

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGING STUDY FINDINGS WORKSHOP**

Monday, February 20, 2012  
5:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a workshop on the findings of the Department of Aging Study.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
Lynwood Norris

**WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:**

At 5:00 P.M. Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the Aging Study Findings Workshop to order.

**PRESENTATION of STUDY FINDINGS:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, stated that we have the results of the study the Board had requested us to do on the Department of Aging. Gary Massey conducted the study and is here to share the information with you. Gary is not a stranger to Columbus County. He has spent time here before and has done a study for our Department of Health in the past. He is familiar with Columbus County and has a lot of expertise in the Home Health Care business. He is a certified public accountant.

Gary Massey, Good Health Services, delivered the following Operational Assessment on the Columbus County Department of Aging.

**OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT (through December 31, 2011)  
Columbus County Department of Aging  
2012**

- Revenue deficit for fiscal year 2011 - \$532,000
- Is this a sign of the times?
- Have we “borrowed from Paul to pay Peter” one too many times?

**A. The Financial Story (by Program Offered):****1. Senior Centers:**

	6/30/2010	6/30/2011		
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Senior Centers</b>	<b>Senior Centers</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Revenue - Non County	170,448.34	127,446.05	(43,002.29)	-25%
Revenue - County Appropriation	75,691.00	75,691.00	---	0%
<b>Total Revenue per Income Statement:</b>	<b>246,139.34</b>	<b>203,137.05</b>	<b>(43,002.29)</b>	<b>-17%</b>

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Expenses per Income Statement	379,454.59	396,149.86	16,695.27	4%
Gain or Loss per program	(133,315.25)	(193,012.81)	(59,697.56)	
Percent Margin	-54%	-95%		

## 2. Meals and Other Assistance:

	6/30/2010	6/30/2011		
Programs	Meals and Other Assistance	Meals and Other Assistance	Change	% Change
Revenue - Non County	461,115.12	438,653.24	(22,461.88)	-5%
Revenue - County Appropriation	34,176.00	34,176.00	---	0%
<b>Total Revenue per Income Statement:</b>	<b>495,291.12</b>	<b>472,829.24</b>	<b>(22,461.88)</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Expenses per Income Statement	641,206.09	649,211.78	8,005.69	1%
Gain or Loss per program	(145,914.97)	(176,382.54)	(30,467.57)	
Percent Margin	-29%	-37%		

## 3. In Home Services:

	6/30/2010	6/30/2011		
Programs	In Home Services	In Home Services	Change	% Change
Revenue - Non County	2,714,484.44	2,122,041.65	(592,442.79)	-22%
Revenue - County Appropriation	33,261.00	33,261.00	---	0%
<b>Total Revenue per Income Statement:</b>	<b>2,747,745.44</b>	<b>2,155,302.65</b>	<b>(592,442.79)</b>	<b>-22%</b>
Expenses per Income Statement	2,504,759.53	2,318,632.10	(186,127.43)	-7%
Gain or Loss per program	242,985.91	(163,329.45)	(406,315.36)	
Percent Margin	9%	-8%		

## Totals for the Department of Aging:

Total for Department of Aging:	6/30/2010	6/30/2011		
Revenue - Non County	3,346,047.90	2,688,140.94	(657,906.96)	-20%

Revenue - County Appropriation	143,128.00	143,128.00	---	0%
<b>Total Revenue per Income Statement:</b>	3,489,175.90	2,831,268.94	(657,906.96)	-19%
Expenses per Income Statement	3,525,420.21	3,363,993.74	(161,426.47)	-5%
Gain or Loss per program	(36,244.31)	(532,724.80)	(496,480.49)	
Percent Margin	-1%	-19%		

## B. Why?

- Clearly the surplus that came from the In-Home Service programs covered the “under funding” of the Senior Centers, Meals, Transportation, Minor Home Repairs and Information Care/Assistance.
- Medicaid rate reductions - - - since 2010 decrease of 8%
- In 2011, a new regulatory/third party was added by the State to give “prior approval” of In-Home Services.
- Donations have declined due to rule changes related to meal programs and the acceptance of payments by consumers for the programs.

## C. What is the value?

- The critical question . . . how much can Columbus County afford for these services . . . tough choices!
- Utilization data would indicate the Senior Centers are used across the county (all 7 sites) on a daily basis by 150+ to 240+ citizens . . . with some sites having as few as 15 and others having over 50.
- It is projected that the cost of operating the centers divided by the projected peak number of citizens that use the centers on a daily basis . . . fiscal year 2011 - approximately \$1,600 per consumer. The revenue from grants and the County equaled approximately \$800 per consumer or a “unfunded” gap of approximately \$800 per consumer.
- Would a consumer pay \$4 to \$5 per day to have access to the Senior Centers? Or at least \$5 per week?
- In fiscal year 2011, the cost per meal served . . . both at the centers and home delivered . . . \$6.92 per meal
- Program revenue including County allocation equaled . . . \$5.14 per meal
- Cost per meal for the centers to operate . . . be available for the meals to be served . . . \$9.48 per meal . . . leaving a total unfunded gap of \$11.27 per meal.
- Would a consumer pay \$4 to \$5 per meal to have the meal?

### Other Programs:

- In fiscal year 2011, the Information Care/Assistance was “under” funded by over \$50k.
- The Transportation Program was “under” funded by over \$23k or nearly \$5 trip.
- The Minor Home Repairs was “under” funded by nearly \$9k.
- In-Home Services, as noted, was not a surplus but a loss . . . Is the mission of the County to provide In-Home Services? Could other community-based providers meet the need of the citizens of Columbus County?

## D. How does this “story” change?

- Once the value is agreed upon . . . the role and/or purpose of the Department of Aging is “redefined” . . . agreed upon . . . can the “story” continue?

### Steps taken or to be recommended:

- Across the board expense reductions have occurred . . . impact?
- Reduction in hours that the Senior Centers will be open?

- Increased consumer participation in payment for the services.
- Can operational changes within In-Home Services be made that allow for a financial breakeven?
- Does the County exit as a provider of In-Home Services? Currently Case Management for CAP programs would need to continue to be operated by one of the approved entities . . . Department of Aging being one . . . this may change in 2013?

**E. Senior Centers:**

- Projected savings from the 8% compensation (Salary and Benefits) adjustment that the Commissioners approved . . . \$12,000.00
- If operational hours for the centers were reduced by one-third per week starting by March 1 . . . \$31,000.00
- If additional Revenue could be provided from consumers using the centers at \$5 per week starting by March 1 . . . \$21,000.00

**F. In-Home Aide/Case Management Services:**

- Projected savings from the 8% compensation (Salary and Benefits) adjustment that the Commissioners approved . . . \$87,000.00
- Productivity improvement - reduction in force (Salary and Benefits) of a Case Manager to be effective March 1 . . . \$11,000.00
- Productivity improvement based on the selection of a new billing software system (no additional cost to the County for software) - reduction in force (Salary and Benefits) of an In-Home Aide Coordinator effective April 1 . . . \$7,000.00
- Discontinue the delivery of Personal Care Services effective April 1 . . . projected net savings (Loss of future revenue minus the Direct Cost of the service) . . . \$13,000.00

**(the bigger impact would be in 2013 with this program eliminated)**

- Funding for Chore Services (Title III, Title XX and Federal Grant for Level III Aide Services) were under utilized the first 6 months of fiscal year; if, increased utilization occurs in second half of fiscal year, revenue would increase . . . \$90,000.00

**G. Meals and Other Assistance:**

- Projected savings from the 8% compensation (Salary and Benefits) adjustment that the Commissioners approved . . . \$8,500.00

**H. Recap of Projected Savings:**

AREA	DETAILS	SAVINGS
Senior Centers	(Approved 8% salary adjustment, reduce operating hours by 1/3, Consumer fee of \$5/week)	\$64,000
In-Home Aide/Case Mgt Services	(Approved 8% salary adjustment, workforce reduction of 2 positions, discontinue PCS operations, increase utilization of funding for Chore programs)	\$208,000
Meals and Other Assistance	(Approved 8% salary adjustment)	\$8,500

**I. Projection of Fiscal Year 2012:**

- Loss annualized based on 12/31 Adjustments/Funding . . . approved . . . - (\$834,000)
- County allocation funding Savings from expense adjustments and revenue increases noted in the report . . . - \$237,000
- Senior Centers - \$64,000

● In-Home Aide/Case Management Services	-	\$208,000
● Meals and Other Assistance	-	\$8,500
● <b>NET PROJECTED LOSS:</b>	-	<b>\$316,500</b>

**Explanation by Gary Massey:**

1. The revenue - Non County for the Senior Centers comes from grants and federal funds, and the federal funds were reduced in 2011;
2. The revenue - Non County for the Meals and Other Assistance comes from grants, federal funds and small contributions;
3. The big shift in the In-Home Services was the shift in revenue;
4. There were changes that occurred - Medicaid rates were reduced by approximately 5% in 2010, and Medicaid rates have reduced another 3% in 2011;
5. An 8% reduction in the two (2) year period resulted in approximately \$200,000.00 less revenue, and you were still doing everything that you did going back to 2010, and didn't change anything;
6. In 2011, changes were implemented by the State that they wanted to control the utilization of the Personal Care Services Program, and put in place a third party entity that was set up to give prior approval before an individual could receive personal care services, and asked the physicians to take a more active part in establishing that home-care plan;
7. Across the state, we have seen a decrease in the use of the Personal Care Services Program, and that decrease impacted you again;
8. The State is very interested in continuing to ratchet down the volume of services that are being provided by the Personal Care Services Program;
9. There is an option on the table that this program will be eliminated all across the State, and the State is considering this to be an optional program, and is not mandated;
10. The Senior Centers have been operating at a loss that has been covered by the excess revenue from other programs;
11. The overall cost incurred for the meals being served is \$11.27 per meal;
12. Are there other alternatives to providing this service in the County, and could there be fund raisers conducted to offset the cost of the meals?;

**Discussion:**

- You can not charge a fee for the meals, but you can ask for a 10% contribution of the actual cost of the meal;
- Meals are costing \$11.27 per meal;
- The monthly COG report shows the meals costing \$10.00 per meal;

13. The revenue for funding the other programs that are under funded is no longer available;
14. Could other community-based providers meet the need of the citizens of Columbus County?;
15. The following recommended changes could be implemented starting March 02, 2012 and ending June 30, 2012, and could have a positive effect on revenue:
  - A. Reduction in the hours of the senior centers;
  - B. Users of the Senior Centers to pay a set fee;
  - C. Operational changes in the In-Home Services and productivity improvement;
  - D. Discontinue the delivery of Personal Care Services; **and**
  - E. More utilization of Chore Services (Title III, Title XX and Federal Grant for Level III Aide Services);
16. Other savings could be realized in terms in the number of aids, the number of other support people;
17. One important factor to remember is you have other providers in this community that provide personal care service; **and**
18. One thing to remember is the State is considering eliminating the Personal Care Services Program completely.

**Questions / Comments / Discussion:**

**Commissioner Bullard:** Which Senior Center does not have but fifteen (15) participants?

**Ed Worley:** The Bolton Senior Center has fifteen (15) participants, and the Ransom Senior Center has twenty (20) participants.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** You mentioned the \$64,000, the \$208,000 and the \$8,500 actually included numbers we have already put into place.

**Gary Massey:** The \$108,000 is in that with the 8%. If you did nothing, the \$237,000 taken away from the \$834,000, makes it \$597,000, and if I take \$108,000 off of that figure, I still have a gap of

about \$489,000.

**Commissioner Byrd:** Even if with all the cuts, we are still going to lose \$316,500.

**Gary Massey:** That is the potential, yes.

**Commissioner Bullard:** If the In-Home Health was terminated, how much savings would we realize?

**William S. Clark, County Manager:** Mr. Massey is not recommending that we terminate the In-Home Health completely, just a portion of that program.

**Gary Massey:** You operate two (2) programs, the Personal Care Services (PCS) and the Community Alternative Program (CAP), which has two (2) parts, the Personal Care Aid part and the Case Management part. Under current law and regulations, one of the entities in the County has to be the lead agency, which the Department of Aging has been chosen to do that, and then you are in charge of the Case Management aspect. It looked like from the numbers I was running, it did not look advantageous to exit that at this point. The PCS part, because of all the other regulatory burden and the third party intermediary involved, it is much more cumbersome and challenging to operate. If we were going to make some choice of how we were going to make a transition, that we may be doing an evolving exit of some kind, that may be a starting point. That is what I was advocating.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** This would result a savings of what amount?

**Gary Massey:** In this year, I am measuring a savings of \$13,000. I think when we look on some of the other impact, it could be a much bigger number. It will get you closer to narrowing this gap.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** How many aids are employed with this Personal Care Services?

**Amanda Jernigan:** Forty-one (41) aids.

**Up-to-Date Report by Amanda Jernigan through January 31, 2012:**

Amanda Jernigan, Deputy Director of Department of Aging, delivered the following up-to-date report for the first seven (7) months of the fiscal year.

PROGRAM	PRIOR YEAR REVENUE	TOTAL
<b>CAP - Case Management</b>	\$5,058.52	\$225,583.86
<b>CAP - IHA</b>	\$2,208.96	\$444,409.77
Outstanding Billing	-0-	\$155,347.83
Expenses	-0-	\$785,987.86
		<b>\$39,353.60</b>
<b>PCS Program</b>	\$13,363.50	\$213,041.45
Outstanding Billing	-0-	\$32,288.55
Expenses	-0-	\$321,192.85
		<b>-\$75,862.85</b>
<b>All Other Programs: (Senior Centers Operations, Nutrition, Congregate Meals, Minor Home Repairs, Transportation)</b>	-\$420.00	\$578,368.28
Outstanding Billing	-0-	\$43,650.00
Expenses	-0-	\$790,648.34
		<b>-\$168,630.06</b>

**Aging Department Standing:**

Revenue:	-	\$1,461,403.36
Outstanding Billing:	-	\$231,286.38
Expenses:	-	\$1,897,829.05
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$205,139.31</b>

-In December, 2011, we were \$237,000 in the red, and we have come up \$32,000 in the last month

due to cuts that we have implemented.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** The revenue that is reflected in February - June, 2012, will this amount increase?

**Amanda Jernigan:** That is a CHIP check we got for a one-time check, and that is for the whole year, and I just divided it out per month, per program.

**William S. Clark:** Is the \$205,139.31 what you are projecting as a loss for the year?

**Amanda Jernigan:** As of February 15, 2012, Logics has that we are \$436,000 in the red. We are as far as what is in the bank. Our figure includes what we are suppose to get from the County, I got it allocated monthly, and when you add that in, and what we got outstanding waiting on coming up, it comes up to -\$205,139.31, because we got \$231,000 outstanding.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** The total for the PCS Program and All Other Programs equates to approximately \$244,000.

**Amanda Jernigan:** You have got the approximately \$39,000 from the CAP Program, and that brings you to the -\$205,139.31.

**Giles Byrd:** Is the \$205,000 as of now, or is this where you are saying we are going to be in July, 2012?

**Amanda Jernigan:** As soon as all that money comes in, that is where we will be as of January 31, 2012, as far as units and services are considered. I have not put in any expenses for the month of February, 2012. This is all the expenses and revenue up through January 31, 2012.

**Commissioner Byrd:** We are \$205,139.31 short, but we got five (5) more months to go.

**Amanda Jernigan:** Right, as we have come up \$32,000 from last month. We were \$237,000 in the red.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** That brings me to this question. I have noticed in all the cap, The PCS and All Other Programs, you begin to show a significant change in every category in January. Is that because of the funds we put in?

**Amanda Jernigan:** I think a lot of it is because of the 8% cut, the County not paying travel for the in-home aids, and they no longer get holiday and vacation leave. That is where it has been hurting us so bad.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** So can we assume that trend of being positive?

**Amanda Jernigan:** I would think so. I feel comfortable saying that the way it is looking right now, that we should end up approximately \$105,000 in the red. I do not think we will break even, no. I think we will be less in the red than we are now.

**Commissioner Byrd:** Do you have any suggestions or steps we could take to cut the other \$105,000 so we would not go in the hole.

**Amanda Jernigan:** The only thing I can see is to get rid of the PCS Program, which I do not like to hurt the clients, but there are other agencies out there that can do it. The PCS Program is hurting us.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** That would give us about \$25,000.

**Commissioner Byrd:** That is what we are all looking at. We like rendering the services, but we don't need to continue losing money to do so.

**Amanda Jernigan:** PCS has been losing money from day one this fiscal year.

**Chairman McKenzie:** How many clients are in the PCS Program?

**Amanda Jernigan:** Roughly 41 to 45, it fluctuates. We only got 91 aids out there, and some of these do work in the other programs, they will not all be out of a job. We got other clients we can put them with.

**Commissioner Byrd:** Would it be profitable if you did that?

**Amanda Jernigan:** Yes, because we can not bill unless that aid is in that home. If the aid is in that home, then that is more billing coming in. Our operating expenses, and salaries are already coming out anyway, so we are going to have those expenses whether we have someone in that home or not. If we have someone in that home, then that helps cover all the overhead expenses. The biggest thing is to make sure we keep the hours covered.

**Commissioner Byrd:** How do you all feel about doing away with the PCS Program?

**Amanda Jernigan:** I think we all are in agreement with that.

**Ed Worley, Aging Director:** We are all in agreement with that. It is a losing program.

**Commissioner Byrd:** Are you making a recommendation to the Board?

**Ed Worley:** We will, at a later date.

**Chairman McKenzie:** Will you incorporate these 41 clients into the CAP Program?

**Amanda Jernigan:** We will probably incorporate as many of them as we can. Some of them is already working with the CAP Program and with the Title III-B.

**Chairman McKenzie:** How many of the 41 could you easily put to work now?

**Amanda Jernigan:** Thirty-one (31).

**Commissioner Bullard:** Do you have other areas that you would be willing to make cuts in to help save money?

**Ed Worley:** We are also looking at another employee. We had one to get trimmed off.

**Commissioner Bullard:** How do you think it will affect this if we start charging so much per person per week per meal?

**Ed Worley:** We can not charge.

**Commissioner Bullard:** You can ask for donations. Could we consolidate some of the smaller centers? How will this affect the senior citizens?

**Ed Worley:** That will be left up to the Board. Each center has their own little group.

**Chairman McKenzie:** We are at a point where we really have to do something.

**William S. Clark:** My question to the Board is, do you want a recommendation to do something between now and the end of the year, or do you want to incorporate these recommendations in our next year's budget?

**Chairman McKenzie:** I think by budget time next year, not this year. My recommendation is to be kept informed as we go along, and we will make the necessary adjustments that need to be made, and bring it back to us for us to look at.

**William S. Clark:** We will make it part of the budget.

**Commissioner Bullard:** I am in favor, if you have any recommendations to start saving money, just like Mr. Ed stated earlier, I think we should start working on that now. I don't see any reason to wait.

**Chairman McKenzie:** It seems that we are all cooperative here, but my problem is that I don't want to hurt anyone in the middle of the year. By budget time, and we can see now that we don't have any other choice.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** If we were to do away with the PCS Program, what type of time line would we need to use? Would we need thirty (30) days?

**Ed Worley:** Thirty (30) days.

**Amanda Jernigan:** Figuring through January, 2012, we lost a Case Manager and a RN. Their salaries will not be in February, 2012 through June, 2012. If we do away with the PCS Program, there will an In-Home Aid Coordinator position gone too.

**Chairman McKenzie:** We should be able to know where we are going to at that time.

**William S. Clark:** Is the PCS Program something we can do away with now, or is it something that needs to be a part of next year's budget?

**Ed Worley:** I think we need to incorporate it in the budget and let it go through the last of June, 2012. That is my recommendation.

**Commissioner Bullard:** Why would be the reason to wait until budget time, just so I will understand the reason.

**Ed Worley:** It gives us a chance to work through this thing. I still got good hopes for this budget. With the senior centers, each senior center could have fund raisers to help support their operation.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** Mr. Ed, you said you were thinking about possibly cutting one (1) more position. Would you also want to wait until the budget year to do that, or are you thinking about doing it before then?

**Commissioner Prevatte:** Is PCS such a program that could be phased out gradually in lieu of suddenly?

**Amanda Jernigan:** When the word gets out, some of the clients will start moving to other providers.

**Ed Worley:** I think it would be healthy for us to wait until June 1, 2012 to make the announcement because it will have its effect among our people.

**Commissioner Byrd:** You do not need to take on any more clients.

**Ed Worley:** The State is trying to cut back, and they are trying to kill the PCS Program. Eventually, they are going to.

#### **WORKSHOP CLOSED:**

At 6:05 P.M., Chairman McKenzie declared the workshop closed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**



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

P. Edwin Russ  
Lynwood Norris

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 06, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the February 06, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

## DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/5/2012	201040.00.97	ANGIE PRINCE GIVINS	180.00	METER TAMPERING/DAMAGE
1/10/2012	104210.00.98	JOHN GOTT	-5.00	BILLING ERROR
1/11/2012	301850.00.96	RANDY DALE PERRITTE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	403970.00.98	WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VFD	-148.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/11/2012	201940.00.98	ROGER PRINCE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	102610.00.95	JULIE S. CRIBB	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	402480.00.93	SAMANTHA S. RIECHARDT	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	101120.00.90	WILLA PHILLIPS WARD	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	402475.00.94	CATHY CALDER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	104370.00.98	DAVID FRIEL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/12/2012	204930.00.98	HOWARD JAMES	59.00	RETURNED CHECK /FEE
1/12/2012	303720.00.98	J P JONES	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/12/2012	200950.00.98	PATRICIA GIVENS	142.00	RETURNED CHECK /FEE
1/13/2012	201355.00.87	CIJI Q. BELLAMY	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/13/2012	206685.00.95	JACKIE FOWLER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/17/2012	600610.00.98	DARRYL SPIVEY	62.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT/FEE
1/20/2012	105325.00.98	JONATHAN NEALEY	-60.00	POSTING ERROR
1/23/2012	300965.00.98	JEREMY BARNES	410.00	METER TAMPERING/DAMAGE
1/24/2012	104130.00.98	ROYCE FOWLER	29.00	POSTING ERROR
1/25/2012	205210.00.98	LILLIE STEPHENS	50.00	METER TAMPERING
1/25/2012	603400.00.91	SOPHIA BROOKE DAVENPORT	50.00	METER TAMPERING
1/25/2012	603320.00.93	ELFONZA DEMETRIUS RIGGINS	100.00	METER TAMPERING/2ND OFFENSE
1/25/2012	603410.00.85	TERRANCE TYRON GORE	100.00	METER TAMPERING/2ND OFFENSE
1/25/2012	405040.00.95	ANGELO NEALEY	50.00	METER TAMPERING
1/30/2012	400490.00.96	CHARLES GARRETT HARDEE	50.00	METER TAMPERING

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/30/2012	201633.00.98	MARSHA FLOYD	-215.00	REMOVE PENALTIES
1/31/2012	600560.00.95	DAVID AUSTIN CARTRETTE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/31/2012	100564.00.94	KEN FRITTS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/31/2012	404990.00.96	ROGER KEENE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E MCKENZIE Chairman**

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

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

**7:33 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
Lynwood Norris

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 06, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the February 06, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

## DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/9/2012	110720.00.92	ALICIA ANN GARCIA	-4.10	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/9/2012	140050.00.97	LYNN HAYES	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
1/10/2012	133588.00.96	PAULA EISSENS	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
1/11/2012	143810.00.93	REBECCA SMITH	-16.00	CREDIT ACCOUNT
1/11/2012	143810.00.93	REBECCA SMITH	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	110295.00.96	PAMELA MARIE BURCHETTE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	131280.00.88	JOSEPH P. MCDANIELS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	111726.00.96	TORTIMEX	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	132570.00.98	LORRAINE BULLOCK	-44.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/12/2012	131760.00.97	BRANDO SYKES	150.00	METER TAMPERING/3RD OFFENSE
1/12/2012	141600.00.97	OTTO MCKENZIE	-148.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/13/2012	144340.00.98	MEMORY BROWN	-8.00	BILLING ERROR
1/13/2012	130860.00.98	ELOIS M. RABON	50.00	METER TAMPERING
1/13/2012	143790.00.96	WILLIAM T. CARLYLE	50.00	METER TAMPERING
1/13/2012	132640.00.97	ELIZABETH MABE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/13/2012	143790.00.96	WILLIAM T. CARLYLE	50.00	METER TAMPERING/2ND OFFENSE
1/17/2012	120230.00.93	DANIELL N. GEORGE	211.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
1/19/2012	140320.00.93	COURTNEY POPE	-64.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/27/2012	130020.00.98	CHRISTINA KING	106.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
1/31/2012	131690.00.92	AUBREY A. HARDIN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/31/2012	143680.00.97	SHELLEY NIX	50.00	METER TAMPERING
1/31/2012	140050.00.97	LYNN HAYES	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
1/31/2012	143790.00.96	WILLIAM T. CARLYLE	-35.00	REMOVE PENALTY

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E McKENZIE Chairman**

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

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

**7:33 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
Lynwood Norris

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 06, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the February 06, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

## DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/4/2012	370547.00.98	LARRY THOMPSON	53.00	MANUAL BILL
1/9/2012	351080.00.97	MARION SMITH	-59.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/11/2012	340360.00.98	RICHARD CAPPS, JR	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	380405.00.98	KEITH GORE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/11/2012	331390.00.96	ALISON CARROLL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/12/2012	360660.00.96	ROBIN BEARD SCOTT	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/12/2012	380136.00.93	JOHN DANIEL MORRIS	75.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
1/20/2012	350865.00.94	JOHN J. WILKINS III	-5.00	REMOVE PENALTY
1/26/2012	350150.00.98	LARRY BURROUGHS	-37.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/31/2012	350285.00.98	BROOKS B. WARD	-5.00	REMOVE PENALTY
1/31/2012	350860.00.97	JAMES G. HATCHER	50.00	METER TAMPERING

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**APPROVED:**


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

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**AMON E MCKENZIE Chairman**



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

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

**7:33 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
Lynwood Norris

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 06, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the February 06, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

**DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACCT #</b>	<b>NAME ON ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ADJ AMT</b>	<b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b>
1/9/2012	410110.00.97	WILILAM BAILEY	50.00	TRANSFER BALANCE
1/10/2012	430196.00.98	ENOLIA GREENE	-176.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
1/11/2012	430442.00.98	KIMBERLY KELLY	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/12/2012	410740.00.97	TAMMY S. BENTON	55.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
1/17/2012	430067.00.98	BRENDA NEWTON	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
1/19/2012	430529.00.98	LAURIE PARKS	-16.00	METER READ WRONG
1/30/2012	430268.00.98	MIAMI ROBINSON	-8.00	METER READ WRONG

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E McKENZIE Chairman**

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

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

**7:33 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
Lynwood Norris

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 06, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the February 06, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

**DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACCT #</b>	<b>NAME ON ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ADJ AMT</b>	<b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b>
1/9/2012	700133.00.98	BOBBY NOBLES	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
1/11/2012	800138.00.98	EMMA MENDEZ	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
1/12/2012	800644.00.98	BOYD REGISTER	50.00	TRANSFER CREDIT BALANCE
1/17/2012	800695.00.98	MARGARET GORE	50.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT/FEE
1/19/2012	700997.00.98	JAMES SAMUEL GODWIN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E McKENZIE Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, February 20, 2012****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
 Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
 L. Lynwood Norris

**6:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2009 Individual Development Account Program, Community Development Block Grant Program, Grant # 09-C-2043 Closeout**  
 - the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County on the 2009 Individual Development Account Program, Community Development Block Grant Program, Grant # 09-C-2043 Closeout. Chairman McKenzie requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:34 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**6:34 P.M.****REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:34 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the February 20, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell.

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the February 06, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with two (2) corrections, as stated by Commissioner Prevatte, one correction on Page 587, and one (1) correction on Page 589, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

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

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

**Agenda Item #6: BEAVER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BMAP) - UPDATE:**

John White, USDA - APHIS, and Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, delivered the following update to the Board on the Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP).

Edward Davis stated the following:

1. I have with me John White, Columbus County Beaver Trapper, and his supervisor, Butch Adams;
2. Columbus County was a big part in the early 1990's in getting legislature to approve this Beaver Management Assistance Program;
3. Due to the beaver activity here in Columbus County in the late 1980's and the early 1990's, the Columbus County Government, along with Bladen, Sampson and Pender Counties approached legislators to look at the beaver problem;
4. This part, the North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Pilot Program, which Columbus County is a part of, and Columbus County has been a member of the BMAP Program since its beginning;
5. Due to the increasing population of beavers in Columbus County, a full-time position was requested around 2004 - 2005;
6. At that time, the County Manager wanted to run the money through the Soil and Water Conservation District's annual budget;
7. It is supervised through the authority of the Federal USDA Wildlife APHIS Program;
8. John White has been with us for two (2) years;
9. We are getting more and more beavers, and more and more activity of people getting beavers in their areas;
10. I have talked to John and Butch about the cost-share part of this program;
11. For the salary benefits, for all the space and all the things that are provided for a full-time employee, Columbus County is paying a portion of that through the amount that we pay to APHIS, along with the BMAP Program;
12. You have to be a participant in the BMAP Program in order to be a part of the APHIS Program;
13. We do pay the \$4,000 per year for the BMAP Program, and what this covers is 1/3 man hours;
14. This 1/3 man hours we received in the early 1990's, and it is not enough to control the beavers that we had, so we stepped up to the APHIS Program through the Wildlife Services and that allowed us 2/3 more man hours;
15. At the time that the program was introduced in Columbus County, we had an option of doing the paperwork as to keeping up with how many beavers were trapped and the type of method that was used to eliminate the beavers, whether shot or trapped, or whatever, and we opted not to do that;
16. What this did was it would have allowed Columbus County to have had full-time coverage, but the State now handles that and that cost sharing is received through the State is what pays that full-time salary and it takes care of Columbus County not having to keep up with the paperwork;
17. The cost sharing amount they looked at when it first began, they were looking at \$6.00+ per hour for a man, along with the additional funds that were put in by the County;
18. It was difficult to keep up with the hours, so they went to a flat fee;
19. The initial cost to the landowner for an assessment is free;
20. For each visit after that is \$20.00, and to blow a dam is \$125.00 per dam;
21. Some visits are short and some may be lengthy;
22. They took away the \$6.00+ per hour to eliminate keeping up with the hours;
23. The landowner is responsible for the cost sharing; **and**
24. The landowner has to agree for the beaver trapper to go on their property.

Butch Adams, District Supervisor, USDA, APHIS Program, stated the following:

1. Our policy states that we cannot work on any property unless we have written permission from the landowner;
2. We have to contract with the landowner;

3. When we approach the landowner, we offer them different options first, there are legal options, management options, and the option of hiring a private trapper;
4. The last resort is the direct control and that is where the landowner contracts us to do the actual work, and it is labor intensive;
5. The majority of the time, they contract us to do the work, but we cannot set foot on another landowner's property unless he consents;
6. After the initial work is done, and is consistently maintained on a regular basis, the beaver population can be limited, but if it is only a one-time thing, it is difficult to control;
7. The eradication of beavers is never going to happen.

**Commissioner Byrd:** Do you ever hold classes to train people how to trap beavers?

**Butch Adams:** Yes sir. We did that in the past. We use to hold one (1) per year at the Agricultural Extension Service. I think Mr. McLean held two (2) or three (3) workshops at our office at the old Research Station. We do those upon request.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** Where does the money go that you charge the landowner for the visits?

**Butch Adams:** It goes back into the program.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** Does it go here or go back to Raleigh?

**Butch Adams:** It goes back to Raleigh.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** They are getting \$4,000, but they could be getting a lot more revenue than that.

**Butch Adams:** Let's look at the history of this as follows:

- The State statute stated in 1992, it was a Pilot Program, and Columbus County was one of the original four (4) members;
- At first, there was enough funding through the D.O.T., the Wildlife Commission, the Farm Bureau and the \$4,000 to take care of the three (3) or four (4) trappers to work in four (4) counties;
- They had no idea that the program would be as successful as it was;
- It jumped up to six (6) counties, and in 1994, it jumped up to twelve (12) counties, and today, we are somewhere between forty-four to forty-seven (44-47) counties, plus we have to answer to all one hundred (100) counties for D.O.T.;
- As the program grew, it only grew in \$4,000 increments, and that \$4,000 cost-share fee for the county is just part of the whole budget, but obviously, that does not cover enough cost to hire one (1) man working one (1) whole year, plus his salary, fuel, traps, etc.;
- We started out with \$6.25 per hour, we tried to hold the line and not charge the individual landowner any more;
- We went to D.O.T. and ask them if they could contribute more, and incrementally they did;
- We went to the Wildlife Commission, and they have not helped us that much;
- The last place we wanted to go to was the County and then the landowner, so we tried to hold the cost down to you the County and the landowner, and still provide that service that we have;
- It has been an uphill battle, and at some point in time, they decided to do away with the hourly and go with the visits; **and**
- The BMAP Advisory Board came up with the \$20.00 per visit, and that is a deal for the landowner.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** I have received telephone calls about the Dunn Swamp that runs through about three (3) Commissioners' districts. This was set up in 1964, and it runs through people's property. If someone has property adjacent to that, and won't let you go on their property, won't that do a lot of damage?

**Butch Adams:** Is there not an easement on the Dunn Swamp?

**Robert Adams:** There is a thirty (30') foot wide easement.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** I am receiving complaints about the area between Tommy Wooten Road and Moccasin Pond Road, and Edward is familiar with the situation.

**Edward Davis:** One thing I would like to say about the Dunn Swamp Watershed Canal Drainage District is that it is up for inspection this month. USDA will be inspecting it and taking a look at the dams, and so forth, with Mr. Yates, and Donna Register is suppose to meet with him before the end of the month. It does go through an annual inspection. However, we do have a lot of drainage areas in Columbus County that do not have that, and have major problems with beavers. Bogue Swamp, Waccamaw River, Livingston Creek, down in the Mollie and Iron Hill area and many other areas are experiencing beaver problems. This program is not to eradicate beavers. We are fighting a major problem. Some landowners don't want you to bother the beavers.

**Commissioner Bullard:** I appreciate you and thank you for what you do.

**Edward Davis:** We are hoping to offer some more classes hopefully in the month of March, 2012, and get some more people educated on how to trap beavers.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** What other steps could we take, as a County, other than education and workshops to not necessarily eradicate, but to control the beaver population. Do we need more manpower? In your estimation, what do we need?

**Butch Adams:** In 1994, I advised the State Director that Columbus County could easily sustain three (3) of me, and keep them working full time year round. It is a very expensive operation. We held the cost down as much as we could. We have much better equipment now. It is a matter of communication now. We have a system between the counties to help each other out in times of need. Additional manpower may be the answer somewhere down the road, but that expense part is a big obstacle.

**Commissioner Byrd:** How many beavers do you think you caught within Columbus County last year?

**John White:** From July 10, 2011 until October, 2011, it was 230 beavers.

**Commissioner Bullard:** Mr. Davis, when you do start inspections on the Dunn Swamp, I would like for you to look at the area between my house and Williamson Crossroads, where Dunn Swamp crosses 242.

**Commissioner Byrd:** I have one area on Old Lake Road, right past the new schoolhouse, there is a private road that needs to be checked into. In the past, when we had a Beaver Management Committee, did it seem to help?

**Butch Adams:** That would be beneficial.

**Commissioner Byrd:** This needs to be discussed when all the Board members are present.

**Edward Davis:** We could have these meetings through teleconferences, through my office, if the need arises.

**Agenda Item #7: 2011 PROPOSED CDBG SCATTERED SITE GRANT APPLICATION - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:**

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, requested the Board to establish March 05, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. as the date and time for a public hearing for the 2011 Proposed CDBG Scattered Site Grant Application.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to establish March 05, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date at time for a public hearing for the 2011 Proposed CDBG Scattered Site Grant Application, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Commissioner Byrd:** There are two (2) houses in my area that need special consideration. One (1) does not have running water at all. The person that lives there is disabled. Because of some regulations, and maybe we need to figure out what we need to do to try get around these regulations. This is an heir property. Because it is an heir property and he is not the sole owner, he can't get any help. I have spoken to Natalie about this and she is very familiar with this situation. I have another situation that is very terrible, and it is setting on twelve (12) acres of land owned by the son, and the mobile home is owned by the mother, and I will contact them personally, and I am in favor of these grants being scattered in lieu of concentrated. We need to check into these grants, Mr. Attorney, to see if there are any Federal or State regulations, or whatever, that we need to try to address to get some lead way with this.

**Chairman McKenzie:** Mr. Clark, would you have Natalie to check into this.

**Commissioner Bullard:** We just held a Housing Advisory Committee Meeting on a CDBG Grant and the applications had to be turned in by 12:00 Noon on Thursday. The State has enacted some additional regulations on these grants.

**Agenda Item #8: INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (IDA) GRANT # 09-C-2043 CLOSEOUT:**

Carol Caldwell, Director of The Dream Center, requested Board approval to close the Individual Development Account Community Block Grant (IDA) Grant # 09-C-2043 out.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the closeout of the Individual Development Account Community Block Grant (IDA) Grant # 09-C-2043, seconded by



Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC UTILITIES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.:

**Water:**

	<b>D-I</b>	<b>D-II</b>	<b>D-III</b>	<b>D-IV</b>	<b>D-V</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Number Customers	1145	1378	1008	771	425	4727
New Customers Added	20	32	23	607	65	747
Total Gallons Pumped (MG)	93.4	91.7	53.9	60.9	63.1	363 MG
Total Gallons Sold (MG)	74.2	67.4	45.6	30.7	59.1	277 MG
Revenues from Water Sales	\$454,004.50	\$547,608.83	\$382,499.16	\$221,428.77	\$380,810.69	\$1,986,351.95

The Silverspoon Road well in Water District III is currently online. This well went into service in June, 2011.

Cut Offs for non-payment: 1651 Avg. 138/month  
 Processed Work Orders: 3175 Avg. 265/month  
 Utility Locates: 333

Chlorine residuals are sampled at each well daily. Gallons pumped are logged at each well daily. Water Quality Technician flushes the water daily to maintain water quality (86 MG annually). Total dead end mains - 74 all water districts combined.

**Water Testing (Compliant in all districts except as follows):**

District IV: Non-compliant for semi-annual testing for lead and copper in 2010; but is now complaint with all State regulations.  
 District IV: Lakeland Village was non-compliant for semi-annual testing for lead and copper in 2010, but is now compliant with all State regulations.

**Sewer POTW:**

Annual Permit: 0.125 MGD  
 Average Daily Discharge: 0.025 MGD (Momentive Specialty Chemicals)

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Prevatte:** In the number of new customers, is it possible that some of these are disconnects for non-payment?

**Kip McClary:** What you see here, we do have some turnover in rental accounts, and that is reflected in some of these numbers, and there may be some vacant accounts.

**Commissioner Byrd:** Do you see any increase in District IV?

**Kip McClary:** We have not had any, since it went on line, paying for additional taps.

**Commissioner Bullard:** I think it would be good to offer a lower tap fee.

**Kip McClary:** We can consider that. Our budget is coming up, and we can propose things like that for you in our budget.

**Agenda Item #10: MAINTENANCE - RELOCATION SEWER LINE at DEPARTMENT OF AGING:**

Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, requested Board approval of the low bid and following budget amendment for the sewer line relocation at the Columbus County Department of Aging.

**Bid Tabulation Sheet**  
**Department of Aging Sewer Line Relocation**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>COST</u>
NYE Construction	\$8,050
S&P Electrical and Plumbing	\$5,400

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-9999-999999	Contingency	(\$5,400)
	10-4265-559000	C/O Other Improvements	\$5,400

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the low bid of five thousand, four hundred and 00/100 (\$5,400.00) dollars to S&P Electrical and Plumbing to relocate the sewer line at the Department of Aging, and approve the budget amendment for the same, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #11: TAX - REPORT of UNPAID TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY:**

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator delivered the following report on unpaid taxes on real property.

1. I provided you with a report reflecting the taxes paid and the taxes unpaid;
2. In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 105-369 the Tax Administrator must report to the Governing Body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal years that are liens on real property; **and**
3. The Governing Body must order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to order Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, to advertise the tax liens on real property in Columbus County, as per N.C.G.S. §105-369, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #12: EQUALIZATION and REVIEW BOARD - APPOINTMENT of CHAIRMAN:**

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested that Jimmy Malpass be appointed as the Chairman of the Equalization and Review Board, as per N.C.G.S. § 105-322.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint Jimmy Malpass as the Chairman of the Equalization and Review Board, as per N.C.G.S. § 105-322, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #13: RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD - APPROVAL of RECOMMENDATION to FILL VACANCY:**

Steve Lanier, Chairman of the Riegelwood Sanitary District Board, recommended the appointment of Ronald McPherson to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of Aubrey T. Bryant, as per N.C.G.S. § 130A-54.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to appoint Ronald McPherson to the Riegelwood Sanitary District Board, to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of Aubrey T. Bryant, as per N.C.G.S. § 130A-54, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #14: NC D.O.T. SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2011-12) - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:**

Drew Cox, District Engineer, requested the Board to establish March 05, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for the annual public hearing for the Secondary Roads Improvement Program.

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to establish Marcy 05, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for the annual public hearing for the Secondary Roads Improvement Program, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #15: HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested a Board appointment to the Housing Advisory Committee, to replace Vondrena Gore who has retired.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to appoint Cyndi Hammonds, Post Office Box 1851, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 641-3108 (W), to the Housing Advisory Committee, to fill the unexpired term of Vondrena Gore, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

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

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

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

February 06, 2012 **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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V.

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

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

At 7:34 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5900-550045	Capital Outlay - County Schools	750,000

	29-5900-550045	Capital Outlay - County Schools	750,000
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3991-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	750,000
	29-3200-432320	County Appropriation	750,000
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-5180-512100	EH Salaries	624
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3510-430028	Childhood Lead	624
<b>Expenditure</b>	64-7115-527100	Contract - Sewer Purchase	11,500
<b>Revenue</b>	64-3716-418110	Sewer Sales	11,500
<b>Expenditure</b>	14-4311-598000	Transfer to General Fund	5,685
	10-4317-460160	Grant Expense	5,685
<b>Revenue</b>	14-3431-499101	Drug Fund Balance Appropriated	5,685
	10-3431-440035	Grants	5,685
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	3,103
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - Sheriff	3,103
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-5301-512100	Salaries & Wages	(30,000)
	10-5301-519001	Contracted Services	30,000
	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	188,766
	10-5302-519945	LIEAP	46,086
	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy	7,756
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy	7,756
	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	188,766
	10-3530-432515	LIEAP	46,086

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
February 20, 2012**

Refunds Name: Dees Philip R. & Geneva V. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year 011 Account # 12-06428 Bill # 33095 Total \$223.00  
Refund user fee. Dwelling is vacant.320 JEMEG Trail  
660 Grists Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431

Refunds Name: Young, Rufus Allen & Jamie C. Amount: \$8.15  
Value: \$1,000.00 Year 011 Account # 11-04448 Bill # 70865 Total \$231.95  
Refund value of 1972 12 x 60 mobile home. Rebilled to Act#08-21580 Rufus Stanton Young. Refund St.  
James Fire(.60), refund Columbus Rescue(.20)  
2483 Old Northeast Rd. (LW) Lake Waccamaw NC 28450

Refunds Name: Bullard Marjoria E (DEC) Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year 7-10 Account # 10-01740 Bill # 99999 Total \$470.00  
Release user fees. Dwelling has been vacant.  
1021 Academy Street

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
February 20, 2012**

Release the Property Value in the name of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church Amount: \$901.39  
Value: \$110,600.00 Year: 2011 Account # 16-50010 Bill # 0282 Total \$1,334.53  
Release value of parsonage. Should be exempt for 2012. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(110.60), release Columbus  
Rescue(22.12), release Water District II(77.42)

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Clarence Woodrow Amount: \$81.50  
 Value: \$10,000.00 Year: 2011 Account # 4-02755 Bill # 4503 Total \$312.50  
 Release value of 1996 mobile home. Located in Bladen County. Release Buckhead Fire(6.00), release  
 Columbus Rescue(2.00)

Release the Property Value in the name of Oxendine, Charles Lynn Amount: \$402.17  
 Value: \$4,368.00 Year: 02-11 Account # 6-28525 Bill # 99999 Total \$2,377.89  
 Release entire portion of 1988 mobile home demolished in 2000. Gave to Act#06-04957 New Life Farms for  
 salvage. Release Williams Fire(30.69), release Columbus Rescue(10.23)

Release the Property Value in the name of Posey, Erika Amount: \$725.36  
 Value: \$44,500.00 Year: 10-11 Account # 5-01330 Bill # 5506 Total \$1,379.06  
 Release entire portion of value on double wide. Burned 2009. Release North Whiteville (100.00), release  
 Columbus Rescue(17.80), release Water District II(97.90)

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Johnny L. & Mozella Amount: \$8.15  
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2011 Account # 6-33515 Bill # 1090 Total \$232.35  
 Release entire value of 12 x 60 mobile home. Demolished. Release Yam City (1.00), release Columbus  
 Rescue(.20)

Release the Property Value in the name of Walters, Gloria Amount: \$1,122.27  
 Value: \$45,900.00 Year: 09-11 Account # 10-04615 Bill # 99999 Total \$1,536.81  
 Release entire value of mobile home. Repoed in 2008. Release Columbus Rescue(27.54)

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams Lillie Heirs Amount: \$112.52  
 Value: \$1,600.00 Year: 02-11 Account # 5-07600 Bill # 99999 Total \$179.74  
 Release value of land. Double listed act#05-02916 Barbara Featherston. Release North Whiteville Fire(50.00),  
 release Columbus Rescue(2.84), release Water District III(14.38)

Release the Refunds in the name of Bullard Marjoria E (DEC) Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 07-10 Account # 10-01740 Bill # 9999 Total \$470.00  
 Release user fees. Dwelling has been vacant.

Release the Refunds in the name of Dees Philip R. & Geneva V. Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-06428 Bill # 3095 Total \$223.00  
 Refund user fee. Dwelling is vacant.320 JEMEG Trail

Release the Refunds in the name of Young, Rufus Allen & Jamie C. Amount: \$8.15  
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2011 Account # 11-04448 Bill # 0865 Total \$231.95  
 Refund value of 1972 12 x 60 mobile home. Rebilled to Act#08-21580 Rufus Stanton Young. Refund St.  
 James Fire(.60), refund Columbus Rescue(.20)

Release the User Fee in the name of Andrews, Herman Phillip & Crystal Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 15-00610 Bill # 3544 Total \$223.00  
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant and incomplete.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Edna Long(ETALS) Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 6-01867 Bill # 4851 Total \$223.00  
 Release user fee. Sending can in 2012

Release the User Fee in the name of Best, Luben E. (Rev) Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 1-05580 Bill # 5773 Total \$743.40  
 Release user fee. 5 cans picked up 4/18/11

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullard, Paul Levon Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 10-01760 Bill # 8301 Total \$136.00  
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Davis, Janice M. Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 3-02351 Bill # 2815 Total \$223.00  
 Release user fee. Mobile home is vacant and used for storage.

Release the User Fee in the name of Duncan, Richard Nelson & Sonya Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 7-04144 Bill # 3994 Total \$223.00

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Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Dyson, Barbara Jean Jolly	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 3-00648 Bill # 4087	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Eady, Marion (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 09-11 Account # 10-03480 Bill # 99999	Total	\$774.00

Release user fees. 2 houses located at 153 Railroad Street Ext are unliveable and 1 house at 221 Railroad St. Ext is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Freeman, Clayton Edward & Lois	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 4-04938 Bill # 6890	Total	\$128.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant

Release the User Fee	in the name of Godwin Jake C.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-10380 Bill # 8361	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Godwin Larry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-10580 Bill # 011	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Gore, Danny Ferrell & Emory Diane	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 3-02009 Bill # 8701	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Guyton, Connie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 13-05129 Bill # 0430	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. No can at this address.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Hayes, A L & Martha	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 16-05957 Bill # 1558	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant

Release the User Fee	in the name of Hayes, A L & Martha J	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 16-03904 Bill # 1560	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of James Glen Dale	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-05754 Bill # 4820	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Lewis, Cecelia (ETAL)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 10-11 Account # 14-00918 Bill # 99999	Total	\$438.00

Release user fee. Only 1 can at this address.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Little, Stephanie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 10-11 Account # 15-04331 Bill # 9999	Total	\$438.00

Release user fees. No can at this mobile home.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Nobles, James A. & Tammie K.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 08-11 Account # 13-00965 Bill # 9999	Total	\$848.00

Release user fees. No can ever sent to this address.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Norris, Winston Corlin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 6-28460 Bill # 3883	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Packer, William & Tamika	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-04452 Bill # 4208	Total	\$223.00

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant

Release the User Fee	in the name of Rackley, Renee	Amount:	\$0.00
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Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 11-00641 Bill # 6693 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Barbara C. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 1-83240 Bill # 9969 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Only 1 can at this address.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Harold Dean Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 3-03814 Bill # 0952 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 9-13-11

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Herbert C. & Iola Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-28900 Bill # 999 Total \$446.00  
Release user fee on two locations. Dwellings are vacant. 4699 & 4702 Walter Todd Rd.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, James E. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 6-05704 Bill # 3661 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Vaught, Reginald L. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 16-01149 Bill # 6115 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Joyce C. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-32220 Bill # 7301 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Hez C. (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-30755 Bill # 9576 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worrell Carol Kinlaw Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 2-01262 Bill # 0361 Total \$223.00  
Release user fee Dwelling is vacant.

**Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:**

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

**B. Department Heads:**

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
  - a. At our last meeting, we went into Closed Session regarding issues with our Landfill Gas Projects that we are looking at; **and**
  - b. There will be a group of individuals here Thursday, and they have asked if the Board would like to have one or two of the Board members meet them for lunch, and a couple could go to dinner that night to get information on the potential project.

After a brief discussion was conducted, Chairman McKenzie and Vice Chairman McDowell agreed to have lunch and/or dinner with the group.

2. **Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director:** stated the following:
  - a. Some of the constituents are asking about the telephone calls and flyers they have been receiving about insurance on their water line services from the water meter to the house;
  - b. We did an investigation on this and contacted the Department of Insurance to find out if the companies that have been contacting the residents in this area were listed with the Department of Insurance;
  - c. They referred us to the Attorney General's Office, and we spoke with a representative there, and she stated they had two (2) complaints on this company;
  - d. The company's name is Home Served Waterline Service Coverage;

- e. The first letter mailed out was ambiguous and needed clarification, and since then the company has revamped their letter, and the North Carolina Attorney General's Office is satisfied with their letter, however, she stated although the letter is not as misleading, it should be explained to the customer that it is not something that is necessary, but they need to use their own discretion concerning this matter;
- f. What they are offering is if you will pay them a monthly or annual fee, it will cover the event if you have a line break between the meter and the house;
- g. They are advising to tell the customer to use their own discretion; **and**
- h. This is something that is normally not done, but this company is offering that service.

3. **Richard Gore, Tax Administrator:** stated the following:

- a. On the re-valuation, we are approximately eighty (80%) percent complete with the field work;
- b. We are still compiling figures; **and**
- c. We are ahead of schedule.

C. **Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:

- a. It is another sad day for Columbus County and the surrounding counties with the loss of the Caterpillar Plant;
- b. We are not going to get any big industry in here until the State takes a stand and does something with the ports;
- c. The whole kicker with this is our water was 42' and they wanted 50'; **and**
- d. Every time the State tries to do something, the No Port Southport Group comes up and places a block on it.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:

- a. This past season was a very good season for pecans here in Columbus County;
- b. I wanted to asked Dalton Dockery if it would be possible for him to try and get some of the Golden Leaf Tobacco money for us to promote planting pecan trees on some of this farm land; **and**
- c. There is big money in pecans.

3. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** Mr. Lewis provided us with a D.O.,T. Current Project Time line which is really important, and I would like to thank him for this.

4. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

- a. I echo what Commissioner Byrd said about the loss of the industry, but we need to keep our chin up;
- b. I would like to compliment all the department heads for the good job that you are doing; **and**
- c. Kip, I really enjoyed your report tonight.

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

- 1. Tomorrow night, we have our dinner and meeting at Southeastern Community College with the Board of Trustees, and that starts at 5:30 P.M.;
- 2. Next Monday night, we are meeting with the Columbus County and Whiteville City school systems at 5:30 P.M. at the same place;
- 3. On March 16, 2012, we have our Board Retreat at Southeastern Community College; **and**
- 4. At the March 05, 2012 Board Meeting, we will have our pictures taken, group and individual.

E. **County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:

- 1. At Gary Lanier's request, Economic Development Director, I have reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Landfill Project; **and**
- 2. I see no legal issues involved.

C. **Board of Commissioners (continued):**



5. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
- a. Myself and Vice Chairman McDowell had good training in Chapel Hill;
  - b. Gary Lanier works very hard for us here in the County; **and**
  - c. Kip, I have fourteen (14) years of Board Packets that I would like to dispose of. Is it possible to have a centralized location for all of the Board members to dispose of their Board Packets?

**Agenda Item #20: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

**DELETED**

**Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Norris were not present to vote.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Joint Meeting with**  
**Dr. Kathy Matlock, President, Southeastern Community College, and**  
**Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**  
**5:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time at Southeastern Community College, Room T-120, 4564 Chadbourne Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of holding a Joint Meeting with Dr. Kathy Matlock, President, Southeastern Community College, and the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
 Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Ricky Bullard

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ  
 Lynwood Norris  
 Giles E. Byrd

**COLUMBUS COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

**SCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman  
 Jim Graham  
 Joe Hooks  
 Rhone Sasser  
 Doris Dees  
 Theresa Blanks

**SCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Henry Edmund  
 Joey Ray  
 Harry Foley  
 Richard Dameron  
 Dr. Maude Davis  
 Charles Gore

**SCC STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Kathy Matlock, SCC President  
 Betty Joe Ramsey, Vice President of  
 Operations and Finance  
 Kathy Britt, Executive Assistant

**Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 5:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the meeting to order, and stated the following:

1. I would like to thank you for attending this meeting;
2. We would like to know the pros and cons involved here;
3. We are very concerned about our community college, it affects our citizenry;
4. We want to provide as much assistance as we can within the means that we have;
5. It is the desire of the Board to supply all the needs, but that is not possible;
6. For the last few years, we have had no tax increase;
7. We want to assist you in any way that we can;
8. Communication is the key to accomplishing the things you need.

**Agenda Item #3: INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES:****A. Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees:**

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman  
 Jim Graham  
 Joe Hooks  
 Rhone Sasser  
 Doris Dees  
 Theresa Blanks

**B. Southeastern Community College Staff Members:**

Dr. Kathy Matlock  
 Betty Joe Ramsey  
 Kathy Britt

**C. Columbus County Board of Commissioners:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**  
 Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Ricky Bullard

**D. Columbus County Staff Members:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
 June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

**Agenda Item #2: INVOCATION:**

The invocation was graciously delivered by Chairman Spruell Randolph Britt.

**Agenda Item #4: PURPOSE of JOINT MEETING:**

Chairman McKenzie stated the purpose of this joint meeting is to promote good communication between both of these boards, to find out what the greatest needs are of Southeastern Community College, and try and determine the best method to meet those needs within the means that are afforded to us. I will start with Chairman Britt of the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees. Chairman Britt deferred this matter to Dr. Kathy Matlock.

**Dr. Kathy Matlock:** stated the following:

1. I would like to give you an update on the health of the following people:  
 -Harry Foley, one of our Trustees, had a heart catherization today in Wilmington;  
 -Peggy Blackmon had spinal surgery on Friday, and will be brought back for rehab in Wilmington; **and**  
 -John Krahnke had surgery on Friday;
2. The college has had a great year in terms of our accrediting;
3. Our employees worked Friday evenings and weekends to get ready for the accreditation;
4. The accreditation is not a one time event, it is an ongoing process; **and**
5. We agreed to deliver an update in mid-year, and I will request Betty Joe Ramsey, Vice President of Operations and Finance, to deliver this update to you.

**Betty Joe Ramsey:** delivered the following update.

Southeastern Community College

County Budget

The original county current operating budget as submitted on the 2-1 to the System Office included the net county appropriation in the amount of \$1,055,436 and the capital outlay of \$135,188. To balance the county budget the 2-1 reflected \$269,206 coming from sources other than the county. \$50,000 Was projected to be collected from summer usage for self-supporting curriculum classes and vehicle charge backs. The other was to be allocated from food services and vending to the extent available.

Following is a summary schedule of budget vs. expenditures through December 31, 2011:

Details	Budget	Actual	Budget to Actual	Unexpended Budget
Current Operating Expenses-college projected budget	1,324,642	628,486.42	47.45%	696,155.58
County Budget Appropriated including capital bal allocation and less advance payback	1,157,366	628,486.42	54.30%	528,879.58

County Current Appropriation:	1,206,334			
Advance Payback	(150,898)			
Balance of Capital Outlay Re-allocated	<u>101,930</u>			
<b>(Approved November, 2011)</b>				
Total County Current Operating Budget:	1,157,366			
Additional Income from other sources:				
Summer Usage	25,161			
Vehicle charge backs thru Dec	10,561			
Estimated vehicle charge backs	13,500			
Adjusted Budget	1,206,588	628,486.42	52.09%	578,102.05
Target % of Budget that should be spent as of 12/31/11:	1,206,588	603,294.24	50%	603,294.24
<b>Deficit Spending as of 12/31/11:</b>		<b>25,192.19</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>(25,192.19)</b>

The original budget did include 2 positions for the full year and neither has been filled. We are currently advertising for 1 general maintenance position. Also, TJ Long has assumed John Krahnke's duties as maintenance supervisor in addition to his grounds duties. Expense areas to monitor are electricity, telephone, maintenance supplies and repair to facilities and equipment.

In-depth discussion was conducted relative to the use of the natural gas line that is being installed by Piedmont Gas, at Southeastern Community College, versus continuing to use propane gas, the cost savings, the contact person being Tony Soles, County Maintenance Director, and the largest expense being the conversion from propane gas to natural gas.

**Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:

1. We look at Southeastern Community College as a lead agency for the County;
2. We are proud of our community college as it serves as a beacon light; **and**
3. When we say no to some of the college's request, it is not because we want to, but it is because there are numerous places that have the same request, and we are forced to ration the amount of money we have out as best we can to serve the needs of our citizenry.

**Rhone Sasser:** stated the following:

1. We appreciate sessions like this one where we can exchange ideas and suggestions;
2. When the situation arose that warranted our request to transfer Capital Outlay to Current Operating Expenses, and we were denied, it put us in a bind;
3. We had become accustomed to this being done in previous years;
4. We understand completely the County's situation;
5. Our staff has done a good job on cutting back on expenses where they could;
6. We intend to cooperate completely, and we also recognize our fiduciary responsibilities to the college and to the population, as each one of you do, as a whole;
7. We have enough needs that we could use any excess that you have;
8. Dr. Matlock and her staff are doing the best job they can on prioritizing; **and**
9. If you don't maintain the college as it should be, it does not speak well for the County.

**Joe Hooks:** stated the following:

1. I am a relatively new Board of Trustees member;
2. I can readily see that the college has a lot of needs;
3. The two (2) positions that have not been filled need to be filled;
4. The appearance of the college is very important to everyone;
5. I really appreciate you coming to listen to our requests; **and**
6. Good communication is always the key factor in getting things accomplished.

**Jim Graham:** stated the following:

1. The college is serving more students than the State standards;
2. The staff is utilizing what they have to the greatest benefit;
3. This community college is a great economic engine; **and**
4. If Columbus County does have future economic opportunities, the college will need to be here for the necessary training.

**Doris Dees:** stated the following:

1. I am a taxpayer, and I don't like for my taxes to be raised;

2. You should not think that raising taxes is a dirty word because it has to be done sometimes; **and**
3. If it needs to be done, you do it.

**Theresa Blanks:** stated the following:

1. I would like to echo the same sentiments that have been stated, but I am not for sure about raising taxes;
2. If the need is great enough to raise taxes, then that needs to be taken under consideration;
3. We do need to keep our buildings in good condition; **and**
4. Southeastern Community College has affected most of us in here either directly or indirectly.

**Spruell Randolph Britt:** stated the following:

1. I remember the first class I took at Southeastern Community College back in the early 1970's, and that was an EMT Class;
2. I remember the uplifting of the entire community when we had trained fireman, trained EMT's;
3. This community college system has played a key role in the community, and I think it will be even more important to the community in the future;
4. I think the county is moving in the right direction;
5. I believe in our community college;
6. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call or come by.

**Rhone Sasser:** stated the following:

1. One opportunity that we have is being a Tier I county, we can attract people here;
2. We need the community college for training;
3. North Carolina is recognized as having one of the best community college systems in the nation;
4. I think we have utilized our resources very well, we need to keep it going and in good condition; **and**
5. The monetary allocation we receive from the County is just as important as the monetary allocation we receive from the State.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

1. I would like to thank everyone for this meeting, and for the good report;
2. I agree with what Mr. Sasser has said, I think that communication is key here;
3. One thing that I keep hearing in the county and across the State is that we need more transparency in our government;
4. Are the Board of Trustees Meetings open to the public, are minutes kept and does the County get a copy of these minutes?; **and**
5. When your monetary request is submitted to the County, it would be advantageous to all the Board members if you would break it down into the specific categories as to where the money is needed.

In-depth discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. A very detailed report is given to William S. Clark, County Manager, and Bobbie Faircloth, County Finance Officer;
2. The need for this information to be distributed, and at what intervals;
3. The number of participants to be involved in the decision-making process;
4. At what point in time does the trust issue come into play;
5. If satisfaction is not seen, this can be brought to the attention of those involved;
6. Sources of information are William S. Clark, Dr. Kathy Matlock, Betty Jo Ramsey and Chairman of the Board of Trustees;
7. The usage of the allocated amount of money to accomplish the most beneficial goals;
8. The ability to communicate the information to the public and help them to understand; **and**
9. More open communication.

**Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:

1. I do appreciate the opportunity to come to this meeting and hear the issues;
2. I want to get educated as well as I can on Southeastern Community College's budget;
3. I do understand coming from a school board that you get money from different sources and that money can only be spent in specified areas;
4. The tide is turning, and things are coming around, and I think we are improving the County;
5. I like to see a strong budget and it makes the County look good, and it makes us be more

- effective to do the things that need to be done, and that is what we need to focus on;
6. I did see where the Caterpillar industry did compare the educational institutions to Georgia and we were not behind, we were equivalent to Georgia;
  7. The incentives that are given to personnel are important to attract good people that can manage our schools and our college;
  8. I want to do my job as a County Commissioner, and I do support the college, and when I have questions, I ask and get answers;
  9. I would like to see the percentage of money that we give Southeastern Community College increase yearly to strengthen the college, as well as our county and city schools;
  10. We need to start a rainy day fund so it can build up so when we have major issues, we will have the monetary means;
  11. We need to start showing our institutions that we are interested in funding them the best we can within our means; **and**
  12. How the money is handled will be up to the schools and the college to do their part.

**Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:

1. Southeastern Community College has made a big difference in my life;
2. Many people that I know, and many that I have taught has been affected by this college;
3. This college is the flagship of our educational system;
4. The perception to the general public may not be as clear and it is to the Board;
5. I applaud you for the work that you are doing and have done, and I challenge you to continue to do the good job with your budget;
6. I think this is a step in the right direction, but we do need to be a little more transparent; **and**
7. I would like to see a quarterly report or update because this helps.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

1. I don't think there was a Commissioner on this Board, when budget time came last time, that we didn't say to Mr. Clark, if we can give them an increase, talking about the school systems, Southeastern Community College, the Columbus County Schools and the Whiteville City School System, if we can give them an increase, let's do what we can because we realize that they need more;
2. Personally, as I mentioned to you, I am a proponent that any increase that we give that we let the institution tell us whether they need more money in Capital Outlay or Current Expense, because your needs are different from one system to the other; **and**
3. The important thing is put the money where it is needed.

**Doris Dees:** Do you realize that we have a high school on the campus, and we don't get any money for this school. Should we be receiving money for this high school?

**Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:

1. I thank each one of you for coming tonight;
2. I think what we have heard here tonight is valuable input;
3. It will help us to continue to do a good job for the county and that is our primary goal and objective;
4. This is good communication;
5. We can't resolve all the issues here tonight; **and**
6. We realize that you have done your part, you report to Mr. Clark and you have done your part.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:15 P.M., Chairman McKenzie declared the Joint Meeting adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**