

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 16, 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 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
 P. Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the April 16, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 02, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Norma Yanez, 102 E. Sherwood Drive, Havelock, NC 28592:** stated the following:
 - A. I am the Government Contracts Manager for Waste Industries in eastern North Carolina;
 - B. I am here to address the Board tonight concerning Agenda Item #10 that is related to the County trash pickup and the Transfer Station bid that was done;
 - C. Waste Industries participated in that Request for Proposal;
 - D. I would like to thank Mr. Clark and Mr. McClary for doing a professional job and being very courteous in conducting the bid process;
 - E. In your Board Packet, you have been given a comparison of what is currently being charged by Waste Management and a comparison with the rates that we bid, as well as what Waste Management bid;
 - F. I would like to congratulate the County on the tremendous savings that they are going to get by this bid process, this will save you \$2.4 million or more per year by going through this bid process;
 - G. I would like to point out two (2) things in this comparison that you received, as follows:
 1. Based on Waste Industries providing new carts to everyone in the County; **and**
 2. Based on the worst-case scenario of us offering fuel at \$4.00 per gallon, and if we went over \$4.00, we would pay the difference, based on the gallons that were used, if it went under \$4.00 per gallon, then we would give you a credit back every month;
 - H. In view of all the scenarios that you see, we would like for you to table this item tonight, and give us a change to rerun some scenario numbers with the personnel here;
 - I. What is two (2) weeks going to hurt, you are going to save \$2.4 million anyway; **and**
 - J. The comparison that you are getting is only based on \$5.00 per gallon.

2. **Mark D. Myers, 1802 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27608:** stated the following:
- A. I am with Waste Industries, and I am the Eastern North Carolina Division Manager;
 - B. I use to be a city manager, and I clarify the heart of the process that went on;
 - C. An RFB is basically what it is, a request for proposal, and it does give you, the Governing Body, the right to go out and negotiate that contract;
 - D. You can negotiate on a RFP;
 - E. Under RFP regulations in North Carolina, you are allowed to negotiate, and actually that is what the City of Whiteville decided to do last week with us;
 - F. We were the low bid, and we were going to save the City of Whiteville \$300,000.00 a year, and Waste Management convinced them also to table it until tomorrow, and we are going back tomorrow to start negotiating again;
 - G. You are within your rights to table this item;
 - H. Basically, that is all we are asking for, for you to delay action until we can run the numbers like Norma has stated;
 - I. We were the low bid on the Transfer Station, and we would like consideration to separate the Transfer Station from the collection part;
 - J. We may be able to come back in a more favorable way and save you more money on the Transfer Station; **and**
 - K. This is a negotiating period, you have every right to negotiate, there is nothing according to North Carolina State law that tells you that you must make a decision based upon the RFP that was provided to you.
3. **A.B. Swindell, P.O. Box 788, Nashville, NC:** stated the following:
- A. I have served with the State Senate ten (10) years;
 - B. Some of you I have met in Raleigh, and I was Chairman of the Base Budget Committee in the State Budget, so I helped write the budget two (2) years ago;
 - C. I am no longer there, but for fifteen (15) years, I have been in solid waste with BFI where I met some of the fine people down here before, and also in Waste Industries, I have been involved with them for about ten (10) years;
 - D. I do work with Waste Industries and my position is I work with municipalities and counties across North Carolina, as well as major business opportunities, and I want you to know that I understand fully of what the responsibilities are, of you, today, in this day and time, and the constraints, for one, that Raleigh has put on you in so many ways and other faucets;
 - E. I am here as a representative of the company with these people, and I would appreciate it if you give them another two (2) weeks to show you these figures, and the company would appreciate it.
4. **Michael J. Holbrook, 2952 Austin Traphill Road, Elkin, NC 28621:** stated the following:
- A. I work with Waste Management;
 - B. My comments are directed toward Mr. Clark, County Manager, his staff, especially Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, we appreciate the professionalism in this RFP;
 - C. We sincerely appreciate the recommendation that is on the table tonight, and the employees of Waste Management has asked me to pass that information along, and I would like to do that at this time;
 - D. In regards to what my distinguished competitor has said, they are correct, it is within your right to decide as you see fit for Columbus County;
 - E. I will point out that the Whiteville example is not apples-to-apples, and it is universes apart;
 - F. There is apples-to-apples in the County;
 - F. We especially request that you accept your staff's recommendation and continue on with our service; **and**
 - G. We would be honored and privileged, and we certainly will not let you down.

Comments:

Commissioner Byrd: stated the following:

- 1. A few months ago, Waste Management came and put their proposal out in the open;
- 2. They showed us what they were willing to do from the beginning;
- 3. I feel like any other competitor had the advantage because they had the chance to come and put out their intention to bid and how they intended to bid, but they chose not to;
- 4. I am sure a lot of it was modeled behind what Waste Management offered on the Transfer Station and the fuel cost freeze, and other different things;

5. To do what we are being asked to do tonight, as far as I am concerned, is opening it back up and start rebidding the whole process over as if we have not done anything;
6. I do not see where that is fair;
7. I don't see how we can do that;
8. Four (4) years ago, when I ran for this seat, I read through that contract, and I campaigned on that I knew we could save \$1 million on that contract back then;
9. Tonight is the first time that I have heard anything about \$2.4 million which is very good;
10. I am glad that the \$1 million that I projected has come through, it happened, and it makes me feel good; **and**
11. I don't see how we can do this.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - GOVDEALS:

Robin Bradley, representative from Mid Atlantic, delivered the following presentation on the benefits of GovDeals.

1. I am the mid-Atlantic representative for GovDeals, and live in western North Carolina;
2. I want to talk about how GovDeals can help the County bring revenue in on surplus items that you have for sale;
3. We are not discouraging local auctions, but there is a good way of doing more of your specialty items by selling on line, and I would like to go over a little bit of information for you so you would understand the process;
4. GovDeals is based in Montgomery, Alabama, and there is a total of 55 employees that work with the company, and we have 4,589 clients in 50 states throughout the United States;
5. In 2011, our sales of local government surplus were \$115 million, and there were over 97,000 auction items that were sold;
6. We had around 21,055 vehicles and over 3,512 pieces of heavy equipment;
7. We were acquired in 2008 by Liquidity Services Industries which is out of Washington, D.C. and they do more federal surplus sales;
8. We do a lot of government surplus sales throughout the United States;
9. In North Carolina, we have been very active over the years, and in 2011, there were over \$10.9 million in surplus items sold here in the state;
10. We have over 482 clients in North Carolina, and 80 counties are clients;
11. We have over 220 cities and towns throughout the state as well;
12. We have a large bidder base which helps bring higher revenue or higher bid-in because of the large number of bidders out there;
13. Just in February, 2012, we had 25,408 registered bidders here in this state, and across the United States, we have 277,860 bidders;
14. We have a department that deals strictly with your marketing for your items, that is included in with the bid, there is no additional charge for that, the department will take care of the item;
15. We are strategic partners with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and have been for many years and the same with the North Carolina League of Municipalities;
16. We are an on-line solution often described as the e-bay for government;
17. We only sell government surplus and confiscated items;
18. We compete 24 7's for your surplus items, as well;
19. We like to think of ourselves as helping government be green, and we feel that is very important;
20. By selling your items on line, it helps eliminate your need for transporting those auction items, plus you don't have to do the warehouse space, cost for overtime, consideration of risk management;
21. The only thing we ask is that you don't try to sell the same item at the same time;
22. The items are auctioned immediately, so therefore there is no depreciation;
23. Doing business with GovDeals is simple and easy;
24. We do charge a fee and it is collected for those items on our website;
25. The fee includes your marketing, all advertisement, a client service rep that is available to help you and assists in any way;
26. Our agreement is a non-exclusive agreement;
27. You have been affiliated with GovDeals since July, 2009, and you have been a client, but you have never used the service;
28. We would like to see you use the service as a trial run; **and**
29. The only thing we would want to do, your fee was a flat fee, and we have other options available among six (6) choices.

Discussion:

Chairman McKenzie: Have we paying a fee since 2009?

Robin Bradley: No. You only pay when you use the service

Commissioner Byrd: Is the way you get paid by adding the buyer's premium?

Robin Bradley: No sir. We have a basic fee that is paid, and you can pay that fee or you do a buyer's premium, it is up to you. We also have four (4) other options if we collect the funds for you. There is an administrative fee on there.

After a discussion was conducted, discovery was made known there was a fee involved from anywhere between 5% to 7 ½%, not to exceed 7 ½%, and the method to be determined as to how this would be handled.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION - DISCOVER COLUMBUS FIRST COMMITTEE:

Janice Young, on behalf of the Discover Columbus First Committee, presented the following information on their County-wide marketing program.

1. We have 17 members on the Discover Columbus First Committee;
2. Some 4 years ago, with a dream and vision for Columbus County, a group of volunteers came together to bring people into our county, to live, play and do business;
3. We called the program Discover Columbus First;
4. The television, the print adds have shown the positive side of Columbus County;
5. This program has evolved since it first began, and we have taken the marketing to a new level;
6. You know there is power in numbers;
7. 55 Participants came together from all around the County that very first year to participant in this program, and since we have had 14 additional members to join and about 75% of the members that began 4 years ago, have continued to invest in this program every year;
8. Individuals, businesses, Chambers of Commerce, educational institutions, non-profits and municipalities from all around the County have collectively pooled their resources to get people interested in coming to Columbus County;
9. Over \$120,000 have been invested and paid by the participants, not counting the several thousands of dollars that have been donated in in-kind donations;
10. Community support has sustained this program at every level, from the entry level at \$120.00 per year to the visionary level of \$5,000.00;
11. The committee has worked very hard and has met almost every month for the last 4 years to keep the momentum alive and to allocate these resources that come to us from people who are struggling to build Columbus County and want it to be better;
12. We have allocated these resources in a very well thought-out plan;
13. We are here tonight to say thank you and to ask you to show your support to us and to join us in a one-time investment in our County with this unprecedented grassroots effort;
14. Our overall goal is to bring people to Columbus County;
15. We are requesting a one-time \$9,000 line item for 2012-2013 Budget as a Discover Columbus First partner;
16. Discover Columbus First is a vehicle that has shown it has sustainability and credibility, it has flexibility that governmental agencies often do not have; **and**
17. We ask that you direct Mr. Clark to include this in the upcoming budget.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to take the request made by the Discover Columbus First Committee under consideration for the 2012-2013 budget, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION - SENIOR CORPS WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Dr. Melody Prevatte, Director of Volunteer Services, Southeastern Community College, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Senior Corps Week Proclamation.

SENIOR CORPS WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; **and**

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, Senior Corps, and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; **and**

WHEREAS, RSVP has served Columbus County since 1973 through the local support from the Columbus County Commissioners and Southeastern Community College; **and**

WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including 395 RSVP volunteers in Columbus County, to serve their communities; **and**

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service nationwide, including more than 71,800 hours of service in Columbus County, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety; **and**

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 116 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; **and**

WHEREAS, service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; **and**

WHEREAS, the third annual Senior Corps Week, taking place **May 7-11, 2012**, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate May 7-11, 2012 as Senior Corps Week and urge citizens to recognize RSVP volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 16th day of April, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Senior Corps Week Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PROCLAMATION - MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION, MAY 2012:

Randy Norris, State President, Concerned Bikers Association, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation, May 2012.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION
MAY 2012

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of citizens across North Carolina and the United States; **and**

WHEREAS, North Carolina has over one hundred forty-two thousand (196,000) registered motorcycles and over two hundred sixty thousand (260,000) licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner's permit; **and**

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and of sharing the roadways; **and**

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment, and a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; **and**

WHEREAS, several organizations, such as the **Columbus County Concerned Bikers Association (CBA)**, along with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, other state and local motorcycle clubs and riding/social clubs, are committed to increasing the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider-safety education programs, and their goal is to alert the motorists of Columbus County to

LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE

; and

WHEREAS, **MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH** is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 as **“MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”** in Columbus County, and urge all citizens to commend its observance.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of April, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 /s/ AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman
ATTESTED BY:
 /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation, May 2012, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: SOLID WASTE - PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, requested Board authorization to proceed with negotiations of a five (5) year contract with Waste Management based on the following Solid Waste Contract Bid Comparison.

Waste Management Current Contract

<u>Services</u>	<u>Price/Month</u>
Charges for Cites and Towns 5669 x \$5.45	\$30,896.05
Columbus County Residential Service Charge 19,026 houses x \$13.33	\$253,616.58
Fuel Surcharge	\$47,045.88
Convenience Center Containers	\$3,439.09
Transfer Station Disposal Tonnage 2758.95 x \$53.19	\$146,748.55
Fuel Surcharge	\$27,221.86
County Office and Buildings	\$3,439.09
TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$512,407.10
TOTAL ANNUAL:	\$6,148,885.20

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROPOSED

<u>Proposed Services</u>	<u>Price/Month</u>
Columbus Country Residential Service Charge 19,026 houses x \$7.49	\$142,504.74
Fuel Surcharge -zero first year of contract	-0-
Convenience Center Containers	\$2,896.00
Transfer Station Disposal Tonnage estimate 3,000 tons x \$52.71	\$158,130.00
Fuel Surcharge - zero first year of contract	-0-
County Offices and Buildings	\$2,509.68
TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$306,040.42
TOTAL ANNUAL	\$3,672,485.04

WASTE INDUSTRIES PROPOSED

<u>Proposed Services</u>	<u>Price/Month</u>
Columbus County Residential Service Charge 19,026 houses x \$7.57	\$144,026.82
Fuel Surcharge over \$4.00 (1300 miles @ approx 2 miles/gallon estimated 2,500 gallons)	\$2,500.00
Convenience Center Containers	\$3,075.00

Transfer Station Disposal Tonnage estimate 3,000 tons/mo x \$51.96	\$155,880.00
Haul - Fuel Surcharge over \$4.00 (25 tn /ld=120 ld @ 24 gal /ld est. 2,880 gallons)	\$2,880.00
County Offices and Buildings	<u>\$2,498.71</u>
TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$310,860.53
TOTAL ANNUAL:	\$3,730,326.36

Heads Up Comparison over 5 Years

Based on fuel base line of \$4.00 and estimated fuel increase to \$5.00 in first year of contract

Waste Management		Waste Industries		Annual Savings / Loss
Yr 1 Annual	\$3,672,485.04	Yr 1 Annual	\$3,730,326.36	-\$57,841.32
Yr 2 Annual	\$3,856,109.29	Yr 2 Annual w/ 4% CPI Cap	\$3,876,957.01	-\$20,847.72
Yr 3 Annual	\$4,048,914.76	Yr 3 Annual w/ 4% CPI Cap	\$4,029,452.89	\$19,461.87
Yr 4 Annual	\$4,048,914.76	Yr 4 Annual w/ 4% CPI Cap	\$4,188,046.61	-\$139,133.85
Yr 5 Annual	\$4,048,914.76	Yr 5 Annual w/ 4% CPI Cap	\$4,352,988.16	-\$304,073.40
Net Savings over 5 Year Term:				-\$502,434.43

Narrative:

Per RFP, both bidders will pay \$2,500.00 per month lease on facility.

Both companies will be charged for commercial tonnage into transfer station to balance with total tonnage going out. Estimated 2,300 tons per month.

Waste Management did not propose annual CPI increase - Waste Industries did with cap at 4%.

Waste Management proposed no fuel surcharge in first year and 5% cap on fuel increases annually - Waste Industries will pass on fuel increase above \$4.00.

Waste Management will deed Transfer Facility back to County at no cost.

Waste Management offers to change contract date to July 1, 2012 to increase savings to County.

Per RFP, County will staff and operate scale house facility.

Discussion:

Commissioner Bullard: I personally don't see any harm in delaying this matter for two (2) weeks because it will not cost the County any money, and it doesn't mean we will have to take any more bids. I would like to hear the other proposal that Waste Industries has to offer. We may all learn something from this. Once we finish this negotiation, it is over for five years. The purpose of negotiating is to try and lower the cost for trash in this County, and I think that is the obligation of the Board.

Commissioner Byrd: I would also say that if you allow one side to make another presentation, then you would have to allow the other side to come back and do the same.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to go ahead and allow Mr. Clark to negotiate with Waste Management, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a substitute motion that we offer negotiations to continue, including Waste Industries, if they would like to show us how we can save more money, and delay this decision for two (2) weeks, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte.

Commissioner Prevatte: It is not that I am opposed to Waste Management's proposal. When we began talking about this, it was stated that we would have presentations from each bidder, and I have not heard from anyone. We have delayed contracts in the past to hear additional information.

Chairman McKenzie: Each bidder had the same opportunity, and they did not come forward.

Vice Chairman McDowell: If we do that, and the figures tweak, then Waste Management comes back and request us to give them two (2) weeks to run some more figures. How far do we go? We

opened up a process, we ask everyone to give us their best shot. I expect people to be up-front to begin with.

Commissioner Bryd: The Board had no part in the negotiations. It was between the companies, the County Manager, the County Attorney and the Solid Waste Director.

Commissioner Bullard: I have no problem with the quality of service from Waste Management. I have heard a presentation from Waste Management, but I have not heard a presentation from Waste Industries. I don't see why two (2) more weeks in delaying the award of the contract would harm anything. It can only educate us more about the disposal of trash in the County. I just found out about this last Thursday afternoon.

Roll-Call Vote on Substitute Motion:

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

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

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

Roll-Call Vote on Original Motion:

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

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

The original motion passes on a five (5) to one (1) vote, with one (1) abstention.

Agenda Item #11: EVERGREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Tommy Williams, Chairman of Board of Directors, Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, requested the Board to establish May 21, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for a proposed tax district.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish May 21, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for a proposed tax district for the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: NORTH WHITEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Mike Bartley, North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, requested the Board to establish May 21, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for a proposed tax district.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to establish May 21, 2012, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for a proposed tax district for the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: PYROTECHNICS DISPLAY SHOOT - PERMISSION to PERFORM OUTDOOR PYROTECHNICS DISPLAY SHOOT on APRIL 21, 2012:

Sally Knox, Vice President - Sales, Piedmont Pyrotechnics. LLC, is requesting Board approval to perform an outdoor shoot for Matt Smith on April 21, 2012, at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the pyrotechnics display shoot for Matt Smith on April 21, 2012, at approximately 8:00 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: ANIMAL CONTROL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Rossie Hayes, Animal Control Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

**Dogs and Cats
January 01, 2011 through December 31, 2011**

Dogs:

Entered the Shelter: 2,595 Adopted: 1,967 Euthanized: 628

Cats:

Entered the Shelter: 1,846 Adopted: 435 Euthanized: 1,411

1. I have two (2) horses in custody at the present time, and we have to pay for these horses to be kept; **and**
2. We may have four (4) more that has been reported.

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

At 7:41 P.M., Commissioner Byrd 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 Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

April 02, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Water District, respectively.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS for MARCH, 2012:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the monthly water bills for March, 2012.

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 7:43 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, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:**Tax Refunds and Releases:**

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

Tax Refunds and

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$447.45
Monroe, Joseph L.	PROPERTY: 62274	Total:	\$871.05
Value: \$18,300.00 Year: 09-11	Account: 1-04642	Bill#:	99999
Release value on dwelling and user fee. Torn down Sept 2008 Release Brunswick Fire(25.62), release Whiteville Rescue(10.98)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$60.13
Long, Tanya M.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$61.61

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 6-01911	Bill#: 48412
Refund entire value of 1993 mobile home and Columbus Rescue(1.48) Double listed act#07-05724 Velma Long.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Adams, Charles T.		PROPERTY: 10043	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 6-00025	Bill#: 23116
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Best, Paul Ray & Tammie L		PROPERTY: 91975	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 9-00936	Bill#: 25794
Release user fee. Only has 1 can and billed for 2.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Blanton, Irene Smith		PROPERTY: 27533	Total: \$446.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 15-02660	Bill#: 26328
Release user fee. Properties are vacant. Cans picked up 5-5-2010			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Brown, Jean V.		PROPERTY: 77550	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 11-04021	Bill#: 27576
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Butler, Charles Thomas(Jr) & Terry		PROPERTY: 23741	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 13-06030	Bill#: 28702
Release user fee. Can moved to Act#16-03517 Bradley Turbeville.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Cartrette, Pauline & darrell		PROPERTY: 15477	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 9-03720	Bill#: 30136
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Fair Eula Mae		PROPERTY: 25187	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 13-12351	Bill#: 35299
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount: \$0.00		
Gore, William Thomas		PROPERTY: 82042	Total: \$436.01
Value: \$0.00	Year: 10-11	Account: 7-05752	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Green, Louise Russ		PROPERTY: 30202	Total: \$127.54
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2007	Account: 16-06420	Bill#: 54007
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Release Water District II(3.03) . Should be exempt.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Tanya M.		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$223.00
Value:	Year: 2011	Account: 06-01911	Bill#: 48412
Release user fee. Mobile home DBL Act#07-05724 Velma Long			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Page, Paul & Doris		PROPERTY: 27533	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 13-31720	Bill#: 54252
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Pridgen, John Paul & Linda W.		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 10-13860	Bill#: 56279
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sarvis, Danny Richard & coleman Paul		PROPERTY: 16712	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 9-03625	Bill#: 58608
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Spaulding, John Henry		PROPERTY: 27168	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 14-15600	Bill#: 62097
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Walker, Melinda	PROPERTY: 79693	Total:	\$12.40
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 16-99624	Bill#: 66624
Release Water District II (12.40), 2% failed to be applied.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, T Lynn	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 7-02041	Bill#: 67592
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williamson, Priscilla Lee Nance &	PROPERTY: 91626	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 16-05517	Bill#: 69715
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

B. Department Head:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director: stated the following:

- a. In reference to the Discover Columbus First Committee, I sit on their Board;
- b. I would like for you to consider economic development, tourism, growth of housing, people spending money in the County as a key part in our economic development portfolio, so to speak; **and**
- c. They do a lot of good things with the money they have to work with.

C. Board of Commissioners:

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

- a. I would like to thank everyone for attending this meeting;
- b. In traveling, there seems to be more trash on the roads, and the State is behind on their mowing; **and**
- c. I would like to thank Discover Columbus First for being here.

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

- a. I would like to echo what Mr. Lanier has stated regarding Discover Columbus First;
- b. If you enjoy riding motorcycles, please leave your helmet on when you cross the state line; **and**
- c. I would like to recommend that the starting salary for the Social Services Director be set at seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to set the starting salary for the Columbus County Department of Social Services Director at seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

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

- a. I would like to reiterate to Waste Management that I appreciate the hard work put into crunching those numbers;
- b. I appreciate the work performed by the staff members in crunching these numbers and saving our citizens money;
- c. I do appreciate everyone being here tonight; **and**
- d. Janice, I enjoyed your presentation and I appreciate you being here tonight.

4. **Commissioner Norris:** I appreciate what our employees do and I appreciate being able to be here tonight.

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

- a. I would like to say to Waste Management, I am happy with the service

- you are providing to me;
- b. Don't be upset because I am trying to save the County some money;
 - c. Thank you for looking out for us; **and**
 - d. I thank Discover Columbus First, what you do is good, and we have a beautiful boardwalk at Fair Bluff that would make beautiful pictures.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
- a. I would like to thank everyone for attending the meeting and showing an interest;
 - b. I would like to thank Waste Management, and I think we got the best results from the bid process that we could get;
 - c. I have some farmers in the Beaverdam Community that are very concerned with Peacock Road being closed for bridge replacement right here in the summer, and in that particular area, a lot of them grow tobacco, and they would like to know if the Board can do anything to get this delayed until after the tobacco season;
 - d. In addition, I have also heard that D.O.T. is going to close Highway 211 for a period of time, and the people in the area would like for them to detour one (1) way traffic;

William S. Clark: I recommend that we pass a resolution requesting this and send it to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Prevatte: I would like for Union Valley Road to be added.

Commissioner Norris: I would like for Highway 904 to be added.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the following Resolution Requesting the Re-Scheduling of Road Closures in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING the RE-SCHEDULING
of ROAD CLOSURES in COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, great concern about the temporary closing of certain roads in Columbus County has been expressed to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, the temporary road closings are for bridge replacements and/or construction which is needed; **and**

WHEREAS, this repair and/or replacement work is important and greatly appreciated by the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the scheduling of the said repair and/or replacement work will interfere with the farming activity in the following stated affected areas which will create delays and hazards in the movement of heavy equipment:

Peacock Road - Beaverdam Community;
SR 1585 Union Valley Road;
Highway 211; **and**
NC 904 - Replace Bridge # 44-Juniper Swamp;

WHEREAS, if possible, this work should be scheduled after seasonal farming is completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, respectfully request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to reschedule the above stated repair and/or replacement work until after the seasonal farming activities have been completed.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 16th day of April, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

- e. I hope we can help Discover Columbus First in the upcoming budget; **and**
- f. I think this Board needs to consider renewing the Lease Agreement with the hospital.

7. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:

- a. I would like to thank Waste Management once again;
- b. The purpose of this Board is for each and every member to do what is in the best interest for our citizens; **and**
- c. For health and fitness purposes, I am proposing that we have a Commissioner's run at least once, if not twice, a year.

E. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** We were in Superior Court this morning, and Judge Sasser signed the Consent Order which effectively ended the lawsuit involving the Town of Chadbourn, Chadbourn Rural Water Association, County of Columbus and other parties, so that is settled.

Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:09 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman

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

Monday, April 16, 2012

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 02, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 02, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS for MARCH, 2012:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the monthly water bills for March, 2012, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
3/2/2012	603180.00.96	BERNITHA GREEN	100.00	METER TAMPERING 2ND OFFENSE
3/2/2012	404780.00.98	CHARLES CRIBB	50.00	METER TAMPERING

3/5/2012	100564.00.93	AUDELLA JACOBS	28.38	TRANSFER BALANCE
3/5/2012	100840.00.97	AUDELLA JACOBS	-28.38	TRANSFER BALANCE
3/6/2012	301430.00.98	CORA NEALEY	-48.00	READING ERROR
3/8/2012	603500.00.98	DINAH SMITH	50.00	METER TAMPERING
3/12/2012	600285.00.98	ESTHER SMITH	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
3/14/2012	600470.00.98	HORACE STRICKLAND	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/14/2012	301650.00.96	CYNTHIA COLEMAN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/19/2012	401710.00.96	TERRY D. LONG	-32.00	CUSTOMER LEAK

____ Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:

Status of Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects:

Chairman McKenzie asked Mr. McClary what the status was on the Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects. Mr. McClary replied stating they had been working on Solid Waste and would get back to these projects shortly.

Reduced Water Tap Rate Responses:

Commissioner Prevatte asked Mr. McClary if any responses had been received from the reduced rate for water taps that was offered beginning in April. Mr. McClary replied stating that we have had twelve (12) on existing lines.

Commissioner Byrd asked what has been done to advertise the reduced rate for the water taps. Mr. McClary replied stating nothing had been done except the mention of this in the meeting and the article printed in the News Reporter.

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, to move forward with an advertisement in the News Reporter, and placing this notice on the monthly bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, April 16, 2012

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 02, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 02, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS for MARCH, 2012:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the monthly water bills for March, 2012, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
3/6/2012	120950.00.98	HARRY STRICKLAND	-4.00	READING ERROR
3/6/2012	132520.00.98	ANGELA PETERSON	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/6/2012	121640.00.96	DANNY MEARES	-8.00	READING ERROR
3/6/2012	131210.00.98	CHARLIE & GATHEL MARTIN	-8.00	METER READ WRONG
3/6/2012	143750.00.97	JOHN NEAL	-16.00	METER READ WRONG
3/6/2012	141770.00.98	MARY RICHARDSON	-8.00	METER READ WRONG
3/6/2012	143780.00.98	NAN WHITE	-232.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/6/2012	132195.00.97	RYAN DOUGLAS	50.00	METER TAMPERING
3/7/2012	130825.00.97	CHRISTOPHER BLACKWELL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/7/2012	140625.00.92	MARION BROWN CARTER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/7/2012	111470.00.95	ALAN KEITH WILSON	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/8/2012	120960.00.98	HARRY R. STRICKLAND	-52.00	INCORRECT READING
3/9/2012	110778.00.97	DICK LEE WHITE	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
3/14/2012	143810.00.92	LARRY LEE HARDIE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/14/2012	142020.00.98	DOUGLAS E. BROWN	-16.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/16/2012	144345.00.98	LORENE MAHONEY	-114.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/16/2012	140050.00.97	LYNN HAYES	85.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
3/16/2012	144327.00.98	GARY WAYNE WALKER	50.00	TRANSFER TO SECURITY DEPOSIT
3/19/2012	140605.00.97	RHIANNON HARDY	-48.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/19/2012	143330.00.96	ELEANOR KINLAW	-26.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/20/2012	110335.00.97	PATSY HAMILTON	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/30/2012	141255.00.98	QUINCE J. WOOTEN	-128.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/30/2012	120430.00.98	BILLY W. HOOD	25.00	ADD BANK DRAFT PAYMENT
3/30/2012	140179.00.96	STELLER WILLIAMS HALL	75.00	TRANSFER TO SECURITY DEPOSIT
3/30/2012	144090.00.98	DEBORAH WYATT	-30.00	POSTING ERROR
3/30/2012	122290.00.96	MELODY DIANA AUTY	-16.00	METER READ WRONG
3/30/2012	143380.00.98	JAMES MCCORMICK	-25.00	METER READ WRONG
3/30/2012	141638.00.97	JOHN & LILLIAN MURRAY	-37.00	REMOVE FEES
3/30/2012	133620.00.98	JIMMY CRIBB	-5.00	REMOVE PENALTY
3/30/2012	140179.00.96	STELLER WILLIAMS HALL	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
3/30/2012	132598.00.98	MELANIE SHREE BLACK	25.00	SERVICE CALL AFTER HOURS

____ Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:

Status of Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects:

Chairman McKenzie asked Mr. McClary what the status was on the Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects. Mr. McClary replied stating they had been working on Solid Waste and would get back to these projects shortly.

Reduced Water Tap Rate Responses:

Commissioner Prevatte asked Mr. McClary if any responses had been received from the reduced rate for water taps that was offered beginning in April. Mr. McClary replied stating that we have had twelve (12) on existing lines.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, April 16, 2012

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 02, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 02, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS for MARCH, 2012:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the monthly water bills for March, 2012, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
3/6/12	340880.00.98	HARRY MARTIN	-20.00	METER READ WRONG
3/8/12	360930.00.98	JENNY ROBINSON	-24.00	METER READ WRONG
3/12/12	381246.00.98	SADIE BELLAMY	-36.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/12/12	380330.00.97	ROBIN HAMILTON	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/14/12	340368.00.98	ERIC BASS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/14/12	350974.00.96	RONDRECUS M. ROUSE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/19/12	340480.00.95	CHRIS & RACHEL BOREN	-26.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/22/12	371789.00.98	DONALD MOORE	-25.00	METER READ WRONG
3/30/12	370400.00.98	GENE SOLES	50.00	TRANSFER BALANCE
3/30/12	380256.00.97	LOUISE BRIGHT DAVIS	50.00	METER TAMPERING

____ Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:**Status of Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects:**

Chairman McKenzie asked Mr. McClary what the status was on the Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects. Mr. McClary replied stating they had been working on Solid Waste and would get back to these projects shortly.

Reduced Water Tap Rate Responses:

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After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, to move forward with an advertisement in the News Reporter, and placing this notice on the monthly bill.

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

Monday, April 16, 2012

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 02, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 02, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS for MARCH, 2012:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the monthly water bills for March, 2012, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
3/6/2012	430228.10.98	JERRY BROWN	-16.00	BILLING ERROR
3/6/2012	430139.00.98	ALICIA BUSH	-24.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/6/2012	430375.00.98	EMMA ZIMMERMAN	-334.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/6/2012	430322.00.98	BETTY BORDEAUX	-48.00	METER READ WRONG
3/7/2012	410640.00.98	LAKE COLEMAN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/7/2012	430418.00.98	THOMAS D. PHILLIPS, JR	-104.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/7/2012	430450.00.98	RODNEY EUGENE CARROLL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/7/2012	420512.00.93	ICS OF DELCO	-142.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/7/2012	430609.00.98	ANNIE FREEMAN	-4.00	BILLING ERROR
3/14/2012	430549.00.98	PRISCILLA HESTER	-182.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/14/2012	430416.00.98	DELCO PENN. FREEWILL BAP. CH	-126.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/14/2012	430145.10.98	PEARLIE BRIDGERS	-29.00	POSTING ERROR
3/14/2012	430145.00.98	RHONDA WARD	29.00	POSTING ERROR
3/21/2012	430515.00.98	RALPH BROWN	50.00	ADJ & DISCONNECTION FEE
3/30/2012	430599.00.98	ANGIE BUTCHER	-490.00	REMOVE FEES
3/30/2012	430214.00.98	HOUSTON WILLIAMS	-92.00	COUNTY LEAK
3/30/2012	430548.00.98	PRISCILLA HESTER	-27.00	POSTING ERROR
3/30/2012	430549.00.98	PRISCILLA HESTER	-62.00	POSTING ERROR

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:**Status of Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects:**

Chairman McKenzie asked Mr. McClary what the status was on the Silverspoon Road and Smith Street Water Projects. Mr. McClary replied stating they had been working on Solid Waste and would get back to these projects shortly.

Reduced Water Tap Rate Responses:

Commissioner Prevatte asked Mr. McClary if any responses had been received from the reduced rate for water taps that was offered beginning in April. Mr. McClary replied stating that we have had twelve (12) on existing lines.

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After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, to move forward with an advertisement in the News Reporter, and placing this notice on the monthly bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, April 16, 2012

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 02, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the April 02, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS for MARCH, 2012:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the monthly water bills for March, 2012, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
3/14/2012	800516.00.98	JANICE GORE	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
3/16/2012	709980.00.98	JOHN DAVIS SINGLETARY	75.00	REACTIVATE ACCOUTN
3/20/2012	703300.00.98	ANITA L. LOWERY	-76.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
3/23/2012	709000.00.98	SAUNDRA STEVENS	-35.00	REMOVE PENALTIES
3/23/2012	709964.00.98	MICKEY RIGGINS	-150.00	BILLING ERROR
3/29/2012	709937.20.98	ANDRE GRAHAM	-80.00	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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