

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**January 04, 2010****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 conducting their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Mike Stephens, **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 P. Edwin Russ called the January 04, 2010 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ronald Gore. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Vice Chairman Giles E. Byrd.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Chairman Russ stated that due to an unforeseen conflict, Sheriff Batten would not be present at this meeting, and has requested that Agenda Item #10 be deleted

Commissioner Norris made a motion to delete Agenda Item #10, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUES to the FOLLOWING COUNTY EMPLOYEES:

Chairman Russ presented the following retirement plaques.

PRESENTED TO***HILDA B. COLEMAN******IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION******FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY******TO******COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT******12-29-1980 - 12-31-2009******* * * * *******COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.******PRESENTED TO******VONDRENA G. GORE******IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION***

*FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY**TO**COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**9-01-1976 - 12-31-2009*

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Russ stated the following:

1. It is sad to see both of you leave, but I am very happy for you;
2. These two (2) ladies have given a total of sixty-two (62) years of service to Columbus County; **and**
3. Enjoy your retirement, and may God bless you and your family.

Ms. Gore stated she would like to thank the County Commissioners and the Columbus County Department of Social Services for letting me live my life's dream and that is to be a Social Worker and to help the people here in Columbus County.

Ms. Coleman stated she will ditto Ms. Gore's statement. I would like to say to the County Commissioners and the people of Columbus County that I thoroughly enjoyed my tenure at the Department of Social Services. I am so grateful for the opportunity to retire. There is a lot of hard workers at our agency, and please keep them in mind.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the December 07, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

Robert Adams: stated the following:

1. Columbus County is the top county in the State for writing prescriptions for our citizens;
2. The revamping of our mental health system has contributed;
3. There has been twenty, plus, (20+) deaths in this county due to the prescription drugs;
4. There may be some loose doctors, or people skipping from doctor to doctor;
5. With all of the advanced technology we have here in the County, there is no good reason for controlled medicine not being controlled;
6. The Board of Health should be in charge and on top of these prescription drugs; **and**
7. As a senior Tarheel, I would like to ask the Commissioners to find out why the Board of Health has not been on top of this.

Agenda Item #7: MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING - COOPERATIVE COMPREHENSIVE and CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING and the ESTABLISHMENT of a RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

Don Eggert, Cape Fear Council of Governments, requested Board approval of the **revised** Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization for the Counties of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender. Mr. Eggert stated the following:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding was originally adopted in 2001;
2. We have made some minor changes; **and**
3. Pender County and Brunswick have adopted this document already.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the **revised** Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization for the Counties of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender,

seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 3, for review.

Agenda Item #8: WHITEVILLE DEPOT PLATFORM PROJECT - APPROVAL of CHAIRMAN to SIGN LETTER, and RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LES HIGH to EXECUTE on BEHALF of the COUNTY of COLUMBUS a CONTRACT and ANY CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN the BUDGETED AMOUNT with TODD and ASSOCIATE, LLC, for the PROJECT KNOWN as WHITEVILLE DEPOT PLATFORM PROJECT:

Suzanne King, Chairperson, Vineland Station, Incorporated, requested Board approval of this letter and the following resolution for the restoration of the Whiteville Depot Platform. (Similar documents were approved at the March 16, 2009 Meeting, but due to the project being rebid, these documents need to be approved.)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LES HIGH to EXECUTE on BEHALF of the COUNTY of COLUMBUS a CONTRACT and any CHANGE ORDERS within the BUDGETED AMOUNT with TODD and ASSOCIATES, LLC, for the PROJECT KNOWN as WHITEVILLE DEPOT PLATFORM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the County of Columbus entered into an Enhancement Agreement on the 11th day of January, 2001, for the restoration of the Historic Whiteville Depot, and, due to budget constraints, the rehabilitation/renovation of the depot platform was deleted from the scope of work at the request of the County; **and**

WHEREAS, Vineland Station, Incorporated has determined a need for Les High to be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Columbus, a contract with Todd Associates, LLC, for the project known as the Whiteville Depot Platform Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that Les High, Vineland Station, Incorporated, is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Columbus, a contract with Todd Associates, LLC, in the amount of one hundred ninety-six thousand, and 00/100 (\$196,000.00) dollars, and any change orders within the budgeted amount for the Whiteville Depot Platform Project, pending concurrence with award by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

READ, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 4th day of January, 2010.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

APPROVED as to FORM:
/s/ **MIKE STEPHENS, County Attorney**

January 04, 2010

**Award of construction contract
Request for concurrence in procedures**

Ms. Sandy Nance
NCDOT
1595 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 28699-1514

Subject: **Construction Authorization - Platform Restoration
Columbus County and Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce
Project #E-4121**

Dear Ms. Nance:

Enclosed are the following items: bid tabulation sheets for the subject project and a copy of County resolution.

The final engineer's estimate is \$285,000.00. The low bid was submitted by Todd & Associates, LLC, in the total amount of \$196,000.00. This bid was 31% lower than our final engineer's estimate.

A disadvantaged Business Enterprises goal was established at .5% for this project and was achieved by the low bidder.

We have conducted an item-by-item review of the bids and has concluded that Todd & Associates, LLC, has properly prepared its bid with no irregularities and no questionable prices.

Accordingly, we have recommended that the County of Columbus accept this bid and award the contract to Todd & Associates, LLC, after NCDOT review and approval.

Bid Tabulations and percentages over/under the final engineer's estimates are as follows:

NAME of BIDDERS	TOTAL	DIFFERENCE*
Todd & Associates, LLC	\$196,000	-31%
Trigon of Whiteville, Inc.	\$219,000	-23%
Graka Builders, Inc.	\$217,514	-23.6%

The contract date of availability shall be (typically) upon written notice to proceed and the completion date shall be 90 calendar days after written notice to proceed. Liquidated damages shall be assessed at none per calendar day.

By signing this letter the County and/or its agent, Vineland Station, Inc. certifies that all applicable federal and state guidelines and policies were followed in the bid process.

We request that the NCDOT review the bid package and the County resolution to award the construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder—Todd & Associates, LLC, and validate that the correct procedures were followed.

Sincerely,
 /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**
 Chairman, Columbus County
 Board of Commissioners

Enclosures

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Les High to Execute on Behalf of the County of Columbus a Contract and any Change Orders within the Budgeted Amount with Todd and Associates, LLC, for the Project Known as Whiteville Depot Platform Project, and the letter for the Award of Construction Contract, Request for concurrence in procedures, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: AGING - APPROVAL for COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL to BECOME 501-C-3 STATUS:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval for the Columbus County Aging Advisory Council to be granted a 501-C-3 status.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Columbus County Aging Advisory Council to be granted a 501-C-3 status, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL:

DELETED

Agenda Item #11: FINANCE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board:

1. During the first six (6) months of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Accounts Payable issued a total of 6014 check for a total payment to vendors of \$21,260,890.35, which averages to 251 checks per week or 1004 transactions per month.;
2. Payroll processed twelve (12) payrolls for a total of 4819 transactions and HUD issued 1852 for a total disbursement of \$1,128,075.39.;
3. The Finance Office is responsible for monitoring all Capital Projects and Grants, and at the present time, we have two (2) capital projects and six (6) grant projects being monitored by this department.;
4. The Finance Office works in conjunction with the Budget Officer (County Manager) in preparing and presenting a balanced budget for adoption by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.;
5. The Finance Office is responsible for recording and monitoring fixed assets.;
6. Columbus Country currently has outstanding debt of \$28,485,724 of which \$17,987,500 is bond debt and \$10,498,224 is installment financing.;
7. By State statute, Columbus County has the ability to issue additional debt up to \$259,701,620 with the approval of the LGC.; **and**
8. The request was made to determine the amount of funds that could be set aside for the Courthouse, and after completing a projection of revenues versus expenditures, the recommendation would be \$500,000 for a four-year period, and after three (3) years, revisiting the projection to see if any additional amount could be added.

Agenda Item #12: GOVERNING BODY - DISCUSSION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT'S GARBAGE PICKUP TIMES FOR BUSINESSES:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard stated he had received complaints from residents behind Wal-Mart about Waste Management's garbage trucks picking up garbage at 4:00 A.M. - 4:30 A.M.

Discussion:

1. **William S. Clark:** stated the following:
 - Allow me to remind you that Wal-Mart is in the city limits of Whiteville;
 - I asked Kip McClary to talk to Waste Management about this matter and he has done so
 - Chairman Russ has also spoken to Waste Management; **and**
 - Waste Management has voluntarily stated that no truck will be in this area before 6:00 A.M.
2. **Kip McClary:** Waste Management has informed me they will re-arrange their schedule so no trucks will be behind Wal-Mart before 6:00 A.M.
3. **Commissioner Bullard:** Are we just shifting this problem to another area?
4. **Commissioner Gore:** I have received complaints from citizens on Talbot Street behind Badcock's Furniture, the auto parts place and Quality Ford that Waste Management is picking up garbage at 4:30 A.M.
5. **Kip McClary:** The City of Whiteville states that they have received no complaints.
6. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I have also received complaints from citizens behind Dale's Seafood, Waccamw Bank and Pigford's (Lewis Street).
7. **Vice Chairman Byrd:** Are we meddling in how they operate their business? The citizens expect the garbage to be picked up in a timely manner, and they would not be able to cover all the needed areas.
8. **Commissioner Bullard:** This is due to the County not having a Noise Ordinance that covers this particular matter.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to send a letter to the City of Whiteville stating that we have had complaints, and we realize that these areas are in the city limits of Whiteville, and ask that no garbage trucks be allowed before 6:00 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Norris 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 Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 07, 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each water district, respectively.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE APPROVAL for OPTION on PROPERTY, and DRILL TEST WELL for PROPOSED WELL SITE NUMBER 2:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, will deliver a discussion on the proposed Well Site Number 2.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each water district, respectively.

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

At 7:31P.M., Commissioner Norris 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 Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

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

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5197-526001	HP Dept Supplies	1,160
Revenue	10-3510-440091	HP Fees	1,160
Expenditure	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	92,358
	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy	574
	10-5301-531302	Jobs Transportation	(60,000)
	10-5301-549981	Participant Assistance	60,000
Revenue	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	93,358
	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy	574

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

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

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
January 04, 2010**

Refunds	Name: Rattley, Kesha	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year 009 Account #	Bill #	Total \$35.00
Paid a deposit on user fee. Customer inside city.			
519 Grist Rd.	Chadbourn	NC	28431

Refunds	Name: Owens, Mark	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year 008/0 Account # 01-66967	Bill # 9999	Total
\$410.00			
Refund user fee for 2008/2009. House vacant. Trash can picked up in 2007.			
3075 Old Ferry Rd.	Supply	NC	28462

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
January 04, 2010**

Release the Property Value	in the name of Andrews, Herman P	Amount:	\$545.24
Value:	\$66,900.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-00610	Bill # 3723	Total \$638.90
Release a portion of the property value, a portion of Acme Delco(80.28), portion of Columbus Rescue (13.38). House incomplete.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of Andrews, Herman Phillip	Amount:	\$169.52
Value:	\$20,800.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-00610	Bill # 3723	Total \$408.64
Release a portion of property, a portion of Acme Delco (24.96), a portion of Columbus Rescue (4.16). Billed with incorrect square footage.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of Fouskey, Kevin James	Amount:	\$67.65
Value:	\$8,300.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-00043	Bill # 6549	Total \$80.12
Release property value and North Whiteville(5.00), Columbus Rescue (1.66) and Water District II (5.81) Double listed to Herbert Bellamy.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of Gore, James Mark	Amount:	\$57.05
Value:	\$7,000.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-06363	Bill # 8924	Total \$64.05
Release portion of property value, a portion of Nakina Fire(5.60), a portion of Columbus Rescue (1.40). 2 Houses incomplete.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of Graham, Mary Jane	Amount:	\$15.75
Value:	\$1,932.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-16460	Bill # 9662	Total \$228.46
Release the property value, a portion of Acme Delco (2.32), a portion of Columbus Rescue (.39). Double listed to Shannon V. Daniels.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of Haynes, Benjamin Franklin	Amount:	\$376.53
Value:	\$15,400.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-11340	Bill # 1773	Total \$421.19
Release a portion of property value. A portion of Columbus Rescue (9.24), portion of Water District 2 (35.42). Double listed to Jasper Haynes.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of Long, R C	Amount:	\$203.14
Value:	\$1,000.00 Year: 2005/0 Account # 03-14680	Bill # 999	Total \$229.14
Release a portion of property value, a portion of Old Dock (20.80), a portion of Columbus Rescue (5.20). Double listed to Nancy Coleman.			

Release the Property Value	in the name of McGaugh, Charles E	Amount:	\$27.40
Value:	\$500.00 Year: 2000/0 Account # 05-04120	Bill # 999	Total \$81.33
Release a portion of the property value, a portion of North Whiteville(50.00), a portion of Columbus Rescue (.66) , portion of Water District 3 (3.27). Double listed to Andrew Anderson.			

Release the Property Value in the name of Mitchell, Nettie Golden Amount: \$257.56
 Value: \$4,100.00 Year: 2000/0 Account # 01-62620 Bill # 999 Total \$264.16
 Release property value and Whiteville Rescue. Double listed to Yvonne Frink.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Leal Amount: \$991.56
 Value: \$16,200.00 Year: 2000/0 Account # 12-22206 Bill # 999 Total \$1,145.34
 Release property value for years 2000-2009, release North Whiteville (50.00), Columbus Rescue (23.56) and Water District II (80.22). Double listed to Henry Wooten.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rooks, Robert Graham Amount: \$12.07
 Value: \$1,481.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-03722 Bill # 7955 Total \$14.75
 Release portion of property value, a portion of Brunswick Fire (1.04), a portion of Whiteville Rescue (.30). Boat salvaged.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shipman, Jones Amount: \$819.60
 Value: \$13,200.00 Year: 2000/0 Account # 14-13900 Bill # 999 Total \$924.60
 Release property value, and Welches Creek Fire(84.00) and Whiteville Rescue (21.00). Double listed to Annie Mae Jones Shipman.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Mack S. Amount: \$122.45
 Value: \$7,243.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-02138 Bill # 0950 Total \$955.96
 Release portion of property value, a portion of Columbus Rescue (3.00), a portion of Water District 2 (10.51). 1 Mobile Home Torn Down, 1 Mobile Home moved to Bladen County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Candy W. Amount: \$19.56
 Value: \$2,400.00 Year: 2009 Account # 02-02994 Bill # 6514 Total \$20.04
 Release portion of property value, a portion of Whiteville Rescue. Double listed with same name on different property number.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, Joyce Long Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-00063 Bill # 3656 Total \$210.00
 Release user fee house vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, William Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-00141 Bill # 3687 Total \$17.50
 Release a portion of user fee. House burned 10/09.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, Barbara D Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-01028 Bill # 4084 Total \$210.00
 Release user fee. House vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of China Grove Baptist Church Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: Account # 18-00119 Bill # 060 Total \$122.50
 Release a portion of user fee. Did not have can full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, James Mark Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-06363 Bill # 8924 Total \$420.00
 Release user fee. House incomplete.

Release the User Fee in the name of Green, David Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 13-16321 Bill # 0003 Total \$210.00
 Release user fee. Mobile Home sold 1/09.

Release the User Fee in the name of Heavener, Vickie Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-01948 Bill # 1926 Total \$210.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Sylvester Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-11775 Bill # 4236 Total \$210.00
 Release user fee. House vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, George Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 04-08120 Bill # 4554 Total \$210.00
 Release user fee. House vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Jones, Billy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 09-15954 Bill # 5507	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Jones, Billy H.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-01458 Bill # 5508	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Lawrence, James Edward	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-02378 Bill # 6909	Total	\$123.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Lawrence, James Edward	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-51432 Bill # 6911	Total	\$123.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Lennon, James Walter	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-15380 Bill # 7291	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of McCumbee, Gary Eugene	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-01948 Bill # 9666	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Nobles, Eula Mae Ward	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 13-30420 Bill # 3180	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Powers, Margaret Ann	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 13-33347 Bill # 5780	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ransom, Herbert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 05-05442 Bill # 6558	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Tison, Diane Horne	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-27569 Bill # 4803	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Isaac Guy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-26930 Bill # 6757	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Patty	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 16-16983 Bill # 6982	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House Vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Webb, Joseph Marvin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 08-03534 Bill # 7749	Total	\$210.00
Release user fee. House Vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Williams, Marian Wells	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 10-18560 Bill # 8727	Total	\$123.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.			

Agenda Item #17: Comments:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Jim Dossett, Planning Director:** stated the following:
 - a. The Planning Board has completed the draft of the Subdivision Ordinance, and the County Attorney has reviewed it; **and**

- b. I think we need a work session scheduled in the near future.

After discussion was conducted relative to a workshop, it was the general consensus of the Board, the workshop for the Subdivision Ordinance would be scheduled for January 25, 2010, and this matter would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

- c. Mobile Home Park Ordinance:
 -in the Mobile Home Park Ordinance that the Board approved on November, 3, 2009, one (1) of the stipulations was that any existing mobile home park had to register with my office, the Health Department and the Tax Office sixty (60) days after the adoption.;
 -The sixty (60) days was yesterday;
 -Out of the one hundred thirty (130) mobile home parks that we have identified, only forty-five or forty-six (45 or 46) have registered;
 -That leaves from eighty (80) or ninety (90) that have not registered;
 -the Ordinance also states there is a two hundred and 00/100 (\$200.00) dollars per day fine on that;
 -the Ordinance also states that a variance can be granted by the Planning Board; **and**
 -I am asking for a blanket waiver to change this time frame from sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.

2. **Kip McClary (Public Utilities):** Will the workshop for the water districts' policies and procedures be held in the Courthouse Annex? Chairman Russ replied stating yes and the workshop will start at 6:30 P.M.
3. **Bobbie Faircloth (Finance Director):** I need to make one (1) correction to my presentation. Human Services also includes education and the Department of Aging.
4. **Kimberly Smith (Health Director):** stated the following:
 A. Tomorrow afternoon, from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M., we will have another H1N1 Vaccine Clinic, and this is free and safe; **and**
 B. Effective January 02, 2010, the North Carolina Smoke-Fee Restaurant, Bar and Lodging Law came into effect, and the Health Department is in charge of enforcing this law.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Gore:** stated the following:
 A. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year;
 B. I think we are headed in a positive direction; **and**
 C. It has been a pleasure working with you this past year.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 A. I would like to congratulate Ed Worley, Aging Director, on securing the funds for the Department of Aging; **and**
 B. I appreciate what everyone does.
3. **Vice Chairman Byrd:** stated the following:
 A. Mr. Clark, would you give me a followup on the building that you and Tony went out and looked at, and I have received another complaint on another building with the cleaning. Mr. Clark replied stating they went out and talked to the employees, and basically they are saying the company we are contracting with is complaining they don't have the necessary equipment to do the job that is expected. Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, stated the contractor was not aware of this and it would be taken care of tonight.; **and**
 B. Due to the County employees being off during the holidays, and the Courthouse being open for Court to be held, we need to correlate our days off with the State for next year.
4. **Commissioner Norris:** I am very proud of all of our employees and everything that you do.
5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 A. I would like to echo everything that has been said;
 B. At our last meeting, we appointed Dr. Burns to the Columbus County Board

of Health, and due to sickness, he has asked not to be reappointed. I would like to nominate Dr. Nicole Martin.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint Nicole Martin, D.V.M., Southern Veterinary Hospital, 606 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: 642-3776, to the Columbus County Board of Health to replace Dr. W.C. Burns, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

6. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to echo what everyone has said;
 - B. Happy New Year to everyone; **and**
 - C. I appreciate everyone of the employees that take the initiative to do what needs to be done.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** For the past two (2) years, we have been holding a Board Retreat at Southeastern Community College, and I would like to hold a retreat this year also.
- After discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for Mr. Clark to send out a memo to determine the date, time and location.
- D. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** We will be having a Tax Foreclosure Sale tomorrow, at 12:00 Noon at the Columbus County Courthouse, on some CHAF property.

Agenda Item #18: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:57 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

January 04, 2010

7:05 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Russ called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 07, 2009 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Water District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2009

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/2/2009	103720.00 96	CANDICE FOWLER	21.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/2/2009	103720.00 96	CANDICE FOWLER	50.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/2/2009	301130.00 93	STEVE WILLIAMS	15.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/3/2009	103000.00 95	TONI LEGGETT	50.00	1ST METER TAMPERING

11/3/2009	103000.00 95	TONI LEGGETT	100.00	2ND METER TAMPERING
11/3/2009	103000.00 95	TONI LEGGETT	30.00	RECONNECT FEE
11/3/2009	103000.00 95	TONI LEGGETT	112.00	WATER USAGE STOLEN METER
11/4/2009	400460.00 98	JOHN KING	105.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/6/2009	200015.00 98	LINDA SARVIS	29.00	NSF
11/6/2009	200015.00 98	LINDA SARVIS	25.00	NSF FEE
11/9/2009	302020.00 98	TWIN STATE MOVERS	26.00	NSF
11/9/2009	302020.00 98	TWIN STATE MOVERS	25.00	NSF FEE
11/9/2009	302010	FM CARTRET	46.00	NSF
11/9/2009	302340	GARY CARTRET	26.00	NSF
11/17/2009	200870.00 96	DARRELL SCOTT	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	201080.00 98	JOSEPH COKELY	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	603445.00 98	FAITH DELIVERANCE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	603518.00 98	SHELIA LEWIS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	102000.00 98	COLUMBUS CO WILDLIFE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	204850.00 98	JOANNE GORE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	400770	MICHAEL HARDWICK	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	400775.00 98	STACEY CORBETT	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	204680.00 98	VERNELL MARTIN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	400550	HOWARD WORLEY	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	205680	ROSA BROWN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	205140	ETHEL PARROTT	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	401950	DANIEL HINSON	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	401960	DANIEL HINSON	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	402820	SIDNEY SERVICE MART	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	303000	BILL DANIEL	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	201200	WILBERT GRATE JR	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	603330	NIGEL VEREEN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	205180	PEARLENE VEREEN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	203970.00 97	DAVEY DANIELS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	100690.00 98	RONALD WATTS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	603705	MARGIE JORDAN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	207055	LENORA JORDAN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	100628	ILA BENTON	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	603710	BENNIE HEMINGWAY	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	200620	DAVID SELLERS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	205170	THERMON PRINCE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	600690	WANDA THOMAS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	709755	MELVIN MACK	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	100566	DAVID WATTS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	102560	PEGGY BELLAMY	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	204010	STEWART WATTS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	204010	HAROLD BELLAMY	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	201250	SHERRY GORE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	204780	VIOLA TISDALE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	207350	ASHLEY FOWLER	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	100563	ANTHONY TYLER	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	604060	DORIS SHIPMAN	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	100627	DANNY FIELDS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	101550	ROCKY DURDEN JR.	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	101920	NELSON LEE	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	102115	AL LEONARD	5.00-	BILLING ERROR

11/17/2009	601229	VERONICA STEVENSON	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	207060	ZELLA MYERS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	100440	MIKE WADDELL	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	800070	JOHN LONG	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	103160	DEARY FOWLER JR	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	205590	ANNIE FAIRLEY	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	200635	WOODMEN OF THE WORLD	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/17/2009	301190	ELBERT NORRIS	5.00-	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ESTABLISHMENT of DATE for WORKSHOP to ADDRESS POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Commissioner Prevatte requested that a workshop date be established with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board next week to address the issues of cut-off fees and the method of how the adjustments are done to the monthly water bills.

After discussion was conducted relative to the date and time, the reasons for the workshop and the outcome of the workshop, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish January 11, 2010, Monday, at 6:00 P.M., in the Courthouse Annex, to hold a workshop with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board for the purpose of addressing the issues of the cut-off fees and the method the adjustments are being done to the monthly water bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

January 04, 2010

7:05 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Russ called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 07, 2009 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Water District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER , 2009

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/30/2009	111710	RICHARD BENTON	8.00-	METER NOT READ
11/2/2009	121070	LOTTIE GREEN	248.00-	METER READ WRONG
11/2/2009	111783.00 98	GLENN CAVINESS	42.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
11/3/2009	120960	HARRY STRICKLAND JR	178.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK

11/4/2009	120230.00 96	ISSAC MCBRIDE	37.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/4/2009	120230.00 96	ISSAC MCBRIDE	50.00	DEPOSIT REFUND
11/4/2009	110570.00 98	THOMAS WARD SR.	20.00-	METER READ WRONG
11/4/2009	112220.00 98	LARRY D. BASS	50.00	DEPOSIT REFUND
11/6/2009	131492.00 97	STANLEY NANCE	25.00-	NSF CREDIT
11/6/2009	132584	SHERRY BYERLY	5.00-	FEE WAIVED
11/6/2009	132584	SHERRY BYERLY	50.00	BALANCE TRANSFER
11/6/2009	112000	SHERRY BYERLY	25.00-	BALANCE TRANSFER
11/16/2009	121530.00 98	SCOTTIE HARPER	469.75-	MANDATORY CHARGES
11/16/2009	131560	MAYBELLE ROGERS	100.00-	METER TAMPERING FEE
11/16/2009	131585	ROY C. ROGERS	50.00-	METER TAMPERING FEE

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ESTABLISHMENT of DATE for WORKSHOP to ADDRESS POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Commissioner Prevatte requested that a workshop date be established with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board next week to address the issues of cut-off fees and the method of how the adjustments are done to the monthly water bills.

After discussion was conducted relative to the date and time, the reasons for the workshop and the outcome of the workshop, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish January 11, 2010, Monday, at 6:00 P.M., in the Courthouse Annex, to hold a workshop with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board for the purpose of addressing the issues of the cut-off fees and the method the adjustments are being done to the monthly water bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

January 04, 2010

7:05 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Russ called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 07, 2009 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Water District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
10/30/2009	360330.00 96	Stephanie Cartrette	100.00-	Deposits Applied
11/02/2009	360895.00 97	Jonathan Rawls	30.00-	Customer Not Connected
11/03/2009	360131	Benjamin Reaves	29.00-	Billing Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ESTABLISHMENT of DATE for WORKSHOP to ADDRESS POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Commissioner Prevatte requested that a workshop date be established with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board next week to address the issues of cut-off fees and the method of how the adjustments are done to the monthly water bills.

After discussion was conducted relative to the date and time, the reasons for the workshop and the outcome of the workshop, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish January 11, 2010, Monday, at 6:00 P.M., in the Courthouse Annex, to hold a workshop with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board for the purpose of addressing the issues of the cut-off fees and the method the adjustments are being done to the monthly water bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

January 04, 2010

7:05 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Russ called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 07, 2009 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE APPROVAL for OPTION on PROPERTY, and DRILL TEST WELL for PROPOSED WELL SITE NUMBER 2:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following discussion on the proposed Well Site Number 2. Mr. McClary stated the following:

1. At the December 07, 2009 Board Meeting, the Board approved an option on some property for the second well for Water District IV, which is under construction;
2. The proposed well failed;
3. The test well didn't yield enough water to make that one of our wells;
4. The option has been rescinded, taken off of the property and the property is being returned to the original owner;

5. Mr. Leo Green has located another site to help the citizens in the Delco area;
6. This site is on Highway 11, it is where we are installing water lines now;
7. Mr. Green would like to proceed with authorization to place an option on this property and drill a test well to see if it will yield what we need for our water system;
8. I am asking for authorization to proceed with placing an option on the property;
9. Once our attorney has reviewed the deeds to make sure the title is clear, and not proceed with purchase until we know that there is an adequate water supply there;
10. This property is west of Livingston Creek;
11. The price of this property is twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) dollars and is 1.13 acres;
12. The property is presently a broom straw field, it has been subdivided in the past, there a fifty (50') foot right-of-way easement to get us into where we would make our purchase; **and**
13. It does not require any clearing and grubbing, and minimum development cost.

Lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. The cost and location of the property;
2. The fact the property is not road-front property, and the fact the ingress to the property would have to be maintained;
3. The possibility of this property not yielding enough water due to the close proximity to the area that was tested;
4. The urgency of purchasing this property; **and**
5. The cost of six thousand and 00/100 (\$6,000.00) dollars to drill another test well, if not productive.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve placing an option on the property, at the cost of fifteen thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) dollars, with the same terms and conditions that were stipulated on the other property, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ESTABLISHMENT of DATE for WORKSHOP to ADDRESS POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Commissioner Prevatte requested that a workshop date be established with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board next week to address the issues of cut-off fees and the method of how the adjustments are done to the monthly water bills.

After discussion was conducted relative to the date and time, the reasons for the workshop and the outcome of the workshop, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish January 11, 2010, Monday, at 6:00 P.M., in the Courthouse Annex, to hold a workshop with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board for the purpose of addressing the issues of the cut-off fees and the method the adjustments are being done to the monthly water bills.

WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT with CITY of NORTHWEST:

Commissioner Prevatte requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, present his findings of the Water Purchase Contract with the City of Northwest, as requested at the last Board Meeting. Mr. Stephens stated the following:

1. That contract is solid;
2. There is no flexibility in the contract, and the only way we could minimize is to pay the minimum monthly charge; **and**
3. This contract is for a period of forty (40) years.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
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January 04, 2010

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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James E. Prevatte
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Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Russ called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 07, 2009 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the November, 2009 monthly water bills for Water District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
11/04/2009	701250	NC Dept of Correction	10,712.16	Manual Bill
11/06/2009	800674.00 98	James Larrimore	30.00-	Cut Off Fee

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2009

monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ESTABLISHMENT of DATE for WORKSHOP to ADDRESS POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Commissioner Prevatte requested that a workshop date be established with the Columbus County Water Advisory Board next week to address the issues of cut-off fees and the method of how the adjustments are done to the monthly water bills.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman