

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, March 15, 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 third 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**

**6:30 P.M.****Public Hearing - Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program**

**Application:** the purpose of this Public hearing is to inform the public of the contents of the application.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Russ called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform the public of the contents of the Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application. Chairman Russ requested that Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Russ opened the floor for public comments.

No public comments were received.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3: Meeting Called to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the March 15, 2010 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. 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 the absence of Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, Agenda Item Number 15 needed to be deleted from the Agenda.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to delete Agenda Item Number 15, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the March 01, 2010 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes and the March 08, 2010 Emergency Communications Workshop Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

1. **Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, North Carolina:** stated the following:
  - A. I would like to speak to you tonight as a senior Tarheel of the County;
  - B. This is related to prescription drug abuses;
  - C. I will be in Raleigh on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending a Senior Tarheel Legislative Session, and normally the top four to five (4-5) Resolutions that go through our session are adopted by the General Assembly;
  - D. I am urging you, as a Board, to send a Resolution to the Senior Tarheel Legislative Session in support of loosening of the HIPPA laws to the extent that our Law Enforcement Agencies in Columbus County will have the authority to deal with this problem;
  - E. At the present time, the Privacy Act is so stringent, the Law Enforcement Agencies are unable to get a handle on the problem Columbus County is experiencing with the high number of prescription drugs that are being dispensed;
  - F. The only way they can get a handle on this problem is for neighbors to complain in a community;
  - G. Many of the citizens of Columbus County are hooked on prescription drugs due to health problems they have experienced, and due to the plentifulness of these prescription drugs, they are resorting to selling them to subsidize their income;
  - H. The prolonged use of the prescription drugs is taking its toll on our citizenry, both physically and mentally;
  - I. This has reached the degree where it needs everyone's attention that is in public office, and needs to be on a Federal level to allow for crossing over state lines; **and**
  - J. If these laws can be relaxed to the extent our Law Enforcement Agencies can get a handle on the situation, it will benefit all the citizens of Columbus County.
  
2. **Barbara Charlene McCallister, 204 East Columbus Street, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
  - A. I am speaking on behalf of my mother who resides on 55 McCallister Drive off of Highway 130;
  - B. In January, 2010, we had a bad rainstorm, and the entrance way to her house is a gravel road with a ditch, which the State, at one point, maintained that road, cleaned out the ditch, and made sure the water flow and passage was adequate;
  - C. About five to ten (5-10) years ago, the State stopped maintaining this road, and we have had a problem with that road since the State stopped their maintenance on the road;
  - D. I am here tonight to ask for some assistance;
  - E. Everyone that I have spoken to so far, has told me that this is a private road, and we do not do that, and we do not have the authority to do that;
  - F. For the past forty, plus, (40+) years, my parents have been the ones that have tried to maintain that road;
  - G. My mother is seventy-eight (78) years old, at this point in time. That road is washed away, with various service wires being exposed;
  - H. We had the road repaired approximately two (2) years ago at the cost of eight hundred, plus, (\$800.00+) dollars;
  - I. We have spoke to someone about the needed repair and the cost is one thousand, two hundred, plus, (\$1,200.00+) dollars;
  - J. I understand that it is considered a private road, but there is drainage issues, and if my mother should need emergency assistance, no one could access the house;
  - K. I am asking for some assistance in this matter; **and**
  - L. Whoever owns the property, the property is of no use to them, therefore they do not cut the brush down or anything to maintain it.

**Agenda Item #6: DREAM CENTER - PRESENTATION of SPF-SIG PROGRAM, EXPLAIN CAP, YOUTH TOWN HALL SUMMIT and APPROVAL of PROCLAMATION for NATIONAL ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH:**

Margaret Blanks, DREAM Center Program Coordinator, delivered the following presentation to the Board, and requested approval and adoption of the following Proclamation for

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Ms. Blanks stated the following:

1. I am the coordinator of the SPF-SIG Program;
2. The SPF-SIG Program is geared toward cutting down on alcohol-related crashes and fatalities that we have in Columbus County;
3. Columbus County is one (1) of nineteen (19) counties that has a high rate of alcohol-related accidents, so the State awarded Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant to work toward putting strategies in place to decrease the amount of accidents that we are having, and also to work with the court system in trying to put something in place to decrease the amount of DWI's that we are having in the county;
4. Once this was put in place, we established a CAP, which is a Community Advisory Panel, and the CAP is responsible for making sure that the strategies that are presented to the State are being done;
5. We meet the third Wednesday of every month, and we will be meeting on April 21, 2010, at 12:00 Noon, and will provide lunch, and we would like for you to attend and see some of the things that we are working toward to put in place for Columbus County;
6. On March 30, 2010, we are going to have a Youth Town Hall Summit Meeting which will address the problems that we are having with underage drinking in Columbus County;
7. Sam's Club gave us a five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars certificate to work towards working with the youth in Columbus County to get them to not drink;
8. We are asking that anybody that has youth in their community, and if they are interested, to be there;
9. We are meeting at Whiteville City Schools, Civic Room, at 5:00 P.M., on March 30, 2010, and we are hoping we can get a Youth CAP started to work with their peers to try and decrease this problem with underage drinking in Columbus County;
10. April is Alcohol Awareness Month and we are asking the Board to declare April as Alcohol Awareness Month by approval and adoption of the following Proclamation.

**NATIONAL ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH APRIL  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends; **and**

**WHEREAS**, 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2007, and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness; **and**

**WHEREAS**, studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction; **and**

**WHEREAS**, resources exist online and in our community to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and our society; **and**

**WHEREAS**, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; **and**

**WHEREAS**, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and **Columbus County DREAM Center** invite all residents of Columbus County to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, April*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in the Board by the laws of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as

**NATIONAL ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**

in Columbus County and call upon the people of Columbus County to observe this month with

appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal"*.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Proclamation, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: DREAM CENTER - IDA GRANT:**

Carol Caldwell, Executive Director, delivered the following information to the Board relative to the fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000) dollars IDA Grant.

Ms. Caldwell stated the following:

1. The Dream Center has been awarded the IDA Program;
2. The IDA Program allows us to work with twenty (20) individuals who are of low to moderate income levels in purchasing their first house;
3. What the Division of Community Assistance will do, is for every dollar the participants earn, then the Division of Community Assistance will match, so they save up to one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars, then the Division of Community Assistance will match it with another one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars;
4. We have talked to our financial institutions in the area who will also provide a match;
5. They have the opportunity to have anywhere between two to three thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00) dollars to apply towards the closing or down payment of a house;
6. They have to be first-time homeowners, or have not owned a house within the last three (3) years;
7. In reference to our recent health rankings in Columbus County, one (1) of the issues that was addressed was poverty, and this program will help to eliminate poverty and helps to build assets, and the nine (9) effects of asset building are as follows:
  - Improves household stability;
  - Psychologically connects people with a viable, hopeful future;
  - Stimulates development of other assets, including human capital;
  - Enables people to focus and specialize;
  - Provides a foundation for risk-taking;
  - Increases personal efficacy;
  - Increases social influence;
  - Increases political participation; **and**
  - Enhances the welfare of offspring.

**Agenda Item #8: CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION:**

Kay Horne, Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Partnership Program, requested Board approval of the Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding in the amount of eighty-nine thousand, one hundred eighty-two and 00/100 (\$89,182.00) dollars.

Ms. Horne stated the following:

1. I am presenting the Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding that was approved by the Criminal Justice Partnership Board in the amount of eighty-nine thousand, one hundred eighty-two and 00/100 (\$89,182.00) dollars;
2. This is provided by the North Carolina Department of Corrections to operate an Intensive Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program for offenders who live in Columbus County;

3. It is basically the same as we have had for the last ten to twelve (10-12) years; **and**
4. The true amount is the amount the State Legislation votes for us to have and we will know that in July.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding in the amount of eighty-nine thousand, one hundred eighty-two and 00/100 (\$89,182.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. A copy of this information will be marked as "Exhibit A" and will be kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 3, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

After lengthy discussion was conducted relative to why this was not bid every year, Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to table this matter until it can be bid.

The Substitute Motion died for the lack of a second.

**ORIGINAL MOTION:**

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

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

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

**MOTION:**

After additional discussion, Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to recommend to the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Board to change their Bylaws for this service to be bid every year, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of NC DOT'S GRANT RESOLUTION and ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

Charles Patton, Director of Columbus County Transportation, requested Board approval of the following North Carolina Department of Transportation's Grant Resolution and associated documents, and authorization for Chairman and attorney to sign Certificates and Assurances. (The required Public Hearing was held on this date.)

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

**Section 5311**

**FY 2011 RESOLUTION**

Applicant Seeking Permission to Apply for Community Transportation Program Funding, Enter Into Agreement with The North Carolina Department Of Transportation And to Provide the Necessary Assurances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner James E. Prevatte for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and

conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis);

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (*Authorized Official's Title*)\* Chairman, Columbus County Commissioners of Columbus County Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 15th day of March, 2010.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Signature of Certifying Official

\*Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.

Subscribed and sworn to me: 03-16-2010.

/s/ Debra J. Epps

Notary Public \*

111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

(Seal)

My commission expires: October 05, 2010.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Grant Resolution and associated documents, and authorization for Chairman and attorney to sign Certificates and Assurances, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of these documents will be kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 3, in the office of the Clerk to the Board for review.

**Agenda Item #10: FAMILIES FIRST - APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:**

Vickie S. Pait, Executive Director of Families First, and Melinda Lane, DSS, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation April 2010.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
PROCLAMATION April 2010**

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; **and**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking; **and**

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become involved in supporting families to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children giving them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Columbus County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 15th day of March, 2010.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation April 2010, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Lane invited everyone to attend a Memorial Service on April 14, 2010, at 9:00 A.M., at the Department of Social Services, for the thirty-three (33) children that have lost their lives during the past year due to child abuse.

**Agenda Item #11: FAMILIES FIRST - SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:**

Vickie S. Pait, Families First Executive Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
PROCLAMATION  
April 2010**

**WHEREAS**, Families First, Incorporated, responded to forty-seven (47) sexual assault calls from July 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009; **and**

**WHEREAS**, of the forty-seven (47) sexual assault calls Families First Incorporated, received, thirteen (13) were children under the age of seventeen (17); **and**

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, one (1) in five (5) North Carolina women have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; **and**

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Justice, in the United States, rape is the most costly crime to its survivors, totaling \$127 billion a year considering factors such as medical cost, lost earnings, pain, suffering and lost quality of life; **and**

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina Council for Women, in 2009, North Carolina Rape Crisis Center served eight thousand, four hundred ninety-four (8,494) individuals, including three thousand, twenty-two (3,022) children under the age of eighteen (18); **and**

**WHEREAS**, twenty thousand, nine hundred eighty-four (20,984) hotline calls were received by North Carolina Rape Crisis Centers in 2009, according to the North Carolina Council for Women; **and**

**WHEREAS**, five thousand, three hundred ninety-six (5,396) educational presentations and professional trainings were provided by North Carolina Rape Crisis Centers in 2009, according to

North Carolina Council for Women.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that April 2010, is **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to join in increasing awareness and to speak out against sexual assault and support their local communities' efforts to provide services to victims of this heinous crime.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 15th day of March, 2010.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation April 2010, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: HEALTH - APPROVAL OF NEW IMMUNIZATION FEE:**

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, requested Board approval of the following new Pediarix Immunization Fee.

**Proposed Immunization Charges**

<b>VACCINE</b>	<b>Bladen County</b>	<b>Brunswick County</b>	<b>Duplin County</b>	<b>Robeson County</b>	<b>Sampson County</b>	<b>Scotland County</b>
Pediarix DtaP, HepB, Polio Combination	96.00	80.00	78.00	Do Not Offer	Do Not Offer	Do Not Offer

Columbus County proposed rate: \$95.00

Medicaid Reimbursement Rate: \$72.63

DtaP	\$41.00
Hep B	\$66.00
Polio	<u>\$30.00</u>

**TOTAL: \$137.00** (this total does not include administration fee)

No county in our region is charging the out-of-pocket administration charge for state supplied vaccine.

Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. This is a result of the State will no longer be supplying all vaccines for all children;
2. We no longer have an universal vaccine program here in North Carolina;
3. Children who are uninsured, under insured, eligible for Medicaid or Native American are still able to receive immunizations free of charge;
4. According to the State, this cuts out approximately \$4 million from the \$18 million immunization budget;
5. This is the State's attempt at trimming the State's budget;
6. I am asking for a rate of ninety-five and 00/100 (\$95.00) dollars for Pediarix;
7. Pediarix is your diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, your hepatitis B and your polio vaccination, and is a combination vaccination;
8. This will only be one (1) shot;
9. Medicaid reimbursement rate for this shot is seventy-two and 63/100 (\$72.63) dollars; **and**
10. The actual cost of this vaccination is seventy-one and 00/100 (\$71.00) dollars and the remaining twenty-four and 00/100 (\$24.00) dollars is for administrative fees

After discussion was conducted, Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the new immunization fee (Pediarix), at the rate of ninety-five dollars and 00/100 (\$95.00) dollars, seconded



by Vice Chairman Byrd. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

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

**Agenda Item #13: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL to MERGE TOWN of CHADBOURN into the COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:**

Jeremy Jernigan, Director, requested Board approval to merge the Town of Chadbourn, by Resolution, into the County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve to merge the Town of Chadbourn, by Resolution, into the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: LEGAL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. Terri Martin, Assistant County Attorney, is in court two to three ( 2- 3) days a week;
2. Paulette Varnam, Columbus County Paralegal, is in court at least two (2) days a month with Ms. Martin taking notes;
3. We are being inundated with easements on the water districts; **and**
4. We are staying extremely busy.

**Agenda Item #15: SOLID WASTE - REPORT on RECYCLING OPTIONS:**

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, will present a report on the recycling options presented by Waste Management.

**DELETED**

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

At 7:23 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 01, 2010 **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.

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

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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 #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Budget Amendments:**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments,

seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5161-523900	Drugs and Medical Supplies	2,308
Revenue	10-3510-430031	Family Grant	2,308
Expenditure	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	6,926
Revenue	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - Sheriff	6,926
Expenditure	10-5170-526009	Misc Support & Service BF	2,584
Revenue	10-3510-430055	WIC	2,584
Expenditure	10-5161-512100	Salaries & wages	7,768
	10-5161-543000	Rental Equipment/Copiers	2,500
Revenue	10-3510-430031	Family Grant	10,268
Expenditure	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	3,963
Revenue	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - Sheriff	3,963

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

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

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
March 15, 2010**

Refunds Name: Coleman, Charles Burnett & Mary Amount: \$97.10  
Value: \$11,914.00 Year 009 Account # 16-03827 Bill # 21172 Total \$130.87  
Refund entire portion of property value. Farm equipment is double listed to Coleman Joint Rev. Living Trust, account number 16-03412. Release Cole Service(11.91) release Columbus Rescue(2.38), release Water District II (8.34)

143 Wildlife Club Rd. Tabor City NC 28463

Refunds Name: Williamson, Joseph/Brown, Priscilla Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year 009 Account # 12-31240 Bill # 59134 Total \$210.00

Refund user fee. Property is vacant. Can picked up 6-26-2008.

5357 Princess Ann Rd. Chadbourn, NC 28431

Refunds Name: Godley, Fred D/Nadico, LLC Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year 009 Account # 01-01286 Bill # 28295 Total \$210.00

Refund user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.

222 Industrial Blvd. Whiteville NC 28472

Refunds Name: Perritt, James M.(Jr.) Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year 007/0 Account # 11-01329 Bill # 99999 Total \$393.00

Refund user fee for years 2007 and 2008. Home moved off June 2006.

P.O. Box 6058 Shallotte NC 28470

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
March 15, 2010**

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackwell, Jimmy C. & Teresa B Amount: \$210.90  
Value: \$12,258.00 Year: 2008/0 Account # 01-06294 Bill # 9999 Total \$255.79

Release property value. Boat turned into company due to company bankruptcy. Release Water District II (18.11), release Whiteville Rescue (5.17)

Release the Property Value in the name of Corbett, Samantha Louise Amount: \$122.25  
Value: \$15,000.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-01762 Bill # 3644 Total \$238.25

Release a portion of property value. Home damaged by fire 2-27-2006. Release portion of Whiteville Rescue (3.00)

Release the Property Value in the name of James, Glen Dale Amount: \$1,300.74  
 Value: \$159,600.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-05754 Bill # 4798 Total \$1,654.38  
 Release a portion of property value. House only 50% complete Jan. 1, 2009. Release Water District II (111.72),  
 release Columbus Rescue (31.92)

Release the Property Value in the name of McMillian, Kenneth D Amount: \$1,945.68  
 Value: \$45,600.00 Year: 999999 Account # 09-00502 Bill # 99999 Total \$3,139.76  
 Release property value for years 2000-2005. Home repossessed in 2000. Release Williams Fire (153.36),  
 release Columbus Rescue (42.72)

Release the Property Value in the name of Rooks, Alferd E. & Kay Amount: \$122.25  
 Value: \$15,000.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-04632 Bill # 7822 Total \$248.25  
 Release a portion of property value. Home damaged by fire 2-27-2006. Release a portion of Whiteville  
 Rescue(3.00)

Release the User Fee in the name of Anderson, Andrew & Sharon Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 05-00083 Bill # 3626 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Jean V Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 11-04021 Bill # 7696 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Can Picked up 11-29-2007.

Release the User Fee in the name of Evans, Stephen Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-04557 Bill # 5276 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Home Burned.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Candace Lewis Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-00419 Bill # 7506 Total \$17.50  
 Release user fee. Can picked up 11-12-2009.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, William Thomas Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-05752 Bill # 9326 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Grady, Marcella S. Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008/0 Account # 09-03717 Bill # 9999 Total \$410.00  
 Release user fee for yrs 2008 and 2009. Uses a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hayes, Linda King Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$17,877.00 Year: 2009 Account # 10-02536 Bill # 1700 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Haynes, Rossie Dale(Jr) Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 16-08057 Bill # 1821 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCray, Nathine Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 06-04943 Bill # 9627 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norwood, Philip Erwin Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-03509 Bill # 3698 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. No trash service for 2009.

Release the User Fee in the name of Packer, William & Tamika Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-04452 Bill # 3986 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spivey, Pamela Ruth Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 09-28368 Bill # 2116 Total \$210.00  
 Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spurling, Andrea Amount: \$0.00

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Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 06-02214 Bill # 2187 Total \$123.00  
Release user fee. Property is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Michael Wayne Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008/2 Account # 10-02161 Bill # 9999 Total \$410.00  
Release user fee for years 2008 and 2009. House incomplete.

Release the User Fee in the name of Whaley, Raymond Scott & Gloria W Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 09-00742 Bill # 7962 Total \$210.00  
Release user fee. There is not a can at the shop.

## **Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:**

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

### **A. Department Head:**

**Jeremy Jernigan:** I would like to say that the County Attorney's office is very valuable to the operation of the county, and everyone should appreciate the work they are doing.

### **B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. I can easily relate to what Ms. McCallister is stating relative to her mother's driveway;
  - b. I have frequented many areas in this type of condition due to the excessive rainfall that we have been experiencing; **and**
  - c. I am recommending that this Board send a Resolution to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting assistance in getting these areas repaired.

## **MOTION:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion for a Resolution to be prepared to be sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting assistance for the repair of the private roads that have been heavily damaged by the recent excessive rainfall, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd.

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

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

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

- d. I have given each of you a copy of a letter from the City of Whiteville requesting this Board to send a letter of support to Congressman Mike McIntyre for a solar panel energy company being located in Columbus County.

## **MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to send a letter of support to Congressman Mike McIntyre in support of a solar panel energy company being located in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to thank Jeremy Jernigan, Emergency Communications Director, for the well prepared workshop we held on March 08, 2010;
  - b. The Sheriff can sing very well, and the Chaplain conducted a very nice service; **and**
  - c. I would like to remind everyone of the Memorial Service that will be held on April 17, 2010, at 1:00 P.M., for the naming of the Sammy Eason Memorial Field.

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:

1. The Courthouse Committee is meeting this Friday, March 19, 2010, at 10:00 A.M.;  
**and**
2. We are beginning, as of tomorrow morning, meeting with our Department Managers to discuss our upcoming budget.

D. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** stated the following:

1. We held a Tax Foreclosure Bid on property located in Chadbourn;
2. We received one (1) bid for eleven thousand and 00/100 (\$11,000.00) dollars on this property by Ms. Priscilla McDuffie, and she paid a five hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$550.00) dollars bid deposit;
3. The bid closing date was today at 5:00 P.M., and we did not receive any upset bids;  
**and**
4. I am requesting the Board to accept this bid.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the Tax Foreclosure Bid in the amount of eleven thousand, and 00/100 (\$11,000.00) dollars, from Priscilla McDuffie for property located in Chadbourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

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

**READING and APPROVED of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Russ requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account Minutes. Mr. Stephens orally read the following.

- “Item Number 1: The County Attorney discussed pending litigation involving the Town of Chadbourn and the Chadbourn Rural Water Association;*
- Item Number 2: The Board of Commissioners discussed a personnel matter with County Manager Mr. Clark; **and***
- Item Number 3: The Department of Social Services Board discussed the position of the Social Services Director with the Board of Commissioners.”*

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve the March 15, 2010 Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**HUMAN RESOURCES - EMPLOYMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to employ Gerald Fogle as the Columbus County Social Services Director, at an annual salary of seventy-five thousand, and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The employment starting date was not stated.

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

**AYES:** Chairman Russ, Vice Chairman Byrd, Commissioners McKenzie, Norris and

**NAYS:** Bullard; **and**  
Commissioners Prevatte and Gore.

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

**Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, March 15, 2010  
7:23 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 District I Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Giles E. Byrd, **Vice Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James 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 7:23 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Mach 01, 2010 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the March 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**





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

**Monday, March 15, 2010**

**7:23 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 District III Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Giles E. Byrd, **Vice Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James 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 7:23 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Mach 01, 2010 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the March 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, March 15, 2010**

**7:23 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 District IV Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Giles E. Byrd, **Vice Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James 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 7:23 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Mach 01, 2010 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the March 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, March 15, 2010**  
**7:23 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 District V Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
 Giles E. Byrd, **Vice Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie  
 James 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 7:23 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

Mach 01, 2010 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the March 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**