutes allow you to do what is legal.
5. **Commissioner Gore:** I would like to ask Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, where we stand on the truck, backhoe and trailer. Mr. McClary replied stating purchase orders have been issued for the truck and trailer. The truck is presently being upfitted with the body that was put with it on purchasing. The trailer is being inspected and preparations are being done to get it ready for us. I have not received anything on the backhoe. I made a phone call today to the rental company, and I am anticipating hearing back from him. I understand the machine was called in for some warranty work.
Commissioner Byrd stated he had spoken with Marcus Daniels and the backhoe was called in for a warranty update, and he will contact you on what day he can deliver.
Commissioner Gore: Were any modifications made to the truck, in any shape, form or fashion, that you are aware of? Mr. McClary replied stating yes, and they were in the original price estimate. The cab chassis unit, the quote by Hardee was to be a bed on the truck, a dump bed with a trailer hitch and lighting connections and trailer brake control and all that is being done.
Commissioner Gore: Have we modified the chassis or anything? Mr. McClary replied stating that we shorten the truck up to what we originally talked about with Hardee. We shortened the bed and chassis of the truck to suit our needs, and all of the modifications are in that same original quote.
6. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 1. The contracts for the fire and rescue departments are not on the Agenda. They will be on the June 15, 2009 Agenda;
 2. I was informed that the Chairman could make a motion or second a motion and I exercised that privilege. After review of the Board's Rules of Procedure, discovery was made that the Chairman is excluded from making motions and seconding motions. I need to apologize to the Board for this action;
 3. I would like to reiterate what the previous Board members have stated on a job well done on the budget; **and**
 4. We need to set a Budget Workshop date.

After discussion was conducted relative to the date and time for a budget workshop, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish June 08, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Budget Workshop.

- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
 1. Discussion has been conducted relative to holding a workshop on the Columbus County Personnel Manual and so far the general consensus of the Board is to wait until after the budget has been adopted.

- D. **Interim County Attorney (Terri Martin):** stated the following:
1. The Rules of Procedure state that our workshops shall be held on a date to be determined by a majority vote of the Board ; **and**
 2. We need a motion and a second for this workshop.

MOTION:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to establish June 08, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Budget Workshop with the County Manager, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

3. In response to Commissioner McKenzie's statement, I am thoroughly enjoying serving the Board, and will continue to do so as long as the Board desires

OTHER:

UPDATE on COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV:

Chairman Prevatte and William S. Clark delivered the following update on Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV:

1. On the water tank, we did not get any bids, so we had to rebid;
2. On the electrical, we only received two (2) bids, so we had to rebid; **and**
3. Bids will be opened on June 10, 2009, and we should have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #17: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:39 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

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Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL of WATER MAINS to SERVE PROPERTY UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

J.E. Thompson, Trigon Corporation, requested discussion and possible approval of the extension of water mains to serve the proposed development in Deerfield Estates.

Mr. Thompson stated the following:

1. I am here on behalf of Honeyhill Development and not J.E. Thompson;
2. We have one hundred twenty-four (124) lots in Deerfield Estates;
3. Presently, there is water going by 36 of those 124 lots;

4. There is approximately 28 houses;
5. I have one lot out of the existing ten that are still open that pass the septic tank permit;
6. If the water is within eighteen (18") inches of the surface, more than (6) months out of the year, it is considered to be wetlands;
7. Seventy-five (75%) percent of Columbus County is wetlands;
8. We have, in this area that I want to open up, twelve (12) lots and we are on a better percentage than any other location because the soil types out of twelve (12) lots, I have eight (8) that will perk ;
9. I am currently clearing the road and opening up because I have had a septic tank passed for mine, and I will build a house myself, but I have plans to sell the rest of the lots in that section; **and**
10. This is an extension of a water line in a privately-owned subdivision, and the County owns the water system that we gave Columbus County for an approximate \$8,000 tax write-off.

Chairman Prevatte asked Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, if he had any information on this matter. Mr. McClary replied stating the following:

1. I have looked at what Mr. Thompson is requesting;
2. I will be an extension of an existing plan that was originally laid out for this development that will take water to those lots he is requesting;
3. Unfortunately, the State will no longer recognize the plan because of the age of the document.
4. The State is requiring us to re-engineer the drawings.
5. With this extension, we got a quote from Green Engineering for \$3,000, and a total estimate of \$5,925 to do everything he is requesting to get water to these lots; **and**
6. There is no labor included in this price, this is raw materials and engineering fees.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked Mr. Thompson if this was on privately-owned property and not State owned right-of-way. Mr. Thompson replied stating the State right-of-way stops currently on the edge of where I am opening up. I am widening the road though. The roads are the right width and I have got to haul in material to get compaction and asphalt before the State will take it over.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the request by Honeyhill Development for the extension of water mains to serve the proposed development in Deerfield Estates.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Thompson how many residences would this affect. Mr. Thompson replied there are twelve (12) lots in this section that I am opening up. I have now nine (9) lots that have a State road and water running by them. There is only one (1) out of nine (9) that will pass the septic tank permit.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion made by Commissioner Russ.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked Chairman Prevatte if the Board had declined a request to run water lines in privately-owned property at the last meeting. Chairman Prevatte replied stating yes.

Commissioner Byrd stated that since we already own the water system, we would only be extending a system that we already own.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. How many lots, at this time, would be ready for the tap on;
2. Whether the lots are facing the State road; **and**
3. Whether the lots are all on the same side of the State Road.

Mr. Thompson stated that if the County would get the engineering done, he would run the lines. This was my original proposal that I would run the lines when I met with Mr. Clark. My understanding is that in order for anyone to tie into a county system, it has to be engineered by the County. I can't hire an engineer to do it.

Kip McClary stated the following for clarification: State law requires , if you extend a public water supply system, that we go through the Division of Water Quality in Raleigh with a permit. The Division of Water Quality requires that the system be designed by a civil engineer and the application be made in the name of the county that is extending the system.

Additional discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Fairness of granting one request made and not another;
2. The fact of the road being State maintained or private property; **and**
3. If the Board can allow him to obtain the necessary permit, the engineering drawings, and other State required documents.

Mr. McClary stated the Board could grant Mr. Thompson permission to apply for the permit, the engineering drawings and install the water lines to the engineer's specifications.

Commissioner Russ withdrew his motion, and Commissioner McKenzie withdrew his second.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked Terri Martin, Interim County Attorney, that if the Board did not grant this request, would the Board be within the realm of fairness to all. Ms. Martin replied stating yes.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a substitute motion to give Honeyhill Development permission to apply for a permit, obtain the necessary engineering drawings, and install the water lines to the engineer's specifications for his proposed extension of water mains in Deerfield Estates, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The substitute motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE APPROVAL of EXTENSION of WATER MAINS to SERVE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT on SWAMP FOX ROAD and HERBERT NORRIS ROAD:

Kyle Cox, Developer of a subdivision, requested discussion and possible approval of the extension of water mains to serve the proposed development on Swamp Fox Road and Herbert Norris Road. **(This matter was tabled at the May 18, 2009 Board Meeting.)**

Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

1. At the May 18, 2009 Board Meeting, we requested that Kip McClary, Public Utilities

Director, to obtain the cost for doing this extension of water mains to serve the proposed development on Swamp Fox Road and Herbert Norris Road;

- 2. The costs that Mr. McClary has presented is sixteen thousand, eight hundred five and 00/100 (\$16,805.00) dollars;
- 3. This extension of water mains is along a State maintained road, and is not going into a subdivision; **and**
- 4. Due to the fact that Columbus County Water and Sewer District V does not have these funds available at this time, Columbus County Water and Sewer District I will loan these funds to District V.

Commissioner Norris made the following motion:

- 1. Approve the extension of water mains to serve the proposed development on Swamp Fox Road and Herbert Norris Road, at the cost of sixteen thousand, eight hundred five and 00/100 (\$16,805.00) dollars;
- 2. Columbus County Water and Sewer District I will loan these funds to Columbus County Water and Sewer District V; **and**
- 3. Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, to proceed with this work.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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