

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, June 06, 2011****6:00 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 a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**  
 James E. Prevatte  
 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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ

**6:00 P.M.**

**BUDGET HEARING - Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 for the County of Columbus:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive written or oral comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive written and oral comments on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 for the County of Columbus. Chairman Byrd requested Mike Stephens, County Attorney, to orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for comments. No comments were received either orally or written.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:05 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:30 P.M.****REGULAR SESSION**

**Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3: MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the June 06, 2011 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the following minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

- A. May 10, 2011 Joint Meeting with Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees; **and**
- B. May 16, 2011 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes.

**Agenda Item #5: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Budget Amendments; **and**
- B. Tax Refunds and Releases.

Chairman Byrd stated that this Agenda item would be re-located on the Agenda after Agenda Item #15, and would be handled at that time.

**Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for public input. No public input was received either orally or written.

**Agenda Item #7: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - BOARD APPROVAL of FUNDING ALLOCATION for FY 2011-2012 and APPROVAL of ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:**

Kimberly L. Smith, Chair, requested Board approval of the funding allocation for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council in the amount of one hundred ninety-eight thousand, nine hundred seventeen and 00/100 (\$198,917.00) dollars, and a ten (10%) percent local match of twenty thousand, four hundred forty-eight and 00/100 (\$20,448.00) dollars, equating to a total of two hundred nineteen thousand, three hundred sixty-five and 00/100 (\$219,365.00) dollars, and the following annual membership roster.

Specified Members (G.S. 147-33.61)	Name	Title
School Superintendent or designee	Heather Wing	Behavior Support Specialist
Chief of Police	Steven Shaw	
Local Sheriff or designee	David Heller	Pastor
District Attorney or designee	T. Heath Nance	ADA
Chief Court Counselor or designee	Olaf Thorsen	Chief Court Counselor
Director, AMH/DD/SA, or designee	Cheryl Harris	LME
Director DSS or designee	Yolanda Daniels	DSS
County Manager or designee	William Clark	County Manager
Substance Abuse Professional	Rickie Rouse	Rouse Counseling Services
Member of Faith Community	Patrina Wright	Pastor
County Commissioner	Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd	County Commissioner
Two Persons under age 18 (State Youth Council Representative, if available)	<u>Joshua Harris</u>	<u>Student</u>
Juvenile Defense Attorney	Randy Cartrette	Attorney
Chief District Judge or designee	William S. Fairley	Chief District Court Judge
Member of Business Community	Janice Young	Executive Director Chamber of Commerce
Local Health Director or designee	Kim Smith	Director
Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Greta B. Sellers	Victim Advocate Families First
Representative/Parks and Rec.	Julie Strickland	Director
County Commissioner appointee	Patrick Milligan	Appointee
County Commissioner appointee	Marie Tutwiler	Appointee

Specified Members (G.S. 147-33.61)	Name	Title
County Commissioner appointee	Nancy Sigmon	Appointee
County Commissioner appointee	Willis Nealy	Appointee
County Commissioner appointee	Faith Beking	Appointee
County Commissioner appointee	Sandra Lewis	Appointee
County Commissioner appointee	Karen George	Appointee

Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. We have met the required Certification Standards;
2. You have the membership roster for approval;
3. You have the Funding Application;
4. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council is legislative mandated;
5. It is required that we account for our planning process in review of the needs of our juveniles in our County who are at risk and the resources that are available to address those needs;
6. We prioritize the risk factors for the youth family and community and determine what services are needed to address those problem areas;
7. We did put out a request for proposals and the funding sheet with the funding grid, we have decided the following:

Columbus Teen Court	\$73,285
Youth and Family Counseling	\$78,052
Columbus JCPC	\$6,300; <b>and</b>
Unallocated Funds	\$61,728;
8. We had one of our programs to pull out on us at the last minute, we could not agree on the funding; **and**
9. What we plan to do is to get our plan into the State and as close as to July 1, 2011, is to put out another RFP, to see if there is another program in the County that is interested.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the funding allocation for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, as presented by Kim Smith, and the membership roster, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Smith extended an invitation to all the Board members to a luncheon that the JCPC is having on this Wednesday, at 12:00 Noon, at the Whiteville City Civic Room.

**Agenda Item #8: MAINTENANCE - BOARD APPROVAL of LOW BID for PAVING CONTRACT and APPROVAL of BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, requested Board approval of the low bidder for paving at the Sheriff's Department, from the following bidders list, and approval of the budget amendment for the work.

**PAVING of PARKING LOT at  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
Bid Date: 5/24/2011**

CONTRACTOR	RESURFACE PARKING LOT WITH ½" ASPHALT	CLEAN and PATCH PARKING LOT	TOTAL PROPOSED COST
Barnhill Contracting Company P.O. Box 647 Shallotte, NC 28459	52,165	Included	52,165
Barnes Paving Company, Inc. P.O. Box 412 Lumberton, NC 28359	26,560	6,972	33,532
Horne and Son Construction, Inc. 2967 James B. White Highway North Whiteville, NC 28472	29,050	8,300	37,350

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the award of the bid for the paving of the parking lot at the Sheriff's Department to the low bidder, Barnes Paving Company, Incorporated, at the cost of thirty-three thousand, five hundred thirty-two and 00/100 (\$33,532.00) dollars, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: MAINTENANCE - BOARD APPROVAL and AWARD LOW BID to ESSENTIAL ENERGY:**

Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, requested Board approval to award bid to the low bidder, Essential Energy, from the following bidders list for retrofit/replacement of building interior fixtures and/or lamps and ballasts.

**BID TABULATION SHEET  
RFP # CCM-2011 EECBG-4-15  
Columbus County  
5/5/2011 at 3:00 P.M.**

<b>CONTRACTOR NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	<b>COST</b>
Essential Energy 113 State Avenue, Suite 103 Clayton, NC 27520	103,457
Ashley Electric P.O. Box 308 Whiteville, NC 28472	118,411
McCarter Electric 516 Hillside Avenue Laurinburg, NC 28352	106,610
Earl's Electrical P.O. Box 1053 Laurinburg, NC 28353	119,844

Mr. Soles stated the following:

1. This is the Energy Efficient Grant that we received from the State Energy Office last year;
2. We are at the phase right now where we are planning to get some lights changed out and retrofitted;
3. The engineers that recommended this project state that we are going to save approximately 10%, and the return on the investment is approximately 2 ½ years; **and**
4. The \$77,000 grant, plus the incentive money we are going to get from rebates with Progress Energy will cover all the cost of this.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the award to the low bidder, Essential Energy, at the cost of one hundred three thousand, four hundred fifty-seven and 00/100 (\$103,457.00) dollars, for the retrofit/replacement of building interior fixtures and/or lamps and ballasts, second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RESCIND EXISTING POLICY, and APPROVAL of REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM:**

Gary A. Lanier, Economic Development Director, is requested Board approval to rescind the existing policy and approve the **revised** Columbus County Economic Development Incentive Grant Program, on the second reading. **(The first reading was conducted at the May 16, 2011 Meeting.)**

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve to rescind the existing policy and approve the **revised** Columbus County Economic Development Incentive Grant Program, on the second reading, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of this document may be found in the body of the May 16, 2011 Board Minutes for review.

**Agenda Item #11: BUILDING INSPECTIONS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Ray Reeves, Building Inspections Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

**July 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011**

<b>Inspections Performed:</b>			<b>Fees Collected:</b>		<b>Permits Issued:</b>	
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Checks</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Electrical</b>
July, 2010	376	\$15,653.71	\$29,975.24	\$120,62.89	353	736
August, 2010	386	20,752.53			383	
September, 2010	512	17,808.94			750	
October, 2010	402	37,764.74			61	
November, 2010	307	13,365.75				
December, 2010	260	11,733.64				
January, 2011	238	11,555.38				
February, 2011	244	13,735.35				
March, 2011	357	17,411.40				
April, 2011	289	12,899.64				
May, 2011	313	14,262.45				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>\$186,943.53</b>				

**NOTE: Projected revenue for 2010-2011 - \$180,000**

**Agenda Item #12: CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - APPROVAL of REVISED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING AMOUNT:**

June Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval of the **revised** funding amount for record purposes only.

Ms. Hall stated the following:

1. The Board approved the amount of \$85,737.00 at the February 21, 2011 Board Meeting;
2. When the paperwork was completed, discovery was made there was a typographical error, and the funding amount was \$85,573.00; **and**
3. The **revised** amount needs to be approved by the Board for future reference and record purposes.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the **revised** amount of the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Implementation Funding of eighty-five thousand, five hundred seventy-three and 00/100 (\$85,573.00) dollars, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD APPROVAL of REQUESTED ADDITIONAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Commissioner P. Edwin Russ requested Board approval to award the requested additional funds of one hundred fifty thousand, eight hundred ninety-eight and 00/100 (\$150,898.00) dollars to Southeastern Community College.. **(This request was presented at the April 18, 2011 Board Meeting.)**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to grant Southeastern Community College an early

advancement out of their 2011-2012 Budget, at the figure of one hundred fifty thousand, eight hundred ninety-eight and 00/100 (\$150,898.00) dollars, second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR and COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the re-appointment and/or replacement of Richard J. Gore as Tax Administrator and Douglas E. Ward and Deputy Tax Collector.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to re-appoint Richard J. Gore as the Columbus County Tax Administrator, and to re-appoint Douglas E. Ward as the Columbus County Deputy Tax Collector, second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 6:47 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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 Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. **Amendment** to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**); **and**
- B. May 16, 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 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 6:55 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, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, second the Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

A. **Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	14-4311-550001	Other Capital Outlay	1,140
Revenue	14-3431-499101	Special Alcohol & Drug Fund Balance Appropriated	1,140
Expenditures	14-4311-550000	Other Capital outlay	7,400
Revenue	14-3431-499101	Special Alcohol & Drug Fund Balance Appropriated	7,400
Expenditures	25-4140-519000	Professional Services	65,000
	25-4140-525105	Gas	1,000
	25-4140-526000	Office Supplies	1,000
	25-4140-532101	Postage	4,000
	25-4140-560005	Revaluation Contract	20,000

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	25-3414-399100	Fund Balance Appropriated	91,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-5190-512100	WW Salaries	1,650
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3510-430029	Wise Women State	1,650
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-5192-512100	BCCP Salaries	1,000
	10-5192-518100	BCCP FICA	100
	10-5192-518200	BCCP Retirement	100
	10-5192-518300	BCCP Insurance	148
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3510-430050	BCCP - State	1,348
<b>Expenditures</b>	14-4311-550001	Capital Outlay (rescue boat repairs & motor)	4,500
	14-4311-526001	Dept Supplies	2,500
	14-4311-531100	Travel	1,000
<b>Revenue</b>	14-3431-499101	Drug Fund Balance Appropriated	8,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4310-535300	M & R Vehicles	5,138
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - Sheriff	5,138
<b>Expenditures</b>	28-4334-569900	St. James Fire District	2,500
	28-4336-569900	Nakina Fire District	15,000
	28-4337-569900	Old Dock Fire District	13,500
	28-4339-569900	Roseland Fire District	7,200
	28-4340-569900	Yam City Fire District	10,800
	28-4341-569900	Acme Delco Fire District	91,925
	28-4342-569900	Klondyke Fire District	17,000
	28-4343-569900	Coles Service District	13,000
	28-4344-569900	Cerro Gordo Fire District	9,700
	28-4345-569900	Williams Township Fire	18,000
	28-4346-569900	White Marsh Welches Creek	11,500
	28-4347-569900	Brunswick Fire District	24,900
	28-4348-569900	Bolton Fire District	4,850
	28-4349-569900	Buckhead Fire District	4,000
	26-4370-566905	Cerro Gordo Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569903	Acme Delco Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569904	Bukhead Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569905	Chadbourn Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569906	Fair Bluff Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569907	Lake Waccamaw Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569908	Nakina Rescue	5,000
	26-4370-569909	Tabor City Rescue	5,000
<b>Revenues</b>	28-3434-411015	St James Fire District	2,500

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	28-3434-411107	Nakina Fire District	15,000
	28-3434-411108	Old Dock Fire District	13,500
	28-3434-411110	Roseland Fire District	7,200
	28-3434-411011	Yam City Fire District	10,800
	28-3434-411012	Acme Delco Fire District	92,000
	28-3434-416120	Acme Delco Tax Refunds	(75)
	28-3434-411013	Klondyke Fire District	17,000
	28-3434-411017	Coles Service District	13,000
	28-3434-411018	Cerro Gordo Fire District	9,700
	28-3434-411019	Williams Township Fire	18,000
	28-3434-411106	White Mash Welches Creek	11,500
	28-3434-411104	Brunswick Fire District	25,000
	28-3434-416105	Tax Releases - Brunswick	(100)
	28-3434-310095	Bolton Fire District	5,000
	28-3434-416104	Tax Releases - Bolton	(150)
	28-3434-310090	Buckhead Fire District	4,000
	26-3436-432308	County Rescue Tax 2 Cents	40,000

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
June 06, 2011**

Release the Property Value in the name of Clewis, Edmund Alan Amount: \$524.83  
Value: \$11,230.00 Year: 06-10 Account # 3-00662 Bill # 99999 Total \$1,660.18  
Release value of mobile home. Repoed in 2003. Release Old Dock Fire(52.26), release Columbus  
Rescue(13.06)

Release the Property Value in the name of Patrick, Ronnie Amount: \$202.65  
Value: \$1,854.00 Year: 01-10 Account # 4-12976 Bill # 99999 Total \$2,127.66  
Release property value of mobile home. Listed in Bladen County. Release Buckhead Fire(13.68), release  
Columbus Rescue(5.17)

Release the Property Value in the name of Whiteville Auto Auction Amount: \$11.98  
Value: \$670.00 Year: 09-10 Account # 1-04989 Bill # 9999 Total \$13.50  
Release entire value of boat. Boat does not belong to Whiteville Auto Auction. Release Whiteville Rescue(.29)

Release the User Fee in the name of Clark, Veda K Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 11-06041 Bill # 2505 Total \$215.00  
Release user fee. Home unlivable.

Release the User Fee in the name of Elliott, William Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 7-05145 Bill # 6484 Total \$645.00  
Release user fee on house and 2 mobile homes. All 3 vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Sara B Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-33501 Bill # 0980 Total \$215.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/18/2009



Release the User Fee in the name of Mt. Olive M B Church Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 01-10 Account # 18-00349 Bill # 9999 Total \$1,578.00  
 Release user fee. Double listed Act#18-00115 Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Release the User Fee in the name of Perritte, Angela Tyler Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-03702 Bill # 6550 Total \$215.00  
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

**Agenda Item #16: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Heads:**

1. **Gary Lanier (Economic Development):** stated the following:
  - A. I had a good trip to Florida looking at people that might be coming this way;
  - B. Trying to continue improve in our agricultural sector;
  - C. Tortimex is getting quotes on equipment;
  - D. We have had some good showings of the Shell Building recently, and the Conflandey Building;
  - E. Nice Blends has brought in the necessary material for a test to charge their deep freeze system; **and**
  - F. I am working with Helena Chemical to locate a suitable location for their expansion.
2. **Richard Gore (Tax Office):** You can pay your taxes with a credit card now, and the types are VISA, Master Card and Discover Card. The three (3%) percent charge will be paid by the taxpayer.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to caution everyone about outside burning until we get some rain; **and**
  - b. We need to increase the volume in our base water usage volume to try and eliminate the buildup in the water lines which results in blowoffs and wasted water.
2. **Commissioner McDowell:** East Columbus High School won the State Baseball 1A Championship, and I would like for this Board to do a resolution of congratulations for them.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion for the Board to do a Resolution of Congratulations for East Columbus High School on their baseball 1A State Championship, second by Commissioner Prevatte.

Commissioner Prevatte requested that the motion be amended to include Southeastern Community College.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made an amended motion for the Board to do a Resolution of Congratulations for East Columbus High School on their baseball 1A State Championship, and Southeastern Community College for their Southeast District/Region 10 DII baseball victory, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Prevatte asked if these resolutions could be presented at the next Board Meeting. Commissioner McDowell replied stating yes.

3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to congratulate Ms. Kim Smith at the Health Department with the award of the accreditation;

- b. She is doing an outstanding job at the Health Department; **and**
  - c. I would like to appoint Chandler Worley, 11005 Swamp Fox Highway West, Cerro Gordo, North Carolina 28430, Telephone: (910) 649-7989, to the Travel and Tourism Board, for a four (4) year term, with term expiring December, 2014.
4. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I would like to re-appoint Glenda Phillips, 10659 James B. White highway, Clarkton, North Carolina 28433, Telephone: (910) 648-6823 (H) and 642-4116 Ext: 228 (Work), to the Library Board of Trustees, for an indefinite term.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to remind everyone of our next Budget Workshop on June 13, 2011, at 6:00 P.M.
- D. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** stated the following:
- 1. I have contacted two (2) law firms as far as our redistricting that is mandated to be done this year;
  - 2. I have received one (1) quote already and had in-depth conversation last week;
  - 3. I am waiting on another proposal from another law firm who has expertise in election law in this particular area, and has software to be able to utilize the figures;
  - 4. We are going to have to redistrict because of our population shifts to make sure we are in compliance with the Voting Rights Act; **and**
  - 5. I will bring these figures to the Board.

**Agenda Item #17: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

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

**Monday, June 06, 2011**

**6:47 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:**

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**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:47 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. **Amendment** to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Amendment to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- B. May 16, 2011 **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 May 16, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:55 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

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

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Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**  
James Prevatte  
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:47 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. **Amendment** to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Amendment to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- B. May 16, 2011 **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 May 16, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:55 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 06, 2011  
6:47 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  
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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:47 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. **Amendment** to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Amendment to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- B. May 16, 2011 **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 May 16, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:55 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, June 06, 2011**

**6:47 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  
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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:47 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. **Amendment** to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Amendment to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- B. May 16, 2011 **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 May 16, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Chairman Byrd:** I have had several people to contact me and they are stating they signed a contract, now they are getting a bill and they don't have the water, and they don't want to take the water. The question has been asked to me, the contract states that they must pay for five (5) years, can they just buy out at the stated amount.

**Kip McClary:** We did not make a buyout provision and the contract does not say five (5) years. The contract (application) that they signed states that they would pay a minimum water bill even if not connected to the system. In January, 2011, when we changed the policy, the policy states that they would remain on the system a minimum of five (5) years and pay a two hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$250.00) dollars disconnect fee.

**Chairman Byrd:** My question is do we have provisions for someone who does not want the water and they are willing to say, I have signed, but I would rather just pay my seven hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$750.000 dollars. Are there any provisions in the policy for this?

**Kip McClary:** We did not make that in the policy. We did not address that in the policy.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** I thought it was a minimum of twenty-five and 00/100 (\$25.00) dollars per month, and that would be more than \$750.00.

**Commissioner Bullard:** That would be one thousand, five hundred and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars for the water bill and two hundred, fifty and 00/100 (\$250.00) dollars disconnect fee, which would equate to one thousand, seven hundred, fifty and 00/100 (\$1,750.000 dollars.

**Kip McClary:** We did not put a buyout provision in the policy.

**Chairman Byrd:** You are going to need to mail out response due to the approximately one hundred (100) customers that are stating they do not want the water. We can not make the mistakes with Water District IV that were made with Water Districts II and III, and I thought that we had really took the necessary steps that would allow for minimum confusion. It looks like we experiencing a little confusion and we need to address this issue.

**Kip McClary:** If you would like, I can report on this at the next Board Meeting.

**Vice Chairman McKenzie:** Didn't we make sure we had enough signups to make this system economically viable?

**William S. Clark:** Here is the issue, and here is the problem. The signup sheet did say that the people would stay on and pay the minimum charge, but our policy does not back up this for the water districts. All of these people signed up before we revised the policy, and we have talked to Mike about this, and this is a legal issue, and it is a financial issue for the County as well. We may have one hundred (100) less customers than we thought we were going to have when we started Water District IV. The signup sheet covers us. The legal issue is that the policy did not cover us until we found the mistake in the policy and we changed it, and the change in the policy was effective on January 01, 2011. That is the situation that we are at now.

**Commissioner Bullard:** Were these one hundred (100) applications made before we changed the

policy?

**Kip McClary:** They are some of the original applications that date back to 2007.

**Commissioner Bullard:** You will have to honor these applications.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** When we first looked at that district, we made sure we had above the number needed, and not just a break-even situation. We said that we don't want to come back and end in the same situation we were in with Water Districts II and III. We exceeded the number that was needed, maybe the sixty-five (65) number, or one hundred sixty-five (165) number, before we agreed to borrow the money. We did not want to have to tax anyone.

**William S. Clark:** You still have five hundred (500) customers, don't you?

**Kip McClary:** Yes sir.

**Chairman Byrd:** I think when Kip brings back a buyout option, and they are really serious about negotiating and doing something, I think we should look at that alternative. At the present time, we should just wait to hear from Kip.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** We don't have a buyout option to Water District II and Water District III and we are hurting there.

**Commissioner McKenzie:** Can you tell us if those five hundred (500) customers will pay for Water District IV?

**Kip McClary:** I can get you those numbers.

**Commissioner Bullard:** How many customers do you have to have in Water District IV for it to be self supportive?

**Kip McClary:** I will bring those numbers to you at the next Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:55 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, June 06, 2011**  
**6:47 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  
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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:47 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. **Amendment** to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Amendment to May 02, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- B. May 16, 2011 **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 May 16, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:55 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**