

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAND USE PLAN WORKSHOP**

Monday, November 21, 2011

5:30 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 a Land Use Plan Workshop on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** (Arrived: 5:33 PM)
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**

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:

Robert Lewis, County Planner
Dale Holland, Holland Consulting

WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 5:33 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the duly scheduled Land Use Plan Workshop to order.

READING of WORKSHOP PROCEDURES:

1. First, the workshop meeting is to inform the Board and permit discussion - no final action is taken; **and**
2. Second, the procedures are less formal than at a regular meeting, but such meetings are part of the decision-making process, deliberations are going on, and therefore, they constitute "official meetings".

PRESENTATION by ROBERT LEWIS and DALE HOLLAND:

Robert Lewis: stated the following:

- This document will be the first of its kind in Columbus County;
- It will serve as a foundation for future growth in the County and several departments will be able to benefit from this plan;
- There is a lot of information and data contained in this plan.

Dale Holland, Holland Consulting Planners: stated the following:

1. I want to thank everyone in the County for their cooperation in helping us obtain all the information we needed in the preparation of this document;
2. This is not a regulatory document, this is an objective document;
3. This is a general concept;
4. This document is painting a picture of the future of Columbus County, and started with the discussion by the Planning Board of a Vision Statement for the County;
5. The Columbus County Comprehensive Land Use Plan consists of the following:
 - A. Vision Statement:
Columbus County will be a community which values and preserves its rich agricultural history and strive to expand and diversify its overall economy while preserving valuable natural assets;
 - B. Plan Purpose / Process -
Plan should be:
-Goals and Objectives
-Continuous Planning Process
-Legal Basis
 - C. Planning Process:
 1. Basic Goals
 2. Study and Analysis
 3. Policy Preparation

4. Implementation
- D. Plan Format:
- Community Profile
 - Environment / Existing Conditions
 - Projections / Future Demand
 - Future Land Use
 - Policies and Implementing Actions
- E. Environment / Existing Conditions Summary:
- Excellent transportation system.
 - Hospital provides foundation for improving local healthcare system.
 - County water system.
 - Complex ecological system.
 - 18,122 acres conservation properties.
 - 218,084 acres prime farmland.
 - 53,449.12 acres natural heritage areas.
 - “Intensive land use” concentrated around municipalities.
 - 210,957 acres of land considered least suitable.
- F. Future Land Use Categories:
1. Local Commercial Services Nodes (LCS)
 - Intensive, efficient, defined concentrations of mixed services.
 2. Regional Commercial Service Nodes (RCS)
 - Key regional transportation access points.
 3. Industrial (I)
 - Mostly within the CSA sector.
 4. Community Service Area (CSA)
 - Area within which most urban services currently concentrated.
 5. Rural / Transitional Community Service Areas (RTCSA)
 - Predominantly rural in character, pockets of residential, lacking infrastructure.
 6. Residential / Agriculture (RA)
 - Historically rural / agricultural but transitioning.
 7. Agricultural / Rural Area (AR)
 - Predominantly rural and low-density residential.
 8. Conservation (CC)
 - Sensitive natural areas.
 9. Airport Height Control Area (AHC)
- G. Policies and Implementing Actions:
- Land Use Compatibility;
 - Natural Environment;
 - Economic Development;
 - Agriculture / Silviculture Development;
 - Community Services and Facilities; **and**
 - Land Use Plan Administration.

WORKSHOP CLOSED:

At 5:55 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Land Use Plan Workshop, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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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 November 21, 2011 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 07, 2011 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for public input. Chairman Byrd requested that Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy for Public Address to the Board. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

1. **Rita May Kissam, 1241 Pine Level Church Road, Nakina, NC:** stated the following:
 - A. I work part time at the Department of Aging;
 - B. I would like to commend Mr. Worley and all those that I work with;
 - C. These are the most knowledgeable people that I have ever worked with; **and**
 - D. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the funding for the new building.
2. **Agrippa Joe Kissam, Jr., 1241 Pine Level Church Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following:
 - A. I am a senior citizen, and I have known Ed Worley for many years;
 - B. I understand that the Senior Citizens Center in this county is one of the largest in the state, and I believe that is due to the foresight and the hard work by Ed Worley;
 - C. It is a needed center in this county because of the needs of the people;
 - D. They need the new building so badly;
 - E. They need changes in the Ensure Department;
 - F. I would like to commend Mr. Worley and all the people for what they have done to get this new building;
 - G. The fellowship at the Department of Aging is just like family; **and**
 - H. I would like to praise everyone for their efforts.
3. **Willie Burns, 107 Diamond Branch School Road, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
 - A. I am a senior citizen and I am here tonight in support of the Department of Aging, and I am a part of it;
 - B. I am mostly here tonight in support of the girls;
 - C. This department meets the needs of several people in my community; **and**
 - D. The senior citizens depend greatly on Mr. Worley.

4. **Wilson Spaulding, 2592 Tom Sessions Road, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
 - A. I am here to read a memo that was given to me to read to the County Commissioners by Jack Miller, who is the Chairman of the Advisory Council at the Department of Aging, and I am a part of that Council, as follows:
“The Columbus County Advisory Council and Friends of the Aging support the great job that Ed Worley has done over the years as the Executive Director. We support that he continue as the Director for now and the future.”
 - B. I would like to say that I have been a member of the Advisory Council for some time, and I know that department is worthwhile;
 - C. I would like to thank you for what you have done; **and**
 - D. The aging in this county and all over the country need someone to love them.

5. **Billy Ward, 74 Main Street, Fair Bluff, NC:** stated the following:
 - A. I am a senior citizen also;
 - B. When a person goes out, they can go out with dignity;
 - C. I would like to see this building come to fruition, and at the same time, I would like to see Mr. Ed Worley cut that ribbon at that particular time;
 - D. I would like for this group to come together and consider what Mr. Ed has done, and being number one in the state; **and**
 - E. Everybody wants to go down with dignity and respect.

Clarification by Chairman Byrd:

- Chairman Byrd stated the following:
1. It seems like everyone here tonight is of the opinion that we are here tonight to make a decision about Mr. Ed tonight;
 2. That is not on the agenda, and that is not even in discussion;
 3. What we are here tonight for is to try and see what we can work out to get the Department of Aging in a profitable situation;
 4. We are not here tonight to discuss Mr. Worley period;
 5. He has done a fine job, and there is no axe here tonight, period, after Mr. Worley,
 6. That is not what we are here tonight for, and that is not where we are going; **and**
 7. We are here tonight to find a workable solution by putting the numbers and figures together, and whatever it takes to get that budget in line.
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6. **Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to speak on the recommendations that are coming before you tonight on the Department of Aging, as a senior citizen, a senior Tarheel, and a member of the Aging Advisory Council;
 - B. When the economy and times get hard, the ones that want to help the people the most are the ones that are stressed the most;
 - C. When the State took the Medicaid burden from the County, we all know that cuts were coming;
 - D. I would like to see you Commissioners, if you would, to have the same compassion with these people that are willing to help other people have, to be able to change some in your line of thought as times are hard;
 - E. The Department of Aging is working itself back into a position where it can break even;
 - F. When times are hard, people demand more because they don't have it, and they are stressing all of us, the VA Chapters, and everybody that is willing to help people that are in trouble;
 - G. I wish the churches in this county had the compassion that the Department of Aging has and the way it runs its business and the Veterans Chapters have and the way it runs its business;
 - H. Those two (2) organizations help people more than ninety (90%) percent of the churches in this county; **and**
 - I. When Social Services and the churches turn people away, they go to the Department of Aging and the Veterans Chapters.

 7. **Robin Schmitt, 135 Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to say thank you for your support of my dad for all the hard work and efforts that he has done for the County;
 - B. I don't want him to be used as a scapegoat for the money that was taken out of his budget to balance the County budget several years ago;

- C. Statements have been made about poor leadership and direction out there, and I think that is beyond what is needed; **and**
- D. I pray that you will make the right decision.
8. **Lester Drew, 178 Conway Road:** stated the following:
- A. I am here in support of the senior citizens of Columbus County;
- B. I am a member of the Home and Community Care Block Grant;
- C. I am in support of the new building;
- D. We just thank you for what you do; **and**
- E. I want to thank Mr. Ed Worley for the job he has done and to show support for him.
9. **Emory Worley, 605 Wildwood Road, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
- A. I am Ed Worley's younger brother;
- B. Mr. Byrd, I appreciate your comments, but in accordance to the article I am looking at in the paper, it sounds we are going to have this issue tonight;
- C. In accordance with the stated opinions in the paper about Ed and how his character is, and what kind of job he has got, and I think that is the wrong thing to do, to go to the paper with personnel decisions;
- D. That is a bad business decision to do that, and I don't know of any good business man that goes out and prints what he is going to do with an employee before he does it;
- E. This destroys the employees' relationship with the supervisor, it plants seeds of doubt and discontent of other employees; **and**
- F. I appreciate you allowing me to speak and I appreciate the job you are doing.
10. **Thomas Benjamin Douglas, 2130 Bella Coola Road:** stated the following:
- A. I am the Columbus County delegate to the Senior Tarheel Legislature, and have been so for almost twenty (20) years;
- B. In 1983, a lot of us met over at Southeastern Community College to find out if we wanted a Senior Center in this County;
- C. Twenty (20) years later, I was still a member of the Advisory Council, but not under the college any more, but under the County Department of Aging;
- D. In 2003, I resigned;
- E. I have just been appointed to the Legislative Task Force on scams and frauds against senior citizens;
- F. Nine (9) years ago, the State established standards for senior centers, and the criteria are very extensive;
- G. The Columbus County Senior Center is among the first five (5) to qualify for a center of excellence; **and**
- H. Only nine (9) centers are state qualified.
11. **Dan Watts, 106 Jones Place, Apt. E, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
- A. I am a newcomer to Whiteville;
- B. I had no family or friends here when I got here;
- C. I got involved with the senior center, and through the connections I made there, I have made this place my home;
- D. I just wanted to let you know that it has real value to the community to see people being helped out there everyday; **and**
- E. I am a volunteer out there and I am proud of it.
12. **Gene F. McNeil, 736 Cemetery Road:** stated the following:
- A. I am in support of the recommendation of supporting Mr. Ed Worley; **and**
- B. I am in favor of leaving the Voter Identification Resolution alone, don't bother it.
13. **Reverend Richard A. Wilson, 14833 Sam Potts Highway, Bolton, NC:** stated the following:
- A. I stand before you tonight in support of the Department of Aging;
- B. I stand as the Chairman of the Home and Community Care Block Grant Board;
- C. When I completed my military service, I located in New York and was able to manage large grocery stores, and ran into many problems;
- D. When things are broken, they can be fixed, and there is always a way to find an answer;
- E. When I relocated down here from New York, I worked with the Department of Aging by doing Meals on Wheels and providing transportation to the hospital for

- those in need;
- F. We need to work together to see how we can help each other;
- G. We have to have unity and love, and that is the way we can get things done; **and**
- H. I love Mr. Worley.
14. **Dianne Turner Hewitt, 3219 Andrew Jackson Highway, S.W.:** stated the following:
- A. I work with the Department of Aging, and I have no complaints with Mr. Worley;
- B. I was wondering if you have made any decision about bringing someone in because the aides were having complaints because everything was getting taken away from us, and the office workers were not getting anything taken away from them;
- C. I am willing to pay my part, but I want everyone else to do it also; **and**
- D. The cuts need to be across the board.
15. **Debra Hollingsworth, 220 Choppin Street:** stated the following:
1. I am a CNA at the Department of Aging;
 2. My point tonight is that I am very disgusted with the recommendations that have been made with the cuts that you are going to make as far as the CNA's, as far as the eight (8%) percent that you are going to cut with us, and the furloughs that you are going to put into place;
 3. I don't think any of this is right;
 4. I think you Commissioners need to go back and discuss something and get it right because I don't feel like we should take responsibility for stuff that has been in the past;
 5. As a CNA, I have lost from day one, from the day that I walked into the Department of Aging and started working, I have lost;
 6. I have lost time, I have lost pension, I have lost everything that the County offers to the County employees, the CNA's have lost everything;
 7. You still want to take from the CNA's, regardless of what has already been taken away from us;
 8. I have been here fifteen (15) years, are you going to give me my pension that I am already due for those fifteen (15) years, that I should have got when I walked through the door at the Department of Aging?;
 9. I feel like we are entitled to whatever the County gives anybody else;
 10. We are the only group of people that works for the County that doesn't get the benefits that the County gets, and I don't think that is right;
 11. We deserve the benefits of the County;
 12. We are out here working trying to make the County a better place;
 13. I agree with the Senior Centers, and I am glad they are here, but you also got to think about the people that are at home, they need us, they can't make it to the centers, so what about them?;
 14. The County needs to do right by everybody, not only certain ones;
 15. The referenced \$1.5 million you took, we made that \$1.5 million, take it and do whatever needs to be done with it, and take it and pay the people that you need to do the work;
 16. We are the ones that is going to have to work with the County, and what are you going to do without us out there doing the work, what is the County going to do?;
 17. You can't fund these centers, you can't do anything without us out there working, so make us what we are, give us what we are due;
 18. We are not asking you to do anything that you shouldn't do;
 19. I want my pension, I worked fifteen (15) years for that, I want it, I want my 401K, I want whatever the County is offering
 20. You should not take that from us, we may not be able to work another 1,000 hours a year;
 21. I lost two (2) clients this week right here, both of them passed;
 22. The next year does not promise that I can work another 1,000 hours a year;
 23. I have not even worked a full week since my clients passed, so is that promising that you can give me another fifteen (15) years at the Department of Aging?;
 24. I feel that we need to get what is due to us.

INTRODUCTION of HIGHWAY PAROL FIRST SERGEANT:

I would like to introduce our First Sergeant with the Highway Patrol, Tony Parish. I am requesting that you stand so everyone can see you.

Mr. Parish stated the following:

1. I am the First Sergeant here in Columbus County;
2. I wanted you to put a name with a face;
3. I transferred here October 03, 2011;
4. I requested to come here, I want to be here, and I plan to retire here;
5. I was on patrol for twenty-one (21) years in Robeson County, so I am very close to home;
6. If you need me, give me a call.

Item #6: SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION to MERGE THE BEACON CENTER, EASTPOINTE, and SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES:

Kathy Baker, Southeastern Regional Mental Health, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution to Merge The Beacon Center, Eastpointe, and Southeastern Regional Local Management Entities:

**RESOLUTION TO MERGE THE BEACON CENTER, EASTPOINTE, AND
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES
Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) is proceeding with State-wide restructuring of the management responsibilities for the delivery of services for individuals with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance abuse disorders through expansion and implementation of the 1915(b)© Medicaid Waiver by July 1, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2011, Eastpointe Human Services (referred to as "Eastpointe"), with the support of The Beacon Center, and Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (referred to as "Southeastern Regional"), was selected to participate in the 1915(b)© Medicaid Waiver; and,

WHEREAS, The Beacon Center, Eastpointe, and Southeastern Regional Local Management Entities, have partnered together for several years, with each having the same commitment to accountability for the development and management of a local system that ensures easy access to care, the availability and delivery of necessary services, and continuity of care for consumers in need of mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Medical Assistance, after performing cost studies, has determined that to operate a Medicaid 1915(b)© Waiver efficiently, a Local Management Entity must have a minimum Medicaid population of at least 70,000 individuals and a total population of at least 500,000, and the Division therefore recommends that local management entities having populations less than these should collaborate or merge with one or more other local management entities in order to achieve the required Medicaid population base; and,

WHEREAS, The Beacon Center, Eastpointe and Southeastern Regional Local Management Entities, in order to meet the above-stated population requirements, and considering their geographical locations and similarities of demographics and cultural makeup, have determined that it is appropriate and will be beneficial to be merged with each other. The combined catchment of Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Lenoir, Nash, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne and Wilson Counties will have approximately 178,000 Medicaid lives and a population base of approximately 806,000; and,

WHEREAS, the three Local Management Entities and their respective governing Boards of Commissioners recognize that in order to be prepared for the Medicaid Waiver implementation date of January 1, 2013, they will need to merge no later than October 1, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses the three Local Management Entities' efforts to participate in a merger into one Local Management Entity, Eastpointe.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of November, 2011.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Prevatte stated the following:

1. This is the document that I have been talking about over the last two (2) months;

2. We agreed months ago to go through this process;
3. The State mandated that we would cut the number of LME's from twenty-five (25) down to around ten (10) or twelve (12);
4. We have been talking to East Pointe about merger for the last six (6) or eight (8) months;
5. The Board of Southeastern Regional Mental Health has approved this same resolution that you have before you, and I am asking that you approve this resolution; **and**
6. All the Boards of County Commissioners in the other counties will be asked to approve the same resolution.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution to Merge The Beacon Center, Eastpointe, and Southeastern Regional Local Management Entities, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL of LOW BID, NOTICE of AWARD, NOTICE to PROCEED and CONTRACT for LANDFILL GAS PROJECT:

Marilyn Meares, Grant Administrator, and Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the low bid, the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and the Contract for the Landfill Gas Project.

Mr. McClary stated the following:

1. As your will recall, the Landfill Gas Grant Project, Phase I, which is to install the collection system and the flare system out at the Landfill;
2. Marilyn Meares and myself worked together to write the specifications and sent the greenhouse information out for bid;
3. We received one (1) bid on the building, and we think it is due to the fact that there is not that many greenhouse installers close enough by to be interested in the project;
4. We did receive the one (1) bid which was over budget, at \$205,484.52, based on the specifications that were written;
5. We did talk with our County Attorney and the State Energy Office to see if we could negotiate on that bid, and we were allowed to negotiate with the bidder; **and**
6. We have made some cuts, downsized the building and are now in the process of presenting to you tonight for acceptance of the negotiated bid price, notice of award, notice to proceed, and the contract.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the low bid, the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and the Contract for the Landfill Gas Project, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. The fact that only one (1) bid was received;
2. Places of advertisement being the State site, the local paper and the Wilmington paper;
3. The multiple landfill gas projects in process due to the State Energy Grant;
4. The size of the project and the time element involved;
5. If B. J. Williams out of Clinton had been contacted;
6. Whether the deadline would allow the project to be re-bid;
7. The size of the building being 96' x 44', two (2) bay structure;
8. The building covered with plastic, and comes with the boiler system which is needed to heat the hydro phonic heating system that goes inside, is designed to work off of methane gas;
9. The price for the size of the greenhouse being high;
10. The boiler system alone is \$53,857.00, which runs on methane gas;
11. Greenhouse will be complete with alternative heat source;
12. The style of the greenhouse will allow additions if needed;
13. The actual cost of the greenhouse itself is \$40,000.00;
14. The bid price includes shade clothes, ventilation, etc.;
15. If the walls need to ten (10') feet;
16. Having enough time to re-bid;
17. Needs to totally finished by the end of February, 2012; **and**
18. You need a commitment by the end of December, 2011, and the funds need to be obligated.

Commissioner Russ withdrew his motion and Vice Chairman McKenzie withdrew his second.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to table this Agenda Item until December 05, 2011,

second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: AGING - APPROVAL ADDITIONAL \$21,850.00 HOME and COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS:

Ed Worley, Director of Aging, requested Board approval of \$21,850.00 of additional funding with a ten (10%) percent County match of \$2,428.00, for the Home and Care Community Care Block Grant.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the \$21,850.00 of additional funding with a ten (10%) percent County match of \$2,428.00, for the Home and Care Community Care Block Grant, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: AGING - UPDATE:

Ed Worley, Director of Aging, and William S. Clark County Manager, delivered the following update on the Columbus County Department of Aging.

Ed Worley stated the following:

1. With the construction of the new building, we are having to move our exercise equipment out of the double wide trailer, and we have contacted Jesse Fisher, J.L. Powell and Company, here in Whiteville, and he has a building;
2. This building can be rented for \$500.00 per month; **and**
3. This afternoon at 3:00 P.M., the twenty-eight (28) member Advisory Board met, and they have approved to pay the \$500.00 per month, for six (6) months for the rent of this building.

Commissioner Prevatte: Where will the utilities be paid from?

Ed Worley: We will have to pay them.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the rental of the building with the following Agreement, from Jesse C. Fisher, Jr., J.L. Powell and Company, at the rate of \$500.00 per month, to be paid by the Aging Advisory Council for six (6) months, second by Commissioner Russ.

AGREEMENT

This agreement is between JL Powell & Co., Lessor, located at 600 South Madison Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472 and Columbus County Department of Aging, Lessee, located at 827 Washington Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

This agreement is effective _____ and will remain in effect for an interminable time.

Lessor leases Lessee the building at 617 South Madison Street for space for an exercising program to be to operated by the Department of Aging.

Lessor will be responsible for roof and exterior walls. Lessee will be responsible for the interior. Lessor agrees to pay taxes and insurance on the building. Lessee agrees to carry liability insurance on its operations.

Lessee will pay utilities including water, sewer and electricity. Lessor will be responsible for any repairs to air condition exceeding \$300.00

As rent Lessee agrees to pay \$500.00 a month due on the 1st of each month and payable by the 10th.

LESSEE	LESSOR
_____ Ed Worley	_____ Jesse C. Fisher, Jr.
WITNESS	WITNESS
_____	_____

Discussion:

Commissioner Prevatte: It appears that we will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep until

it reaches a certain threshold. Is that correct? On air conditioning, the amount will have to exceed \$300.00.

William S. Clark, County Manager: That needs to come out.

Commissioner Bullard: Could we use the existing Senior Centers temporarily in lieu of renting?

Ed Worley: We have much more equipment and start at 7:00 A.M.

Mike Stephens, County Attorney: The sentence reading "Lessor will be responsible for any repairs to air condition exceeding \$300.00."

Commissioner Prevatte: Legally, does Mr. Clark have the authority to sign this Agreement?

Mike Stephens: After Board approval, either Mr. Clark or Ed Worley can sign the Agreement.

Amended Motion:

Commissioner Norris amended his motion to approve the rental of the building from Jesse C. Fisher, Jr., J.L. Powell and Company, at the rate of \$500.00 per month, to be paid by the Aging Advisory Council for six (6) months, with the deletion of the sentence reading "Lessor will be responsible for any repairs to air condition exceeding \$300.00", and William S. Clark, County Manager, to sign the Agreement. Commissioner Russ amended his motion.

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

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

NAYS: Commissioner Prevatte.

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

Additional Discussion:

William S. Clark: stated the following:

1. The Proposed Budget that is in the Board Packet balances the budget for the remainder of this year;
2. It includes across the board cuts and also includes a county appropriation of \$277,000.00 to help the situation out of our General Fund which included \$105,000.00 previously approved for the Senior Centers and an additional \$112,000.00; **and**
3. The Department of Aging was paying the County for the Workers Comp premium, and we took that out.

Commissioner Prevatte: Mr. Clark, I would like for you to tell everybody what this involves because our Board Packet really did not say. Your e-mail did say. **(Clerk did not receive copy of e-mail.)** I am sure that everybody understands what is involved.

William S. Clark: the cuts that were included in the revised budget are as follows:

- Fifteen (15) hours furlough for all full-time Department of Aging employees throughout the entire Department of Aging;
- Eight (8%) percent cut for the aids in the Medicaid In-Home Service; **and**
- The additional amount from the County to make up the difference.

Commissioner Bullard: Explain to me the furlough, Mr. Clark.

William S. Clark: The furlough would be two (2) days a month they would take off without pay from now until the end of June, 2012.

Chairman Byrd: Mr. Clark, that eight (8%) percent for aids, who else is taking cuts?

William S. Clark: Everybody is taking a cut, but the aids are taking an eight (8%) percent cut in their salary, and the other people are taking a cut through the furlough.

Ed Worley: The furlough days will equal to about nine (9%) percent.

Chairman Byrd: You also said we would be picking up what if they work over one thousand (1,000) hours?

William S. Clark: If they work over one thousand (1,000) hours, the County needs to pay for their retirement, and of course, they have to help with that too. There is a County contribution and there is also a contribution from the employee if they work over one thousand (1,000) hours.

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. Mr. Emory, I did not see that newspaper article you referenced, and you can believe that I did not say anything relative to personnel;
2. There is a solution to the financial problem at the Department of Aging;

3. What is being proposed is a band aid on a gunshot because you are going to face the same thing next year;
4. We, the County, went in the hole \$500,000+ this past year, and now we are going to add \$200,000.00 more to it, so you are coming up with over than \$750,000.00 in two years;
5. This is a temporary fix, and we need to find a permanent fix;
6. I want to address what Ms. Robin said too, because I was on the Board at the time, and the Finance Officer and I have had this conversation too;
7. We did not take \$1.5 million from the Department of Aging to balance the County Budget from what she told me; **and**
8. We do not need to rush into something and put a temporary band aid on the problem.

Chairman Byrd: Ms. Bobbie, I would like to know myself because I have been asked the question several times. There has been mention about we took money since I came on the Board. What is the deal about the money that was taken from the Department of Aging, where did it go, and what was it used for? I would like to know.

Bobbie Faircloth: The money was not actually taken from the Department of Aging by the County. The money was actually lost due to billing errors, the State system going down, stuff not being re-billed because of the time frame, I guess, I am not for sure. The County did not take the \$1.5 million from the Department of Aging. I have set down with Amanda Jernigan, Deputy Director of Aging, and we went over the books, and this happened about 2004 or 2005.

Amanda Jernigan: When we finally went through the books, the money was used for the Department of Aging where it was needed.

Ed Worley: I keep a record out there. My fund balance had got up to \$1,459,000.00. I was told this by Leo Hunt who was here during that time, and then I was told later by Leo Hunt who was the Finance Officer, he said I had to take that money to balance the County Budget with, and it was about twelve (12) weeks after that, I found that I did not have zero. I don't know where the discrepancy is, but I was telling you what he told me. My money got gone.

Bobbie Faircloth: I understand what he is saying. Me and Amanda did set down and go through the books, we went year by year, and the \$1.5 million he had in Fund Balance was taken that year to balance his account balances. Not for the County, but balance the programs there.

Commissioner Bullard: Mr. Ed, down here on the budget we received, the home delivery meals, \$118,000, how much of that is grant, and how much of that is County match?

Ed Worley: That is a ten (10%) percent match, due to the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Commissioner Bullard: The transportation amount, how much of that is County money?

Ed Worley: The same amount.

Commissioner Bullard: We come up short on nutrition program every year.

Pat Harrelson: I keep a close count on these meals and try to keep it down as much as I can.

Commissioner Prevatte: On the budget that I have been given, it shows they are projecting \$288,000.00 in revenue on that program, and \$437,000.00 on expenses, so a loss of \$148,000.00. Is that right Ms. Amanda.

Amanda Jernigan: What it is, the expenses outweigh the revenues because of the grants. We don't get enough grant money in to cover all the expenses. In the past, the Medicaid programs would help supplement our senior programs.

Commissioner Prevatte: So, you are going to be short \$148,000.00?

Amanda Jernigan: Right.

Commissioner Bullard: So, it is costing more than ten (10%) percent to do the meals?

Amanda Jernigan: Yes.

Commissioner Bullard: That is what I was trying to find out. How much of the nutrition program does the County pay for?

Amanda Jernigan: I don't know the exact amount. The \$13,628.00 for Congregate meals is what the County gives us, and home delivery is \$8,495.00. Pat is on target with her units. There is not enough revenue in the budget to cover the line item.

Commissioner Bullard: When we are doing things that are not self supportive, we are saying we are spending ten (10%) percent, and we are spending more, that is the problem. We need to get control of the situation, and know exactly what everything is costing.

Amanda Jernigan: With any of your senior programs that is through the Home and Community Care Block Grant, there is not enough of funds given to us to even run the senior programs without asking for help. Either the money comes from the County or they come from Medicaid Funds. The Medicaid Funds we have now will not cover these expenses.

Commissioner Bullard: This table shows a balanced budget for next year, and if we are losing money on nutrition, it is not going to be a balanced budget.

William S. Clark: This is until the end of this year.

Commissioner McDowell: This question is aimed at three (3) people, Mr. Clark, Ms. Amanda and Mr. Ed. Is this the best budget that we could come up to present to us. A simple answer, yes or no.

Amanda Jernigan: It is a balanced budget. I cut people's salary twenty-two (22%) percent, and cut the aides back to \$8.00 and \$9.00., and nobody seem to think that was fair. I tried to come up with a situation that everybody could halfway agree with. Basically, with the fifteen (15) hours furlough, the full-time employees are taking a nine (9%) percent pay cut.

Commissioner McDowell: Thank you for that answer because that is my point. There is nothing we can do to satisfy everyone in here. We have to, as Mr. Prevatte said, to put a band aid on a gunshot wound, but we have to stop the bleeding somewhere at some time, and because of that, I am aware that we lose money on certain programs. I am also aware that our senior centers are funded at \$350,000.000 per year. If we come up \$112,000.00 short, then we are still funding our senior centers at the rate of over \$200,000.00, and keeping everyone in a job as best we can. Therefore, I make a motion that we accept this proposal.

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept Mr. Clark's recommendation, second by Commissioner Russ.

Commissioner Russ: stated the following:

1. Through conversation with some of the staff members at the Department of Aging, most of the staff are proud to have a job;
2. I stated to them that these were tough economic times, and most places of employment were experiencing cut backs in some ways; **and**
3. I asked them to please be patient and given time, things may improve.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I have a question. Debra Hollingsworth, would you come to the podium, please? You have stated that you have lost a lot, and I would like to know, and I want these Commissioners, and I want the citizens of Columbus County to know exactly what you have lost.

Debra Hollingworth: I feel that when I first started working for the Department of Aging, and I was considered to be a contract worker which the County knows that we were not contract workers, and the reason we were called contract workers is so that we were not to get no benefits that the County offers which was our healthcare, our health insurance, longevity pay, the twelve (12) holidays that the County gets which we were only getting seven (7), our sick days, we did not receive any of those. We didn't receive any of the full benefits that the County offers knowing that we were County employees. I work thirty-nine (39) hours a week. Sometimes when I first started working, I worked a full forty (40) hours a week. Working more time than what the County requires the County employees to work which is thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours a week. I feel that I, not only I, everybody at the Department of Aging should have gotten what was due to them being that we go out here and work for the County. I feel like why should you discriminate against us that we are CNA's. We are doing what we love to do, and we are doing it for the people. We are doing it for us too, because we love our jobs, but in order to do this job, you got to love the people that you are working for, and you got to love what you do. But, I don't understand what has happened but it is like it happened to us from the start, when we started working. This contract, when I first started working for the Department of Aging in 1998, I signed no contract. In 2000, sometime in 2000, this contract come up, and the point was to say that we would get our benefits. When I went in there in 2000, the County Government offered those benefits to everybody that worked for the County. When we went in the door, thirty (30) days after we started working, we should have gotten those benefits which we did not get. I feel like the County has just taken away. If you mean you are taking away my pride, you are taking away my livelihood, you are taking away my 401K that I worked fifteen (15) years for. You are taking it away. Then, some people have worked twenty (20) years or more, you are taking it away. People that have retired from the Department of Aging, what can you do to give it back to them. What are you going to do? You are still taking, You still want to take, but you are not giving us anything that you have already taken from us. I mean it might not hurt you because it is not you. But, I have a family, I have a husband that is sick with cancer but I work my tail off for the Department of Aging and my family, and Mr. Worley can sit there and tell you, I don't care where these people sent me when I work for the Department of Aging, I went. I went when they needed me, and I was always there. I worked in homes that didn't even have a bathroom in it. I had to get out and go to a neighbor's house and ask to use the bathroom for the Department of Aging. I have worked like a dog for the Department of Aging and

myself, but this is all the appreciation that I have gotten from them. That they want to take from us, and continue to take from us. What kind of County does this? Do you want to say that Columbus County does this to their people, to their workers? I mean, where is your God at? Do you have a heart? What kind of God do you people serve? I serve one in good times, sick times and both, and whatever you'll do to me, it is going to come back on you. It might not be today. I just lost two (2) clients, two (2) of them. Tomorrow is not promised to me, and it is not promised to you. You better do right by people now, because it is going to come back to haunt you, and it might not be good when it comes back to you.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: Debra, I understand, but my question was, you said you lost something, you said something else promised to you that you had lost.

Debra Hollingsworth: I was, I was.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I want to hear this right now because if this County owes you anything, I want to make sure that we understand that.

Debra Hollingsworth: The County owes us. The County owes all the CNA's that have worked there full time.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: Based as what was promised now. What was promised.

Debra Hollingsworth: It should have been promised. Why would they discriminate against us CNA's. Could you tell me any other person that works for Columbus County that does not get their full benefits?

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I understand that part, but what I was asking is - you are talking about your benefits. Those things you have not been receiving, and you have worked for us thirteen (13) years.

Debra Hollingsworth: Exactly. Almost fifteen (15) years, and I have not received that, none of it.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I understand that because you were a contract worker, you were not eligible for these benefits.

Debra Hollingsworth: A contract worker. That is what they called me, a contract worker so that I could not get those benefits. That is why they called me a contract worker so I could not get those benefits knowing within their hearts, and within the law, that I was not a contract worker.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: With all that, of course we can't erase the past. As we move forward, what does Debra feel that would fair as far as you and the group are concerned? What would you consider fair?

Debra Hollingsworth: I feel that what would be fair, if I work for Columbus County, that I am due what Columbus County gives their employees. When I receive my W-2 Form, it didn't say that Mr. Worley was my boss. It said Columbus County, County of Columbus was my employer. It had me with an ID number as an employee. Everything that I received from Columbus County was I was an employee. I feel like I need to be treated as an employee, what the employees get, I need to get.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: So you are saying you want the same benefits.

Debra Hollingsworth: I want the same benefits. If I get out here and do my job to the best of my knowledge, just like the rest of them do, I want what is due to me.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: Okay. You know better. The only problem we have with that is that we certainly were not set up for that. That particular group of employees work as sort of special employees. We call them special employees.

Debra Hollingsworth: I am not a special employee. I am an employee.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: Okay, you are a County employee.

Debra Hollingsworth: I am a County employee, and I want my rights. Because you all have robbed us of our rights.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: You know that some things are just not practical. You just can't get but so much.

Debra Hollingsworth: I know, but why try to cover up things?

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I am not trying to cover up anything. If anything is covered up, we need to open them up.

Debra Hollingsworth: That's the whole thing. Everything has been covered up. You wanted to call us contract workers. Then you wanted to call us an independent contract worker. Everything you are coming up with to keep from just saying that we are a County employee. You know what, I can not make a decision and I can't tell you'll what to do, but you can't make up for what you already did to us. I mean you're done with that. The County has done a lot to us already, and they need to fix it, you know.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: We appreciate what you have done.

Debra Hollingsworth: Okay. Well, show me.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: We got to resolve this problem. Everybody is not going to be satisfied.

Debra Hollingsworth: And I understand that, too.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: We got to make it right. Any time there is a wrong done, it has to be

made right. So we got to fix it. If there is something that we can come to a mutual agreement, some kind of an agreement.

Debra Hollingworth: Well, why don't you bring the aids together? Bring us together and hear what the people have to say. Every time you have a meeting, or whatever, the only one (1) meeting we had together and that was with Mr. Worley. He got the aides together and we did not agree on what was said. You know, right then, he told us we had a choice. When we went to that meeting, we had a choice that day. We had three (3) choices. But we come here, we had one (1) choice, and that was the choice that he come up for. We didn't have a choice. So right now, do we have a choice? Who talked for the CNA's?

Vice Chairman McKenzie: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask my colleagues here if we would meet with these aides before we make our final decision.

Debra Hollingsworth: We have a lot of people working in homes for the Department of Aging that have had their retirement thrown away. We have a lot of elderly people that is working with the Department of Aging that have had their retirement throwed away. Those people are not able to work the hours that I might can work or another person can work. Those people are old and ready to go home, and they are going to have to go home with no retirement, no 401K plan. We can't afford to go to the doctor because it costs so much to go. We can't pay \$200 or \$300 to go to the doctor, but we are in the field and we are scheduled to get sick any time, going from home to home. We don't know kind of environment we are going in. But we get sick out there, but we can't afford to go to the doctor if we get sick, and we stay home, we are not going to get paid. We don't have any sick days, we are not going to get paid. We were made to take our vacation days ahead of time, which I think that was wrong. I was made to take my vacation days, I could have been with my client, I could have been working. So, when I was made to take vacation days, and you don't have nobody there to work with my client, the County loses money. So, they didn't care about that.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I do think if we have this meeting, and we can work out a resolution, not disregarding anything that was discussed here today, taking all matters under consideration, that we can reach a mutual agreement.

Commissioner McDowell: I understand. If it can be done in a timely manner. I think the issue has just become worse and worse. By just a nod of the head, how many are willing to meet with the aides?

(The majority of the Board members displayed a nod of the head.)

Then I withdraw my motion.

Chairman Byrd: Then we will need to recess this meeting, and not adjourn this meeting.

(Discussion was conducted among the Board members as to a date for the meeting.)

Commissioner McDowell: That is going to be the problem, which means that if we are not careful, it will be another two (2) months before we actually deal with this issue, incurring additional costs. If I can not get a consensus that we can meet and they can meet very shortly, then I will not withdraw my motion.

Debra Hollingworth: They can make it possible. The co-ordinators can call the aides and we can meet.

Commissioner McDowell: I think the problem lies here.

(Additional discussion was conducted relative to a date for the meeting with the in-home aides.)

Commissioner McDowell: That is my concern, therefore, I do not withdraw my motion. Let's vote.

Debra Hollingsworth and additional voices from audience: That's a bunch of crap, that's a bunch of crap. It is on you all, but we are willing

Commissioner McDowell: There is nothing to say, Ms. Hollingworth, that once we vote on this that we can not still meet and remedy the problem for the future. I am all in favor of that, I am all in favor of that. But we relieve the time line if we go ahead and vote regardless of what the vote is. Do you understand where I am coming from? We are trying to stop the bleeding.

Debra Hollingworth: I understand what you are trying to do. The only thing I ask is if you could meet.

Commissioner McDowell: I give you my word that I will meet with you or anyone, at your convenience. I give you my word.. I will meet with anyone.

Chairman Byrd: What you are also saying is that we can vote tonight, we can meet. Then if we need to come back and make adjustments, we can make them.

Commissioner McDowell: That's right, yes. We need to move forward.

Chairman Byrd: I have a motion and I have a second. I am going to have to call it for a vote.

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

AYES: Chairman Byrd, Commissioners Russ and McDowell; **and**

NAYS: Vice Chairman McKenzie, Commissioners Prevatte, Norris and Bullard.

The motion fails on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members and the CNA's, the general consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting on Monday, November 28, 2011, at 6:30 P.M., in the Commissioners Chambers.

- Agenda Item #10: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL of the FOLLOWING:**
- A. APPROVAL of REVISED RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES for ACME - DELCO FIRE DISTRICT;**
 - B. APPROVAL of REVISED MAP of ACME -DELCO DISTRICT DUE to NAME CHANGE; and**
 - C. APPROVAL of REVISED RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES for BOLTON FIRE DISTRICT.**

Jeremy Jernigan, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of the following Revised Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries for Acme - Delco Fire District, the Revised Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries for Bolton Fire District and the map of Acme-Delco District due to a name change.

**REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES for
ACME - DELCO FIRE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the 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 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 annexations 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 the Acme-Delco 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 Acme-Delco Fire District included of current or future municipal town limits of Sandyfield and as represented in the GIS produced map certified by the County fire Marshal referenced in Exhibit A.

Adopted the 21st day of November, 2011.

/s/ GILES E. BYRD, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners
/s/ JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to the Board

**REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
for BOLTON FIRE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the 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 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 annexations 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 the Bolton 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 Fire District included of current or future municipal town limits of Sandyfield and as represented in the GIS produced map certified by the County fire Marshal referenced in Exhibit A.

Adopted the 21st day of November, 2011.

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Revised Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries for Acme - Delco Fire District, the Revised Columbus Country Board of Commissioners Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries for Bolton Fire District and the map of Acme-Delco District due to a name change, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the maps will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #11: RECREATION - APPROVAL of RECREATION MINI-GRANT APPLICATION:

Julie Strickland, Recreation Director, requested Board approval of the Recreation Mini-Grant Application for the \$25,000.00 approved by the Board for the purpose to aid rural youth sports organizations with program expenses.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Recreation Mini-Grant Application, as presented, second by Commissioner McDowell.

Commissioner Bullard made a recommendation that this \$25,000.00 be used to help solve the problem at the Department of Aging.

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

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

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote. A copy will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #12: SOCIAL SERVICES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

JoAnn Stephens, Acting Social Services Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

1. We will have new guidelines, effective December 01, 2011, for the Low Energy Assistance Program;
2. In the past, we took applications for that program the first two (2) weeks in November, and then the clients would receive their checks in February;
3. This year, the government has a target group, and all applications that are taken, which will be effective December 01, 2011 until, January 31, 2012, the clients will no longer receive the check, but the check will be sent directly to the vendor to pay the light bill, whatever their heating source is;
4. The target rule is you must be sixty (60) years of age or older;
5. If you are under the age of sixty (60), you must have someone in your household that is disabled, receiving SSI or Social Security;
6. If anyone applies and does not meet the stated qualifications, then they will be denied;

7. This transition did not take place at the local DSS, it is a Federal guideline;
8. In Medicaid, there are a couple of changes - no longer pay for eye exams and will affect some of the supplies they have paying for in the past;
9. Food and Nutrition Program - has increased in recipients, we have 6,000+ receiving food and nutrition and that number has gone up practically every month since last October. Runs over \$1 million for this County.;
10. Family and Children Medicaid Program - we have over 9,000 people receiving Medicaid;
11. Adult Medicaid - we have over 5,700 recipients;
12. All across the State of North Carolina, we are gearing up for a program called NC Fast, which is a web-based program where the applications will be taken on line and even the people out in the community can do the application on line and submit it directly to the local DSS, and they are doing this in phases;
13. Our County will be going on line with this particular web-based program in February, 2011, and we have a meeting on November 30, 2011, at our DSS;
14. We have four (4) individuals that are gearing up for training in January, 2011, and they have to be gone for five (5) days;
15. This will begin with the Food and Nutrition Program, and is mandatory;
16. Funds have been cut tremendously, we only have \$111,000.00 for our Low Income Energy Assistance Program, the checks will be anywhere from \$200.00 to \$400.00;
17. We have our Crisis Intervention Program and that will bring money back into the County, and we have awarded almost \$500,000.00 for that program;
18. Our Foster Care Luncheon for our Foster Care children will be held in the month of December, and we have a tree at the office with the names of the children on it;
19. Presently we have seven (7) vacancies that began in August, 2011;
20. We have been working closely with the Department of Aging in trying to gear up for our Crisis Intervention Program and our Low Income Assistance Program, and we will be taking applications December 1, 2011, at the Bug Hill Center in Nakina, Fair Bluff Senior Center in Fair Bluff, Tabor City Senior Center in Tabor City, Ransom Senior Center in Riegelwood, and also applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services;
21. We have been working with the Sheriff's Department to see what they can do to help us with the crowd control; **and**
22. I would like to thank our Attorney, Terri Martin, for all the help she renders to us.

Agenda Item #13: MAINTENANCE - APPROVAL NATURAL GAS COMMERCIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, requested Board approval to do business with Piedmont Natural Gas.

Mr. Soles stated the following:

1. We would like to start doing business with Piedmont Natural Gas;
2. They have run natural gas lines through town going to the hospital;
3. We would like to benefit from that mainly at our jail and Board of Elections; **and**
4. This will cut down on the energy bill tremendously.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve doing business with Piedmont Natural Gas, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: MAINTENANCE - APPROVAL of LOW BID CONTRACT on PARKING LOT PAVEMENT at DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, requested Board approval of the award to the low bidder on the parking lot pavement at the District Attorney's Office, from the following Bid Tabulation Sheet.

**Bid Tabulation Sheet
for Smith Street Parking Lot**

COMPANY	BID AMOUNT
Horne and Son Construction, Inc.	\$71,000
Barnes Paving Company, Inc.	\$75,000
Barnhill Contracting Company	\$135,000

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the award of the low bid on the parking lot pavement at the District Attorney's Office, at the cost of seventy-one thousand and 00/100 (\$71,000.00) dollars, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: PUBLIC UTILITIES - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION SUPPORTING an AGREEMENT with the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES to ADDRESS POTABLE WATER SUPPLY:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Supporting an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Address Potable Water Supply.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

SUPPORTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADDRESS POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

WHEREAS, counties proximate to the coast need to address potable water supply sources and storage, given anticipated demands on Cape Fear River water and ongoing saline intrusion into aquifers; **and**

WHEREAS, regional water supply planning can best address the needs of the Counties of New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Bladen, Columbus and the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority and Cape Fear Public Utility Authority; **and**

WHEREAS, the local maximum safe withdrawal from the Cape Fear River at Lock and Dam No 1 is 20% of the 7Q10 or 106 MGD and this allocation is shared equally between the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority and the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority; **and**

WHEREAS, projections for demand indicate that the region's needs approach the maximum safe allocation within 30 years with no provision for storage or suitable safety factor for increased upstream demands, unanticipated regional demand, depletion of local aquifer resources, prolonged drought, or increased environmental base flow requirements; **and**

WHEREAS, The General Assembly in Session Law 2011-374 authorizes the State to work with localities and water authorities to identify water needs and sources, plan and budget for proposed new water supply projects, and apply for governmental permits for appropriate regional water supplies; **and**

WHEREAS, Session Law 2011-374 permits units of local government to contract with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to conduct feasibility studies addressing long-term water supply needs and to plan and provide analysis of alternatives and technical assistance in apply for permits; **and**

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority along with the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority will be required to reimburse the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the cost of all analysis as outlined and agreed upon by contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners supports those efforts by the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority, Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, and the State of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to begin the process to insure that our region will have a sustainable water supply for the future.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of November, 2011.

COLUMBUS COUNTY

/s/ **GILES E. (BUDDY) BYRD, Chairman**

ATTEST:

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

Mr. McClary stated the following:

1. The Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer has been working to establish a regional plan for providing surface water as part of the Cape Fear River Basin;
2. They are requesting that Columbus County join in with a Resolution of Support along with New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender and Bladen Counties and show our support for the development of this Cape Fear River Watershed Basin; **and**
3. In the initial plan, there is a potential for a dam to be constructed along the Cape Fear River which will back water up into the Cape Fear River Basin and create a surface water supply

area that could be utilized by ourselves and other counties in providing quality water.

Don Betz, Executive Director, Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, stated the following:

1. I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Norris who is the longest serving member on our Board of Directors;
2. This is a non-cost item for the County that we are asking all of our member governments to support this effort;
3. This was created by House Bill 609 which allows the State of North Carolina to work with units of local government to study local supply plans;
4. The Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, in joint operation with the Cape Fear Public Facility Authority, which is our largest customer, are jointly going to pay for this feasibility study that will be conducted by the State of North Carolina;
5. This will be a two (2) year study that will look at the impoundments and other mechanisms as far as the water supply;
6. At the end of the river, we are looking at a sustainable water supply as far as 20-30-40 years from now; **and**
7. We thank you for your previous support.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Supporting an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Address Potable Water Supply, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Betz stated they would coordinate with Mr. Clark and schedule a personal tour of the new water treatment plant in the next sixty (60) days.

Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION - BOARD APPROVAL and ADOPTION of LEGISLATIVE REQUEST to INTRODUCE a LOCAL BILL REQUIRING VOTER IDENTIFICATION PRIOR to VOTING in LOCAL ELECTIONS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, presented the following Legislative Request to Introduce a Local Bill Requiring Voter Identification Prior to Voting in Local Elections Resolution for Board consideration.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUEST to INTRODUCE a LOCAL BILL
REQUIRING VOTER IDENTIFICATION PRIOR
to VOTING in LOCAL ELECTIONS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is aware of the Governor's recent veto requiring voter identification to be presented when voting in local elections; this should be a basic requirement to ensure fair and legal elections for future generations; **and**

WHEREAS, throughout our nations' history fair and free elections have been the benchmarks that sets the United States of America apart from nations around the world. Recently, citizens from many of those nations have been witnessed demanding more freedoms and more accountability from their respective governments. Many times elections are arranged to keep dictators in power or to replace one regime with another that is even more brutal; **and**

WHEREAS, given the current political climate throughout our nation, many of our communities are anxious to ensure that one of our most basic and fundamental rights will continue to be protected. That right is being further diminished through illegal registrations, votes by convicted felons who have lost their right to vote, multiple votes by the same individual, and illegal immigrants. Requiring identification by those who are charting our communities and nation's future is not unreasonable, and giving notice now will provide many months to allow those individuals to secure the required identification; **and**

WHEREAS, some groups have advised this requirement would place an undue hardship on certain individuals in our communities. Currently, some individuals cannot open bank accounts, nor can they send or receive money transactions without proper identification. Many pay their monthly bills with money orders purchased through local retail shops. (Money Gram, Western Union, etc.). All of these require proper identification by the federal government to prevent illegal activity and retailers going through annual mandatory training to ensure compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in response to our citizens, the Columbus County Board

of Commissioners respectfully requests the Columbus County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly to introduce a local bill in the 2012 Short Session, with said bill being patterned after Senate Bill S595 which was adopted by both the Senate and House of Representatives and vetoed by the Governor. This bill would require voter identification in order to participate in future Columbus County elections and would eliminate any future blocks by any Governor of the State of North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, while inviting the other ninety-nine (99) counties to submit a local bill from their respective counties.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 21st day of November, 2011.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to take the Legislative Request to Introduce a Local Bill Requiring Voter Identification Prior to Voting in Local Elections Resolution under advisement, second by Commissioner Prevatte.

COMMENT:

Voice from Audience (not identified): I am in support of the voter identification.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a substitute motion that the Columbus County Board of Commissions will not send the letter of recommendation, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS / REPLACEMENTS:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	III IV	Paula Lewis Dr. John A. Stih	12-05-2011 12-05-2011	HOLD Jeff Burroughs
Equalization and Review Board	IV IV	Gene Wilson (Deceased) C.L. "Buddy" Tate, Jr. (Deceased)	Indefinite Indefinite	HOLD HOLD
Fair Bluff Board of Adjustments Motion: Bullard Second: Norris	EB	Frank Horne (ETJ)	January, 2012	Re-Appoint
Board of Health Motion: Prevatte Second: Bullard	II IV EB	Darryl L. Diefes, D.D.S. C.L. "Buddy" Tate, Jr. (Deceased) Peggy Blackmon (At Large)	12-31-2011 12-31-2011 12-31-2011	Re-Appoint Dial Gray Re-Appoint
Planning Board	VII	Johnny Edge	09-30-2011	Darryl Hardwick

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

At 8:41 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 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.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills.

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 8:43 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 Water Districts and resume Regular Session, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5162-512100	IA Supplies	2,061
	10-5162-526001	IA Dept Supplies	2,000
Revenue	10-3510-430033	Immunization Action State	4,061
Expenditure	10-5176-526001	Departmental Supplies	25,500
	10-51760531100	Travel	5,000
	10-5176-512100	Salaries	8,581
	10-5176-518100	FICA	1,500
	10-5176-518200	Retirement	1,000
	10-5176-518300	Insurance Contribution	2,000
Revenue	10-3510-499130	Health Dept. Fund Balance	43,581
Expenditure	10-5161-523900	FP Drugs and Medical	6,268
	10-5161-526001	FP Departmental Supplies	4,000
Revenue	10-3510-430031	FP State Funds	10,268
Expenditure	10-5199-512100	Teen Pregnancy Salaries	11,725

	10-5199-518100	TP FICA	2,500
	10-5199-518300	TP Insurance	3,000
	10-5199-518910	TP Christmas Bonus	25
	10-5199-519001	TP Contracted Services	30,000
	10-5199-525105	TP Gas	250
	10-5199-526001	TP Dept Supplies	35,000
	10-5199-531100	TP Travel	2,500
Revenue	10-3525-430162	Teen Pregnancy Grant	85,000

B. Tax Refund and Releases:

**TAX REFUND (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
November 21, 2011**

Refund Name: Norris, Randall J & Angela Amount: \$700.90
 Value: \$17,200.00 Year 7-10 Account # 9-01741 Bill # 99999 Total \$769.70
 Refund portion of value on double wide. Billed as stick built home. Refund Roseland Fire (51.60), refund
 Columbus Rescue(17.20)
 5942 Joe Brown Hwy S. Chadbourn NC 28431

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body from the Tax Office):
November 21, 2011**

Release the Property Value in the name of Balcezak, Edward Thomas Amount: \$252.92
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 02-11 Account # 14-00270 Bill # 9999 Total \$284.82
 Release portion of value on land. Double listed prop#26432 Browns of Carolina, Inc
 Release Welches Creek(25.52), release Whiteville Rescue (6.38)

Release the Property Value in the name of Coastal Vision Center ODP A Amount: \$22.58
 Value: \$2,770.00 Year: 2011 Account # 1-50255 Bill # 0894 Total \$23.13
 Release portion of value on business equipment. Release Whiteville Rescue(.55)

Release the Refunds in the name of Norris, Randall J & Angela Amount: \$700.90
 Value: \$17,200.00 Year: 07-10 Account # 9-01741 Bill # 9999 Total \$769.70
 Refund portion of value on double wide. Billed as stick built home. Refund Roseland Fire (51.60), refund
 Columbus Rescue(17.20)

Release the User Fee in the name of Buffkin, Michael Wayne Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 16-02827 Bill # 8155 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Farag, Magdy Mahmoud Mohamed Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 15-05734 Bill # 5391 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 3-16-2010

Release the User Fee in the name of Fitz, Cecil (Mrs) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 13-13080 Bill # 5982 Total \$136.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Formyduval, Kermit G. & Leona Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 3-07760 Bill # 6394 Total \$37.16
 Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Friel, Dollie S. & David M. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 07-11 Account # 9-01415 Bill # 99999 Total \$2,337.00
 Release user fees yr 2007-2011 on Property number 86388. 1 dwelling is vacant. Release user fees yr
 2009-2011 on property number 86389. 2 dwellings are vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Bill & Geraldine Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 5-05538 Bill # 0923 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling torn down. No can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Plowman, Walter Scott & Chanteau Yvette Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 7-02429 Bill # 5362 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pope, James Morris Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 11-20722 Bill # 5430 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Posey, Erika Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-11 Account # 5-01330 Bill # 9999 Total \$438.00
Release user fee. House burned 2009.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Joanna & Jerry Shannon Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 3-03017 Bill # 9184 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Home burned 2-2011

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Blanche/Walker, David Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 13-05134 Bill # 0707 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wambli, LLC Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 8-03518 Bill # 6873 Total \$167.26
Release portion of user fee. Can delivered 10-31-2011

Release the User Fee in the name of Washington, Danny & Lisa D. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 09-11 Account # 10-02821 Bill # 999 Total \$325.50
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant and without power.

Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. Due to the fact that the Health Department has found no contamination of the water supply on Silverspoon Road, the grant for the water line will not be awarded;
 - b. Therefore, I am requesting that Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, to determine the cost factor of what it would take to run water lines on Silverspoon Road down to Old Lumberton Road to Old 76 in Evergreen;
 - c. I am requesting you determine the cost factor for Smith Street in Chadbourn; **and**
 - d. This is Phase I of my request, and after the cost factor is determined, I will present a method of how it could be paid for.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - a. A gentleman discussed with me yesterday a situation relative to his property taxes which are in arrears;
 - b. He stated his is paying \$100.00 monthly to catch the taxes up;
 - c. They still went and froze the money in his bank account;
 - d. I would like to know why they would do that if he is paying the monthly payments;
 - e. The taxes owed is \$650.00 to the town and \$150.00 to the County; **and**
 - f. How you find out the bank information?
3. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. On the east end of the County, I would like for the Board to send a letter or Resolution to the Department of Transportation regarding Cronly Drive #1870, 1.6 miles long, beside Andy's Sandwich Shop;
 - b. This is a cut through road from the Post Office and Highway 87, and a lot of accidents happen, and is used by a lot of big trucks for a shortcut;

- c. On the Delco School Road #1821, 1.8 miles long, where the old post office used to be, trucks are using that for a shortcut also;
- d. I would like for the Department of Transportation to post ‘No-Thru Truck’ signs on these two (2) roads; **and**
- e. I went through a series of physical therapy at Columbus Regional Healthcare System, and they really done a good job.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to send a letter or resolution to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting that ‘No-Thru Trucks’ signs be posted on Cronly Dirve #1870 and Delco School Road #1821, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I wanted to bring to your attention and the audience that the study for the audit at the Department of Aging is in your Board packet for review.

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

At 8:51 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: 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 9:24 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Byrd requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following:
“The County Attorney discussed the lawsuit involving the Town of Chadbourn and Chadbourn Rural Water Association. No action was taken.”

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

Agenda Item #23: MEETING RECESSED:

At 9:25 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess this meeting until November 28, 2011, at 6:30 P.M., second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Monday, November 21, 2011

8:41 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 8:41 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2011	104210.00.98	JOHN GOTT	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
10/5/2011	200780	LILLIE PURCHA	57.00	POSTING ERROR

10/5/2011	603160.00.93	ANQUILLA GREER	95.00	METER TAMPERING/DAMAGE
10/6/2011	200780.00.01	LILLIE PURCHA	-101.00	POSTING/BILLING ERROR
10/10/2011	102600.00.98	STEVEN & CAROLYN BRITT	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/10/2011	102910.00.98	RHONDA COOK	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/11/2011	105110.00.96	AMANDA S. BLACKWELL	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
10/11/2011	203160.00.96	CLARA DIXON	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2011	102750.00.93	LEE KALVIN WALTERS	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/12/2011	300965.00.98	JEREMY BARNES	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/12/2011	405050.00.96	JESSICA BURCHETTE	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/12/2011	105120.00.92	HALBERT COOPER	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/12/2011	400110.00.93	DAVID COLEMAN	-22.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/14/2011	302360.00.98	DAVID L. MCPHERSON	-12.00	METER READ WRONG
10/17/2011	600350.00.97	EUTIQUIO MOLLINEDO	-46.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/18/2011	301130.00.91	KAREN BUFFKIN	-233.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/18/2011	104230.00.98	JANICE RICHARDSON	50.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT/FEE
10/18/2011	601230.00.98	JOHN H. STEVENSON	62.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
10/28/2011	105120.00.92	HALBERT COOPER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/28/2011	300965.00.98	JEREMY L. BARNES	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/31/2011	201960.00.97	ERICA & MICHAEL FOWLER	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
10/31/2011	302676.00.92	TELENA S. BARRETT	50.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
10/31/2011	301430.00.98	CORA NEALEY	50.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, November 21, 2011

8:41 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 8:41 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/6/2011	111360.00.98	KENNETH HAYES	-30.00	BILLING ERROR
10/6/2011	143065.00.95	MICHAEL BROWN	-50.00	BILLING ERROR
10/6/2011	140700.00.98	GEREDINE POWERS	-9.00	CUSTOMER LEAK

10/7/2011	112190.00.97	ANGELA BULLARD	-420.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/7/2011	111378.00.94	MICHAELE L. NELSON	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/10/2011	110817.00.98	TARRANT ENTERPRISES	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/10/2011	143189.00.96	STEVEN WADE ANDREWS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/10/2011	132950.00.98	KENNETH B. WILSON	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
10/11/2011	131880.00.98	MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH	-650.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/11/2011	110625.00.98	JEFF & CINDY FAULK	-75.00	BILLING ERROR
10/11/2011	120230.00.93	DANIELLE GEORGE	-8.00	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2011	131760.00.97	BRANDO SYKES	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/12/2011	111287.00.97	GREG HARRIS	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/19/2011	111770.00.98	GARY LEON BELL	67..00	CORRECT PRIOR BILLING ERROR
10/20/2011	111360.00.98	KENNETH HAYES	-141.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/20/2011	120230.00.94	ISAAC MCBRIDE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/20/2011	130131.00.98	JEFFERY D. BECK	-10.00	BILLING ERROR
10/21/2011	111596.00.98	WANDA CAINES	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/27/2011	111410.00.98	CHARLES MARTIN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/28/2011	132500.00.96	RUTH ANN PINYAN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/28/2011	140260.00.97	KENNETH MEGGS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/28/2011	143810.00.94	CRYSTAL BARKER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/31/2011	141010.00.96	THERESA JOHNSON	-31.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/31/2011	121504.00.95	SHAYNA L. GAUSE	30.00	ADD PENALTY

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, November 21, 2011
8:41 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 8:41 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2011	370495.00.98	ESTHER SHELLEY	50.00	REFUND/DISCONNECTION FEE
10/6/2011	360570.00.98	CRAIG SASSER	-10.00	CUSTOMER REFUND

10/6/2011	360310.00.98	MIKE & GENNIE PARNELL	-20.00	BILLING ERROR
10/10/2011	380810.00.98	GERALD, CHERYL, C.G TOWNSEND	-67.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/10/2011	371140.00.93	KIM RICE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/10/2011	360350.00.92	DAVID J. FOWLER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/10/2011	360147.00.98	MARY E. MENZEL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/18/2011	330010.00.98	FREDERICK BRACEY	102.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT/FEE
10/20/2011	330010.00.98	FREDERICK BRACEY	-5.00	REMOVE PENALTY
10/28/2011	340061.00.95	STEPHAN DAVIS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/28/2011	341100.00.98	WILLETTE RIDER	-71.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/28/2011	330341.00.96	MARK ROBERT PAGE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
10/31/2011	341360.00.98	JAMES LANEHART	-35.00	REMOVE PENALTY

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, November 21, 2011
8:41 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 8:41 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/7/2011	430999.00.98	RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DIST	661.00	BILLING ERROR
10/11/2011	430381.00.98	DEBORAH SMITH	-320.00	PENALTIES WAIVED

10/11/2011	430516.00.98	CATHERINE VERNON	-35.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/13/2011	430157.00.98	LERON PANKEY	-625.00	BILLING ERROR
10/14/2011	430281.00.98	EDWARD GREENE	-16.00	BILLING ERROR
10/17/2011	430217.00.97	SAMANTHA DAUGHTERY	-245.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/18/2011	410360.00.97	CHARLES K. WILLIAMSON	66.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT/FEE
10/19/2011	430150.00.98	VIVIAN LAWSON	-70.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/19/2011	430149.00.98	VIVIAN LAWSON	-70.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/21/2011	430164.00.98	THOMAS THOLEN	75.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/21/2011	430089.00.98	JAMES DAVID KEITH, JR	-10.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/27/2011	430064.00.98	JAMES DAVID HUFHAM	-355.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/28/2011	430552.00.98	RICHARD CROOM	-355.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/28/2011	430259.00.98	RODNEY LACEWELL	-5.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/28/2011	430263.00.98	RODNEY LACEWELL	-5.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/28/2011	430264.00.98	RODNEY LACEWELL	-70.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/28/2011	430165.00.97	BRANDON DYSON	-285.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/31/2011	430145.10.98	PEARLIE BRIDGERS	-55.00	POSTING ERROR
10/31/2011	430145.00.98	RHONDA WARD	25.00	POSTING ERROR
10/31/2011	430475.00.98	DAVID MALPASS	-35.00	PENALTIES WAIVED
10/31/2011	430143.00.98	IVAN RAY TROY,SR	-345.00	PENALTIES WAIVED

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, November 21, 2011

8:41 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 8:41 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2011

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/6/2011	709903.00.98	HAROLD JENERETTE	-40.00	CORRECT METER READING

10/12/2011	800670.00.98	TOMMY WARD	50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/18/2011	800489.00.98	DALLIE CANADY	100.00	METER TAMPERING/2ND OFFENSE
10/18/2011	800536.00.98	MAURICE MURPHY	-16.00	BILLING ERROR
10/21/2011	700133.00.98	BOBBY NOBLES	-530.00	REMOVE PENALTIES
10/24/2011	800660.00.98	CRYSTAL MORRIS GOODMAN	-33.00	BILLING ERROR
10/31/2011	700133.00.98	BOBBY NOBLES	50.00	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman