

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 02, 2011****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 regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 P. Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the May 02, 2011 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

ADJUSTMENT of MAY 02, 2011 AGENDA:

Chairman Byrd stated the May 02, 2011 Agenda needed to be adjusted to move Agenda Item #15 to be after Agenda Item #6, and an Add-on to be placed after Agenda Item #18.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to move Agenda Item #15 to be after Agenda Item #6, and an Add-on to be placed after Agenda Item #18, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Items #2 and #3: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman Byrd presented the following retirement plaque to Pamela Cutchin for her many years of service to the Columbus County Social Services Department.

**PRESENTED TO
 PAMELA CUTCHIN
 IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
 FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY**

**TO
 COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 10-06-1982 - 04-15-2011**

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 18, 2011 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #15: PURCHASING - APPROVAL of UPDATES by RESCINDING and REPLACING the PURCHASING and CONTRACTING POLICIES and PROCEDURES MANUAL: Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, requested Board approval of the updates by rescinding and replacing the Purchasing and Contracting Policies and Procedures Manual. **(This will be the second reading.)**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the updates by rescinding and replacing the Purchasing and Contracting Policies and Procedures Manual, on the second reading, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Purchasing and Contracting Policies and Procedures will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

Agenda Item #7: ADMINISTRATION - APPROVAL to CHANGE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER and CHANGE the SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN for RETIREES:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval to change the healthcare provider and the supplemental plan for retirees.

Mr. Clark stated the following relative to the healthcare provider:

1. Our Broker Mark III put our Health Plan out to bid;
2. After receiving the bids and reviewing the bids, it is our recommendation that we go with United Healthcare proposal
3. Tracy is here tonight to answer any questions you may have;
4. This is approximately a 5.3 % increase over what we are paying this year;
5. The bad news is the deductibles are going up, but the good news is that our co-pays will be applied toward that deductible;
6. Our Health Plan did not have a good year last year, our expenses were up about 40%; **and**
7. A decision needs to be made tonight if possible to allow time for the change.

Tracy McCarty, Mark III, stated the following:

1. Risk Management Pools' Board of Trustees voted March 2, 2011 to dissolve the Group Benefits Pool (marketed as the County Health Plan);
2. The medical plan was shopped;
3. Because the Medical Plan is running poorly, the quotes were high;
4. The CIGNA renewal was a 41% increase;
5. We looked at over 20 medical plan options for the County;
6. The recommendation is UHC with plan design changes;
7. Of the multiple options that we reviewed, the best option for the County and the employees is Option 8;
8. The primary co-pays remain unchanged;
9. Specialist co-pays change from \$40 to \$60;
10. Pharmacy co-pays change from \$0/\$45/\$55 to \$10/\$35/\$60;
11. While the deductible is increasing to \$1,500, the out-of-pocket maximum is only increasing \$250;
12. The UHC option represents a 5.28% increase for the County; **and**
13. Several other counties are having to increase their deductibles, and some are asking the employees to pay a portion of the premium.

Mr. Clark stated the following relative to the supplemental plan for retirees:

1. We are also asking that we change our retirees' plan;
2. The difference is that in our retiree plan we have now, there is a provision that covers home visits, and that is a provision that is covered by Medicare;
3. That is a provision in our existing policy that does not need to be there because Medicare pays for it, and that is a duplication; **and**
4. The recommendation from that broker was to go to Plan F, and this gives the retirees the same benefits with the exception of the home visits, and actually saves the County money, \$1,870.35 per month.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the change of the healthcare provider

to United Healthcare, Option 8, and to approve the change of the supplemental plan for retirees to Plan F, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: BOLTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

Bryant Smith, Fire Chief, requested Board approval of the proposed changes to the fire district boundaries for Bolton Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Smith stated the following:

1. Basically, what we are trying to do is to clear up areas in the County fire map; **and**
2. When dispatched, another department has come into our area and they did not know exactly where the boundaries were, and I am trying to clear up those areas.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the changes to the fire district boundaries for Bolton Volunteer Fire Department, by the following Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. A copy will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, fire district boundaries for fire departments are established by boards of County Commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-233, which districts are also used for insurance grading purposes; **and**

WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries in the unincorporated portion of Columbus County need to be revised to change the way they have historically been described by a point-to-point description to by reference of maps created using the GIS system, and to reflect annexation by municipalities in the County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Fire Marshal has caused to be created a new fire insurance district map using the GIS system for Bolton Volunteer Fire District which is incorporated by reference into Exhibit A to this Resolution, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners approves the boundary lines of the Bolton Volunteer Fire District as represented in the GIS produced map certified by the County Fire Marshal referenced in Exhibit A.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2011.

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
Clark to the Board

Agenda Item #9: AGING - APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO EXISTING BATEMAN SENIOR MEALS CONTRACT:

Ed Worley, Director, requested Board approval of the addendum to the existing Bateman Senior Meals Contract.

Mr. Worley stated the following:

1. We are presently paying \$3.74 for each senior meal at the seven locations of the Nutrition Sites;
2. Beginning July 01, 2011, our new rate for each senior meal will be \$3.52;
3. This reduction of 22 cents per meal is due to the increased number of participants;
4. This will entail an addendum to the existing contract; **and**
5. If approved, an addendum to the contract will be prepared by the Bateman's legal department and then forwarded to you.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the price of \$3.52 per senior meal,

beginning July 01, 2011, due to the increased number of participants, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: SOLID WASTE - NOTICE of COUNTY OPTION to PURCHASE TRANSFER STATION:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval for William S. Clark, County Manager, to send a letter to Waste Management giving notice of the County's intent to exercise the option to purchase the transfer station building. **(This matter was tabled at the March 21, 2011 Meeting.)**

Discussion was conducted as follows:

Commissioner Prevatte stated the following:

1. I was a part of the negotiations that took place with this contract;
2. The contract states that if a Letter of Intent to purchase the transfer station building is received, Waste Management will obtain an appraisal of the value of the building, then we will obtain an appraisal of the building, and the two (2) appraisals will be averaged out to determine the fair market value of the building;
3. In exchange for Columbus County not to exercise this option, we were given the sum of \$325,000.00 dollars as follows - \$200,000.00 in cash and \$125,000.00 in reduced gate rates; **and**
4. I do not think we need to exercise this option.

William S. Clark, County Manager, stated the following:

1. It is not our recommendation that we get appraisals at this time; **and**
2. It is our recommendation that we send a letter.

Chairman Giles E. Byrd stated we will send a letter of acknowledgment that we are exercising the option within the contract to put ourselves in a better position to make the decision at a later date of what we need to do.

Commissioner Prevatte stated that is not what the contract states. Mr. Attorney, will you state what the contract reads.

Michael Stephens, County Attorney, stated the following:

1. Would it sound better for the letter to read that it is our intent to purchase the transfer station building?; **and**
2. We do not have to have appraisals right now, but when we do get appraisals, if that is the Board's decision, then we are averaging the two (2) appraisals.

Commissioner Prevatte stated if we don't take it, and we go with another company, if I remember correctly, when you build on leased property, at the end of the contract, that property stays on the property if it is attached, is this correct?

Michael Stephens: that is the law.

Commissioner Bullard: That is what I wanted to ask the attorney about. When they built that building on County property, and it is permanent . . .

Michael Stephens: It is on the County property, and I don't foresee it being moved.

Chairman Byrd: But being you made a lease or agreement and a mention of the appraisal, etc., you are, at that time, setting that separate and apart from that land. If there had never been anything in a contract written about appraisals and averaging, then there would have been no way they could have done anything but walk away from it. But being it was mentioned in that contract, it is a bargaining tool.

Michael Stephens: It is a bargaining tool.

Commissioner Prevatte: It was their plan at the time the contract was done, that it was their building, and they would give us \$325,000.00 to forego the purchase by the County at that time.

Chairman Byrd: If the County Board had not recognized that, and had aborted at that time, then they would not have any legal standing whatsoever.

Commissioner Prevatte: we didn't recognize it, we just said we weren't going to purchase it.

Chairman Byrd: You did agree to the exchange of \$325,000.00, \$200,000.00 paid in cash and the balance of \$125,000.00 paid through a gate rate credit of \$.56 cents per ton of county solid waste disposal at the transfer station.

Commissioner Prevatte: That was to forego the intent to purchase at that time. We were given the money if we would not exercise the right to purchase the building at that time. We did not say it belongs to you or it does not belong to you.

Chairman Byrd: What we really need to do is to go ahead and send them the Letter of Intent to stay in the legal boundaries.

Michael Stephens: That is my recommendation.

Commissioner Bullard: We really need to say that it is our intent and not say that we are going to.

Michael Stephens: We need to say that we are exercising our intent to purchase the building.

Chairman Byrd: You need to address the letter in the right way and make sure you sign off on it in the format that we are sending it.

Commissioner McDowell: I have a question. What if we send a letter stating that we do not intend to purchase the building?. What are their options?

Michael Stephens: If we send a letter stating that we do not intend to exercise that option, we are back to square one at the end of that contract.

Commissioner McDowell: So, if they were to remove the said building and concrete, all we would have to do is replace it or have the next service company to replace it . Either way, we are saving money. Is that right?

Commissioner Prevatte: If they got the contract back, they could say . . .

Commissioner McDowell: Work out another deal.

Commissioner Bullard: Is anyone going to buy that building?

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to send a letter to Waste Management and state that we do not intend to exercise the option to purchase the Transfer Station Building, second by Commissioner Prevatte.

Commissioner Bullard: Mr. Attorney, what is your opinion about that situation?

Michael Stephens: I would say that after June 30, 2011, they are holding the ball. We need to send that Letter of Intent.

Chairman Byrd: If we send the Letter of Intent, that does not mean that we have got to carry it out.

Commissioner McDowell: That doesn't give them the right to go ahead and get an appraisal? The way it is written, doesn't it give them the go ahead to get their appraisal?

Michael Stephens: I think the intent of it was to exercise this Intent Letter. It does not say that we are going to do it, but if we do decide to go ahead with it, then we got to get two (2) appraisals and average them together, and that is the fair market value of the property.

Chairman Byrd: What is your recommendation to the Board pertaining to this issue? What action should the Board take?

Michael Stephens: At this point, it is my recommendation that we draft a Letter of Intent, to cover ourselves, and it could change. I am just saying that we need to put ourselves in a better position come July 01, 2011.

Chairman Byrd: We can always back up, but we can't go forward if the gate is closed.

Chairman Bullard: If we decide we do not want to purchase the building

Michael Stephens: If you don't want to, that is up to you.

Chairman Byrd: We are asking your advice.

Commissioner Bullard: Then after that, if we decide we do not want to purchase the building, we just walk away, and say we have changed our minds.

Michael Stephens: They would probably challenge it saying you guys signed a Letter of Intent. That is all that was.

Commissioner McDowell: To me, that is just another feather in their cap if we decide not to purchase.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a substitute motion that on the County Attorney's recommendation, that we send a Letter of Intent to purchase the transfer station building, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie.

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

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

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

Agenda Item #11: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL of BID for E-911 COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM:

Jeremy Jernigan, Director, requested Board approval of the bid from Southern Software to replace the aging E-911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, from the following bidders list.

VENDOR	INITIAL COST	ADDITIONAL NOTES	HARDWARE MAINT	SOFTWARE MAINT	TOTAL COST
Hi-Tech Systems	\$949,532	Can not integrate with Records Management Systems (RMS) used by law enforcement agencies	Not included	\$475,110	\$1,424,642.00
Southern Software	\$245,626	Developed software currently being used by all law enforcement agencies in the county and they do not allow third party integration with other vendors of their products	\$24,250	\$96,200	\$366,076.00
DCS	\$205,784	Does not include hardware for workstations. Can not integrate with Records Management Systems (RMS) used by law enforcement agencies		\$26,670	\$232,454.00
Interact	\$147,297	Can not integrate with Records Management Systems (RMS) used by law enforcement agencies	\$18,218.20	\$10,710	\$176,225.20

Alert Public Safety Sol.	\$118,000	No hardware included. Can not integrate with Records Management Systems (RMS) used by law enforcement agencies.	Not included	\$24,000 Only includes years 1-3	\$142,000.00
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Mr. Jernigan stated the following:

1. We sent this out to bid two (2) months ago and we received five (5) bids on the system;
2. Based on the evaluation of the bids, the only bid that actually met all of our requirements was the bid from Southern Software;
3. This is also the system that is used by all of our law enforcement agencies in the county; **and**
4. This will allow us to integrate all of our Records Management Systems for our CAD system software.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the bid from Southern Software to replace the aging E-911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system being used by the County, at the cost of three hundred sixty-six thousand, seventy-six dollars, and 00/100 (\$366,076.00) dollars, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: HUD - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

NaTonya Hassell, H.U.D. Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1.	As of April 01, 2011, the current number of families on the waiting list is:	599
	Elderly 40 Hispanic 3	
	H/D 52 White 183	
	Family 507 Black 407	
		Indian 6
	TOTAL:	599

2. There have been 636 inspections conducted. (Inspections consist of new units (initial), annual inspections, transfer/move inspection, re-inspection where a unit did not pass the first time and special inspections is where the family or landlord requests an inspection.)
3. There was a total of 330 re-examinations (interim and re-examinations completed).
Re-examinations - annual income and family composition maintenance on the files.
Interim re-examinations - conducted when the family reports any change within the family.
4. There is a total of 388 number of families on the program as of 04/01/2011 which consists of the following:

		<u>Racial/Ethnic Composition:</u>			
Extremely Low Income Families	355	Black	141	Elderly H/D	220
Very Low Income Families	30	White	245	Family	168
Low Income Families	3	Indian	1		
High Income Families	0	Asian	0		
		Hispanic	1		
TOTAL:	388		388		388

5. New admission to the program: 60
6. Terminate from the program: 57
7. Total HAP payments paid: \$1,377,826.00 (July 2010 - April 1, 2011)
Total administrative cost paid: \$ 153,813.53 (July 2010 - April 1, 2011)
- . Total disbursement of: \$1,531,639.53

		<u>HAP and ADMIN Reserves</u>	
8.	Total HAP Received:	\$1,398,441.00	\$56,049.62
	Total ADMIN Received:	\$195,385.00	\$251,386.38

TOTAL: \$1,593,826.00 \$307,436.00

Agenda Item #14: HEALTH - APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN DENTAL FEES:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, requested Board approval of the changes in dental fees. Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. The Board of Health approved these fees on April 27, 2011;
2. Our fees have always been the Medicaid rate, plus 20%;
3. I do not want to change that, I just want to take the amount up to the nearest dollar, only increasing the fees a few cents;
4. What I would like to do is take away the sliding fee;
5. This is a service that we provide, and we receive no State or Federal funds for this service;
6. It is surviving off of what it makes;
7. Last year, we used Dental Escrow Funds, and this year, we will deplete those Dental Escrow Funds,
8. In the budget year coming up, I have budgeted approximately \$153,000 out of Home Health Escrow Funds to fund the Dental Program;
9. We have a no-show problem, namely 121 no shows since March 28, 2011;
10. We have changed supply companies
11. We have one (1) full-time dentist that works four (4) days a week from 8:00 AM to 6:00 P.M.;
12. We have one (1) additional dentist on Thursday on the bus the entire time and then comes in and works in the afternoon in the in-house clinic;
13. When this clinic was started in 1999 with a Kate B Reynolds Grant, there were only a few dentists in Columbus County, and those dentists did not take any Medicaid patients;
14. Now we have two (2) dentists that their practice is probably 98-99% Medicaid;
15. My dilemma is if we are not able to cover our expenses, the Dental Clinic will go away; **and**
16. This is a much needed service here in Columbus County.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the changes in the dental fees, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the dental fees will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #14: HEALTH - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. **Clinical Stats:**

New TB Cases	4
New HIV Cases	18
New Syphilis Cases (RPR)	15
New Hepatitis B Cases	4
New Gonorrhea Cases	78
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	15
Chlamydia Cases	192
Non-gonoccal Urethritis (NGU)	38
2. **Communicable Diseases:**

Campylobacter	4 Cases
Salmonella	25 Cases
Hepatitis C	1 Case
Pertussis (whooping cough)	2 Cases

(Involved complete investigations, the cases were not confirmed.)
3. **Vital Records:**

Number of Births:	475	(Health Department Patients: 143)
Number of Deaths:	578	
4. **Environmental Health Stats:**

Encounters:	1787
Total Revenue:	\$70,103.00
5. Environmental Health began assisting the Planning Department in the inspections of all mobile home parks in our county. As usual, Environmental Health complete 100% of all restaurant/lodging inspections for 2010, a total of 786 inspections.
6. Converted to the State's new HIS (Health Information System) on April 26, 2010. We are

just using the front office/billing components at this time. We are gearing up to start using the clinical software in July, 2011.

7. **Services:**

	<u>Medicaid</u>	<u>Non-Medicaid</u>
Adult Health	1164	3197
Child Health	3506	904
Dental Health	3961	239
Family Planning	1706	2237
Immunizations	828	838
Maternal Health	3296	436
Other Services	166	82
Primary Care	526	1334
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	256	1036
TB Services	24	115
TOTAL:	15,433	10,418

8. **Colposcopy Services:** 37 completed, 25 IUD's inserted

9. H1N1 Vaccines given: 4200

Seasonal Flu Vaccines given: 2500

10. **Total Health Department Revenue: \$2,062,944.30**

11. In 2010, Health Departments began to enforce House Bill 2 (No smoking in restaurants and bars).

12. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) saw a large surge in their caseloads this year providing coordinated services to an average of 2306 participants per month with total annual visits of 27,072. The North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics reported that \$1,546,839.30 in revenue was paid to Columbus County WIC vendors for calendar year 2010.

13. Columbus County Laboratory's regulatory policies and procedures are established according to CLIA and OSHA guidelines. In December, 2010, the Health Department Lab added the Rapid Strep A test to the in-house test menu. The Lab also started sending all ThinPrep Pap Smears to Lap Corp instead of North Carolina State Lab due to cost.

14. The University of Wisconsin released the 2010 County Health rankings on February 17, 2010. Columbus County was ranked 100 out of North Carolina's 100 counties.

15. Health Education/Health Promotion has been working with two (2) grants received in 2010. The first grant, the ACHIEVE Grant which gave the Health Department funds to educate the faith community through a community team. The second grant, the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant (Teen PEP), is in collaboration with Columbus County Schools.

16. Our Health Educator started an employee wellness program in 2010.

17. Columbus Regional healthcare System invited two (2) members of the Health Department staff to join a team from Columbus County to participate in UNC Management Academy for Public Health.

18. The entire Health Department has been preparing for our Accreditation Site visit which will take place in May of 2011. Home Health will be surveyed in January 2012 for their accreditation process.

19. **Home Health Stats:**

TOTAL VISITS FOR 2010: 36,894

Visits by Discipline:

Nurse: 23,662

PT: 3,795

SLP: 444

OT: 1,242

Aide: 7,751

Top 3 Diagnosis: Diabetes

Aftercare for surgery

Hypertension

TOTAL REVENUE for HOME HEALTH: \$3,679,025.00

20. New "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services" (CMS) rules, in this year, had a significant impact on certified Home Health agencies.

21. The Columbus County Department of Public Health was funded as follows (revenues):

Local Appropriations: 18%

State: 8%

Third Party Payers 0%

Individual Self Pay 9%

Medicaid 23%

Medicare: 36%

Federal (WIC): 6%

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2010: \$7,066,194.00

- 22. In 2010, local public health departments saw a significant decrease in state funding, but the responsibility of the mandated programs continued. Health departments have taken a four (4%) percent cut in Medicaid reimbursement along with decreases in state and federal funding.
- 23. Public Health is bracing itself for a major reduction in state and federal funding for 2011.

Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments/re-appointments/replacements be made.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/ COMMISSION	DISTRICT / EB	NAME	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee Motion: Norris Second: Russ	EB	Allen Harrelson Matthew Lovett	11-01-11	Appoint Appoint
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	V	David Strickland- (Resigned)	12/2012	Charles Milligan
	VI	Ricky Benton, II (Resigned)	12/2014	HOLD
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	EJ -Has been vacant for some time-	08-01-10	HOLD

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

At 7:35 P.M., Vice Chairman 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, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 18, 2011 **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 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS II and III - REPORT on FUND BALANCE:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, delivered the following report on the Fund Balance for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III.

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

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Columbus County Water and Sewer District II - Board Approval to Move Forward with Recommended Changes in Layout of Interconnect Project and Thompson Town Road Project:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to move forward with the following recommended changes to the layout of the Interconnect Project for Columbus County

Water and Sewer District II and the Thompson Town Road Project.

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

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

At 7:55 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendment and tax Refunds and Releases, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4330-512600	Salaries and Wages - P/T	(15,000)
	10-4331-512600	Salaries and Wages - P/T	(10,000)
	10-4330-526000	Office Supplies	(1,000)
	10-4330-526001	Departmental Supplies	44,250
	10-4330-532100	Telephone	(10,000)
	10-4330-532101	Postage	250
	10-4330-535300	M&R Air Truck	3,000
	10-4330-535910	M&R Communications	10,000
	10-4330-539500	Training - Employee Ed	(1,000)
	10-4330-539520	Training Exercise	(1,500)
	10-4330-541900	Rental	(1,000)
	10-4331-549977	Disaster Funds	(5,000)
	10-4330-549977	Disaster Funds	(13,000)

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 02, 2011**

Refunds Name: Suggs, Daniel R Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 010 Account # 1-90940 Bill # 65613 Total \$128.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Refunds Name: Pierce, James Edison (Jr) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 010 Account # 8-02332 Bill # 56845 Total \$128.00
 Refund user fee. Dwelling is vacant.
 1704 Lake Shore Drive Lake Waccamaw NC 28450

Refunds Name: Mobley, Betty Joe & Ruth Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 010 Account # 11-17740 Bill # 53707 Total \$16.82
 Refund user fee. Dwelling is vacant.
 3595 Sids Mill Rd. Fayetteville NC 28301

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 02, 2011**

Release the Property Value in the name of Batten, Matthew Amount: \$163.00
Value: \$3,300.00 Year: 06-10 Account # 1-04834 Bill # 9999 Total \$207.95
Release value of jet ski. Sold in 2005. Release Columbus Rescue(4.06), release Water District III(24.18)

Release the Property Value in the name of Douglas, William E. & Shawna J. Amount: \$34.85
Value: \$1,305.00 Year: 08-10 Account # 6-02232 Bill # 9999 Total \$43.98
Release value of boat. Located in South Carolina. Release Yam City (4.28), release Columbus Rescue(.85)

Release the Property Value in the name of Parnell, Marcia Hudson Amount: \$118.27
Value: \$7,140.00 Year: 09-10 Account # 7-04132 Bill # 9999 Total \$581.14
Release value of mobile home. Double listed act#7-03047 William S. Parnell. Release Yam City(14.51),
release Columbus Rescue(2.90)

Release the Property Value in the name of Ritchart, Terry & Rhonda Amount: \$462.48
Value: \$10,410.00 Year: 01-05 Account # 16-00041 Bill # 9999 Total \$1,076.89
Release entire value of mobile home. Double listed act#13-33499 Terry Richart. Release Cerro Gordo
Fire(46.20), release Columbus Rescue(11.99)

Release the Property Value in the name of Sibbett Auto Sales Amount: \$186.37
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 2-00723 Bill # 9708 Total \$190.94
Release value of business equipment. Business closed 12/31/2008. Release Whiteville Rescue(4.57)

Release the Property Value in the name of Young, Diane B. Amount: \$84.76
Value: \$10,400.00 Year: 2010 Account # 15-04770 Bill # 2343 Total \$99.32
Release portion of value on dwelling. Value billed incorrectly. Release Acme Delco(12.48), release Columbus
Rescue(2.08)

Release the User Fee in the name of Blanton, Irene Smith Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 15-02660 Bill # 8176 Total \$358.42
Release user fee. 1 can picked up 5-6-2010.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, Wayne & Janice Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-18183 Bill # 3842 Total \$128.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Enzor, Dwayne L. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 16-00406 Bill # 9999 Total \$430.00
Release user fee on Prop#29984 and #84001. Dwellings are vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Enzor, Lawrence "Bill" Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 10-00358 Bill # 6703 Total \$128.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-04306 Bill # 8983 Total \$128.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hall, Nathaniel W & Sadie (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 08-10 Account # 15-17060 Bill # 9999 Total \$550.70
Release user fee. Can picked up 9-27-2007.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hammonds, Nancy Fields Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 3-04006 Bill # 2666 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hayes, James D. & Ruth (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-38440 Bill # 3418 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jablonowski, Linda B. & Joseph T Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 13-21110 Bill # 6093 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Can listed on Act#13-02356 Prop#88869

Release the User Fee	in the name of James, Glen Dale	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 12-05754 Bill # 6561	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling incomplete.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Long, John	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 3-03336 Bill # 9955	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Can delivered 2011.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Mise Ernest & Virgie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-03222 Bill # 3499	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Mise, Virgie Mae Stanley	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-21080 Bill # 3502	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Mobley Betty Joe & Ruth	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 11-17740 Bill # 3707	Total	\$198.18
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Neely, Chalissee L. & Antonio D. Peacock	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 12-01448 Bill # 4820	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Can sent 4-8-2011.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Phillips, Tracy Jr. & Samantha	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-23638 Bill # 6708	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Powers, Willie L.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-72600 Bill # 7753	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Prince, Aben Kelly & Jeanne Carolyn	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 16-03651 Bill # 8151	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant .Used for storage.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Shelley, C W & Margaret	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 10-15251 Bill # 1416	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Smith, David A.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-03003 Bill # 2568	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Home burned in 2008.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Suggs, Daniel R. & Bobbie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-90950 Bill # 5615	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Tyson, Kelton & Gladys	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-97761 Bill # 7564	Total	\$430.00
Release user fee. 2 dwellings vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Worthington, Robert Randy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 2-09322 Bill # 1985	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			

Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

Sheriff Christopher Batten: stated the following:

- a. I received an e-mail from Attorney General Roy Cooper today stating the

- Federal Treasury has cut out the funding for methamphetamine lab cleanup that are discovered in any counties, and the State is picking up the expense on an emergency basis for the next 30-45 days;
- b. This will be an expense the County will have to pick up if we don't apply some pressure on the Federal level;
 - c. We need to contact our congressman, and any representative at the State level to put the word up to Washington, DC to get this funding re-established;
 - d. This funding was through the COPS Grant originally;
 - e. Anybody with any clout will need to send a letter or contact their representatives;
 - f. The Attorney-General is stating that he is searching for different vendors within the State that are qualified and are willing to go in and clean up these labs just in case the Federal authorities shoot it down; **and**
 - g. This is something you need to be aware of.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Chairman Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. I have had discussions with various Commissioners on the Board dealing with Southeastern Community College's problem with their budget;
 - b. I have received some suggestions that maybe we, in our negotiations with them at the next meeting, offer to advance them some money on their forthcoming budget with the understanding that we would subtract that money off the top of the budget that was approved for next year;
 - c. The responses I have received have been both ways, some support it and some do not support it; **and**
 - d. What is the feeling of the Board?

Commissioner Bullard: I would like have the meeting and make my decision then.

Commissioner McDowell: I would like to see us fund it, but I would like to see some discipline on their part to work out their budget minus that amount of money that we forward. I would like to make sure they are made aware that amount of money would be deducted from their next year's budget.

Commissioner Prevatte: I would like to hear their presentation. Of course, I want to take into consideration those things that are not mandated that we fund which they are spending some of the money on. I am ready to take a stand, but I do believe that if we do advance the funds, it would need to be taken away from next year's budget.

Commissioner Norris: I concur with Commissioner Prevatte.

2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. I met today with some of our representatives and senators to discuss Mental Health Reform;
 - b. The majority of these senators and representatives are considering taking away the 1 cent sales tax;
 - c. If the 1 cent sales tax is taken away, 22,000 State employees will lose their jobs and qualify for benefits; **and**
 - d. I would encourage each of you, if you get a chance, to talk to Representative Hill and Senator Rabon and encourage them to leave the 1 cent sales tax where it is.
3. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I was notified last night about the death of Osma Bin Laden;
 - b. Hats off to our military force for all their efforts and hard work; **and**
 - c. As a retired soldier, I know we have to do what is needed to keep our country safe.
4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. I requested the County employees to contact me relative to a bi-monthly pay period;
 - b. Some of the employees wanted it and some did not;

- c. I contacted Bobbie Faircloth and she did a survey with the following results:
(433 Full-Time Employees Responded to Survey)
 - 244 Remain as is - Monthly
 - 152 Bi-Monthly
 - 37 Does Not Matter;
- d. With these results, we will leave the payroll as it is;
- e. Kip, what about the River Road Project that was started last year?;
Kip replied stating that we are about 90% complete right now. We have a couple more connections to make and we will be 100%. In the course of our project, the D.O.T. decided to go ahead and pave the straight section of that road where it leads to Highway 905, and in doing that, we had to relocate a section that had been initially installed back when the original Water District V Project began and resulted in a slight delay;
- f. There is a section of highway in the Buckhead Community on SR #1740, which involves two (2) churches, namely Mt. Sinai Holiness Church and New Hope Baptist Church, and a volunteer fire and rescue department;
- g. There have been many accidents that have occurred on this section of road, and I am requesting that a resolution or letter be forwarded to D.O.T. requesting that a study be done to lower the speed limit to 45 and make it a No Passing section;
- h. This section of road is in close proximity to the Tribal Grounds; **and**
- i. We all need to be concerned about the expense being passed to the county for the cleanup of the meth labs, and I am requesting that a resolution or letter be forwarded to our legislators asking for their help.

MOTIONS (2):

Commissioner Russ made a motion that a letter be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting that a study be done to lower the speed limit to 45 M.P.H. in the Buckhead Community of Columbus County, beginning at the 6400 block of Old Lake Road to the 7900 block of Old Lake Road (SR #1802 Jacobs Road to SR #1801 Buckhead Road), with double yellow lines indicating no passing, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to send a letter to our representatives regarding the methamphetamine lab clean-up funding, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

- 5. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - a. I have been informed by Randy Norris that transfer of property involving an ex-spouse occurred in the Tax Office; **and**
 - b. I would like for the County Attorney to check into this matter.
- 6. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to thank everyone for attending this meeting; **and**
 - b. It is amazing to see how people will step up when needed as was apparent in the Relay for Life Event.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
 - 1. I will be presenting the Proposed 2011-2012 Columbus County Operating Budget on May 16, 2011;
 - 2. I would like to remind you of May 05, 2011 Joint Meeting with the Whiteville City and Columbus County School Boards at Southeastern Community College; **and**
 - 3. I would like to remind you of the May 10, 2011 Joint Meeting with the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees to be held at Southeastern Community College.

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

At 8:15 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie 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, after a five (5) minute recess, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:33 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Byrd requested Mike Stephens, County Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following.

“The County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners pending litigation involving Andrietta Galloway and Honey Hill Development Corporation, Case Number: 09-CVS-1549, and the County Attorney discussed CHAF property owned by Torian McMillan.”

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #24: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:34 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

**Monday, May 02, 2011
7:35 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:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

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 7:35 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 18, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the April 18, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 02, 2011
7:35 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 II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

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 7:35 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 18, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the April 18, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS II and III - REPORT on FUND BALANCE:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, delivered the following report on the Fund Balance for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III.

1. These Fund Balances are not funding depreciation for any of the water systems;
2. This is the amount we have to do any major repairs or equipment replacement;
3. Depreciation is the amount we take off the books each year for the use of the water line;
4. An one cent special district tax would generate approximately \$35,000 in Water District II;
5. An one cent tax special district would generate approximately \$20,000 in Water District III;
6. I would not recommend lowering the special district tax in Water Districts II and III due to the increased cost for chemicals, and supplies that are needed for water districts along with the rising fuel costs;
7. We are looking at some old projects that could possibly increase the customer base;
8. The interconnection of Water Districts I and II could generate approximately \$150,000, which is the money we are spending with Tabor City; **and**

9. The total accumulated fund balance for Water District II is \$812,614.79, and the total accumulated fund balance for Water District II is \$532,328.63.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Utilization of the net profit to lower the special district tax;
2. The possibility of reviving some old projects to increase the customer base; **and**
3. The method of cost distribution to each water district.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Columbus County Water and Sewer District II - Board Approval to Move Forward with Recommended Changes in Layout of Interconnect Project and Thompson Town Road Project:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to move forward with the following recommended changes to the layout of the Interconnect Project for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II and the Thompson Town Road Project:

1. The initial layout was based on an old petition of one hundred, plus, (100+) signatures of people that stated they wanted water;
2. When door-to-door field surveys were done, in the Thompson Town community, there were only fifty-four (54) people who were still interested in water;
3. This included a three (3) mile section of piping that would only serve eight (8) customers;
4. The decision was made to scale back the area and put that money in a more efficient area and also in a better hydraulic supply to the Water District I area;
5. This proposal will take the water to Chadbourn Highway along Fruit Ridge Road;
6. With the ten (10") inch water main, it keeps the project within the same budget dollars, but it provides for future growth and expansion in the Water District I area and the Water District V area;
7. It enhances the overall available capacities for those areas;
8. This will keep the same project dollars; **and**
9. We are doing surveys along Fruit Ridge Road, and as of today, along Fruit Ridge Road and a small section of Pinelog Road, we have got twelve (12) people requesting water

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. A large portion of this construction will be within the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Whiteville;
2. The need for an agreement between Columbus County and the City of Whiteville for the water lines that are within the extra-territorial jurisdiction;
3. The project was not based on the number of customers;
4. No more customers are being obtained by changing the route;
5. System will not be constructed unless it will pay for itself; **and**
6. System is being based on ten (10) customers per mile at a cost of six thousand, five hundred and 00/100 (\$6,500.00) dollars per house.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve to move forward with the recommended changes in the layout of the Interconnect Project and the Thompson Town Road Project, contingent on staying within the proposed budget and an agreement to be worked out with the City of Whiteville, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 02, 2011
7:35 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:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

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 7:35 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 18, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the April 18, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS II and III - REPORT on FUND BALANCE:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, delivered the following report on the Fund Balance for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III.

1. These Fund Balances are not funding depreciation for any of the water systems;
2. This is the amount we have to do any major repairs or equipment replacement;
3. Depreciation is the amount we take off the books each year for the use of the water line;
4. An one cent special district tax would generate approximately \$35,000 in Water District II;
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7. We are looking at some old projects that could possibly increase the customer base;
8. The interconnection of Water Districts I and II could generate approximately \$150,000, which

is the money we are spending with Tabor City; **and**

9. The total accumulated fund balance for Water District II is \$812,614.79, and the total accumulated fund balance for Water District III is \$532,328.63.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Utilization of the net profit to lower the special district tax;
2. The possibility of reviving some old projects to increase the customer base; **and**
3. The method of cost distribution to each water district.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, May 02, 2011

7:35 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:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

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 7:35 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 18, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the April 18, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 02, 2011
7:35 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:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

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 7:35 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 18, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the April 18, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

AMENDMENT to
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
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7:35 P.M.

Discussion of Operational Expenses:

Commissioner Bullard: On each district, are you charging each district for the use of vehicles and uniforms, and are you being consistent with all other expenses, split between each one?

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