

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, October 01, 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 two public hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first 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**

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Exchange Certain County Owned Property for Certain Property Owned by the State of North Carolina: the purpose of the Public hearing is to receive input and comments from all interested parties.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman McKenzie opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input and comments from all interested parties on the exchange of certain County-owned property for certain property owned by the State of North Carolina at the Columbus County Airport. 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 comments.

No comments were received orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:34 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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 October 01, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjust the October 01, 2012 Agenda by adding the following item as Agenda Item #7A, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Legal and Professional - Approval and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Property: Mike Stephens, County Attorney, is requesting approval and adoption of this Resolution

for the exchange of property at the Columbus County Airport. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted on this date prior to the meeting.)**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjust the October 01, 2012 Agenda by adding the following item as Agenda Item #4A, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Governing Body - Amendment to September 04, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting Minutes: June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, is requesting Board approval to amend the September 04, 2012 Minutes.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Agenda Item #4A: Governing Body - Amendment to September 04, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting Minutes: June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval to amend the September 04, 2012 Minutes, as follows:

(Page 1) - PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

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COMMENTS:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for comments.

No comments were received orally or written.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the amendment to the September 04, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Kimberly Smith, Columbus County Health Director:** stated the following:
 - A. On October 12, 2012, Columbus County Health Department will hold its first ever full-scale Preparedness Exercise;
 - B. What we will do for that is to have a drive-through flu clinic;
 - C. You stay in your car, and get your flu shots;
 - D. I am inviting everyone to participate in this exercise;
 - E. You will need to have short sleeve garments on so we can easily get to your arm;
 - F. Make sure you have your insurance card because we are still charging thirty-one and 00/100 (\$31.00) dollars for our flu vaccines;
 - G. If you have Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, that will take care of it;
 - H. The time period for the shots are from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon;
 - I. If you can not make it on the 12th, we are giving flu shots every day from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; **and**
 - J. Please spread this information to as many people as you can.
2. **John Morrison, 1119 Highway 15-501 South, Chapel Hill, NC 27517:** state the following:
 - A. I am the Chief Operating Officer for Strata Solar, LLC;
 - B. As many of you are aware, we are building a solar farm outside of town;
 - C. I would like to express appreciation to the County for doing business here and want to acknowledge the number of staff here in the County that has helped us with zoning, permitting and economic development issues here in the County; **and**

D. I am here to answer any questions that you might have.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/COMMENTS:

Is it safe?

Absolutely, Solar basically uses sunshine as its fuel with no moving parts. It is a generating facility that produces electricity that we sell to Progress Energy.

After the lifetime of the Solar Farm, can the land be used for growing crops?

Absolutely. The way we design and build our farms is that we drive steel posts in the ground and mount the panels on racks, and the electrical equipment is placed on concrete pads which we truck in and place on the ground. Everything, in the twenty-five (25) to forty (40) years, when the farm is retired, can be pulled up and taken away. There is no residual effect on the property.

Is forty (40) years about the lifetime of a solar farm?

The guarantee for the panels by the manufacturer is twenty-five (25) years, but we are expecting it to last a good bit longer than that.

How long is the lease for this solar farm?

We have a twenty (20) year lease with two (2), five (5) year options, which would equate to thirty (30) years. We have a fifteen (15) year Power Purchase Agreement with Progress Energy which we can renew after the first fifteen (15) years.

How many people will it employ?

Typically, to build a solar farm, we are looking at bringing on one hundred (100) to one hundred thirty(130) people. That is at the peak and it is wrapping up right now. On October 10, 2012, we will be having a job fair to hire some additional installers.

After the construction of the solar farm is complete, how many workers will you have?

Very few. The primary maintenance that we have to do at a solar farm is to mow the grass.

Will there be anyone working there when the solar farm is completely constructed?

No.

How many kilowatts will the solar farm be?

This a five (5) megawatt solar farm. It will produce enough energy in the course of a year to power the equivalent of seven hundred (700) houses.

On the energy.gov website, it states there is some danger, why have you stated that this solar farm is safe?

The technology we decided to use is different and it is safe.

When did you decide to go on the GP Midway Road?

This past spring.

Why didn't anyone in the area, especially the adjoining property owners, know about this solar farm coming until they saw the construction begin?

We contacted the Economic Development group and asked if there were any available parcels of land, and this land was available.

Why was there no notice published in the paper or a public hearing held?

I was contacted by the engineer, and that land is zoned as industrial, and the solar farm was permitted as a public utility.

When was the prospect of the solar farm first introduced to the County?

Back in the spring.

Why was this not published in the local paper to inform the citizens of Columbus County?

There is a process with the North Carolinas Utilities Commission where we register and do that notification and publication on all of our solar farms that we construct.

DISCUSSION:

- Permit issued after construction started;
- The manner in which the whole process was handled;

- Economic Development Department maintaining client confidentiality;
- Misconception of questions being asked;
- The reflection of the process used;
- The proper process to use in any future solar farm; **and**
- Necessary steps and measures to be taken to ensure openness.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into PUBLIC HEARING:

At 7:00 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Re-Zoning in the Southeastern Community College Zoning Area: the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive interested citizens’ comments on the petition.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman McKenzie opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive interested citizens’ comments on the petition by the Columbus County Planning Board for the proposed re-zoning in the Southeastern Community College Zoning Area. Chairman McKenzie stated the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings that was orally read at the first public hearing would apply to this public hearing.

COMMENTS:

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

1. **Robert Lewis:** stated the following:
 - A. What the Planning Board is trying to initiate is to clean up the zoning area that is there;
 - B. This has been advertised on September 20, 2012, and September 27, 2012;
 - C. The existing zoning has been lightly enforced;
 - D. I have sent maps to the adjoining property owners; **and**
 - E. Whatever the current situation is will be grandfathered in.

DISCUSSION:

- The discrepancy in the verbiage in the existing Ordinance and the intent of applying Industrial 1 Zoning to farmland;
- The need for the existing Ordinance to be revised;
- Why do these areas need to be changed?;
- The possibility of some company coming to these areas;
- The designation of Industrial 2 Zoning could increase the tax value; **and**
- The tax value is based on the current usage;

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 7:19 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: AGING - APPROVAL of SENIOR CENTER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the following Senior Center General Purpose Funding of twenty-seven thousand, four hundred nineteen, and 00/100 (\$27,419) dollars, with a twenty-five (25%) percent County match of nine thousand, one hundred forty-two and 00/100 (\$9,142.00) dollars, through a Grant Agreement with the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

Senior Center	Grant Amount	25% County Match
Whiteville	\$3,917	\$1,306
Chadbourn	\$3,917	\$1,306

Fair Bluff	\$3,917	\$1,306
Tabor City	\$3,917	\$1,306
Bug Hill	\$3,917	\$1,306
East Columbus	\$3,917	\$1,306
Bolton	\$3,917	\$1,306
TOTAL:	\$27,419	\$9,142

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Senior Center General Purpose Funding of twenty-seven thousand, four hundred nineteen, and 00/100 (\$27,419) dollars, with a twenty-five (25%) percent County match of nine thousand, one hundred forty-two and 00/100 (\$9,142.00) dollars, through a Grant Agreement with the Cape Fear Council of Governments, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of MILLIE-CHRISTINE MCKOY DAY PROCLAMATION:

Selena Rowell, descendant of Millie-Christine McKoy, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Millie-Christine McKoy Day Proclamation.

MILLIE-CHRISTINE McKOY DAY
PROCLAMATION

 WHEREAS, on July 11, 1851, *Millie-Christine McKoy*, (conjoined twins) was born to Jacob and Monenia McKoy in the Welches Creek Community of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, *Millie-Christine* spoke of herself in the singular rather than the plural; **and**

WHEREAS, her early childhood was scarred by the changing of many masters and years of separation from her family; **and**

WHEREAS, the twins were world-famous entertainers and experienced extensive traveling throughout the United States and Europe, and delivered command performances before royalty, numerous talents, knowledge and abilities were acquired by the twins during the years of their traveling experiences; **and**

WHEREAS, *Millie-Christine* was noted for her singing voice, one (1) alto and one (1) soprano accompanied by above average intelligence, although it was against the law at that time, she was taught to read and write and mastered several languages; **and**

WHEREAS, upon retirement, *Millie-Christine* returned to Columbus County and built a home at her birthplace; **and**

WHEREAS, *Millie-Christine* generously gave to everyone, regardless of race, sharing her acquired wealth with individuals, family members, schools and churches; **and**

WHEREAS, she was sworn and committed to the teachings of Christ, *Millie-Christine* loved the unlovable, overcame evil with good, blessed those who cursed her and prayed for those who spitefully used her; **and**

WHEREAS, she demonstrated profound Christian character in the face of multiple adversities, her humanity never waned and her life exemplified excellence in both spirit and achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, would like to proclaim that October 09, 2012, and every 9th day of October thereafter, be declared as the "*Millie-Christine McKoy Day*" throughout all of Columbus County, North Carolina.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 1st day of October, 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 Millie-Christine McKoy Day Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Wilson Spaulding announced that on October 13, 2012, there will be a memorial at the cemetery, and then to the big house to have some festivities at 2318 Millie-Christine Road, at Homer Lee McKoy's house.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for a picture of Mille-Christine to be placed in every library in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7A: Legal and Professional - Approval and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Property: Mike Stephens, County Attorney, requested approval and adoption of the following Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Property at the Columbus County Airport. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted on this date at 7:00 P.M.)**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Columbus County owns a 0.88 acre tract of land located at the Columbus County Airport, and valued at approximately \$2,000.00 per acre; **and**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina owns a 0.88 acre tract of land located at the Columbus County Airport, and valued at approximately \$2,000.00 per acre; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County and the State of North Carolina wish to make an even exchange of the two (2) described properties; **and**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-271 authorizes the County to make such an exchange if authorized by the Board of Commissioners by a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board upon at least 10 days public notice; **and**

WHEREAS, the County has given the required public notice, and the Board is convened in a regular meeting.

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The exchange of properties described above is authorized; **and**
2. The appropriate County officials are directed to execute the appropriate instruments necessary to carry out the exchange.

APPROVED and ADOPTED October 01, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Property, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PLANNING - APPROVAL of PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT in SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ZONING AREA:

Robert Lewis, County Planner, requested Board approval of the proposed zoning map amendment for the Southeastern Community College Zoning Area.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the proposed zoning map amendment for the Southeastern Community College Zoning Area, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman McDowell asked if this would include the suggested amendment to the existing Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Prevatte replied stating that matter would be brought to the Board at a later date for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item #9: TAX - ACCEPT PROPOSED 2013 SCHEDULE OF VALUES, STANDARDS and RULES, and ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE and TIME:

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested the Board to accept the Proposed 2013 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules and establish October 15, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the Proposed 2013 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules and establish October 15, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Proposed 2013 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules will be in the Columbus County Tax Office for review.

Agenda Item #10: BUILDING INSPECTIONS - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 to EXISTING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE:

Waties Greene, Chief Building Inspector, requested Board approval of the following Amendment 1 to the existing Inspection Fees.

**Amendment 1
Effective: 10/02/2012**

Commercial/Industrial Building Permit

Change of use/occupancy \$100.00

Electrical Permits

Per Transformers \$10.00
Per Investors \$10.00
Per String \$ 5.00

Adopted 10/1/2012.

**/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

Attested by:
**/s/ JUNE B. HALL
CLERK to the BOARD**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Inspection Fees, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: APPOINTMENTS//RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS:

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT /EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
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City of Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Rick Robinson (ETJ) (Resigned)	05-16-2016	HOLD
Nursing Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Comm. Motion: Commissioner Prevatte Second: Commissioner Byrd	EB	Glendale Young	09-06-2012	Re-Appoint
Planning Board	I II III	Franklin Thurman Haywood Corbett Virgil Nichols	09-30-2012 09-30-2012 09-30-2012	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint HOLD
Department of Aging Advisory Council	V VI	Rachel Gore- (Resigned) Jessie Spivey (Resigned)	06-30-2013 06-30-2015	Henry Milligan HOLD

Agenda Item #12: LIBRARY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Morris Pridgen, Library Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. There are six (6) libraries in Columbus County, as follows:
 - Carolyn T. High Memorial Library;
 - Chadbourn Community Library;
 - Tabor City Library;
 - Fair Bluff Library;
 - Rube McCray Memorial Library; **and**
 - East Columbus Library;
2. Fiscal year 2011 - 2012 highlights are as follows:
 - A. 117,519 Patrons entered the library;
 - B. 78,750 Patrons used the computers;
 - C. 207,489 Materials were circulated;
 - D. 2,243 Patrons were added to the library system;
 - E. We went to 1,098 sites to provide bookmobile, homebound (provides materials to sick and shut-ins and nursing homes), and daycare services;
 - F. Worked with AARP in tax filing;
 - G. Implemented e-books using overdrive and NC Live;
 - H. Public Wi-fi in Carolyn T. High Memorial Library;
 - I. Collaborated with Whiteville City School to provide lunch to kids during the Summer Reading Program;
 - J. Staff has worked with boards and friends groups to raise money and promote the library system (Fair Bluff Library Board renovated the Fair Bluff Library Branch);
3. Goals for 2012-2013 Fiscal Year:
 - A. Replace our online catalog and servers;
 - B. Increase our marketing efforts to promote the library; **and**
 - C. Provide Wi-fi to all of Columbus County public libraries.

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

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 17, 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II- APPROVAL to MOVE FORWARD with CHADBOURN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CONNECTIONS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the expenditure of funds received in the settlement, transfer of remaining balance needed from Retained Earnings, and award of contract to Frank Horne Construction.

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

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III- APPROVAL to ACCEPT WATER FALL ESTATES SUBDIVISION WATER SYSTEM and CONNECTION OF CUSTOMERS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to accept Water Fall Estates Subdivision Water System and connection of the customers.

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

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

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-6120-535110	M & R Bldg/Grounds	3,012
Revenues	10-3612-489040	Misc Revenues	3,012
Expenditures	10-4220-519105	Prof Services - Other	11,714
Revenues	10-3839-489000	Misc Revenues	11,714
Expenditures	14-4311-512200	Salaries & Wages - Overtime	8,000
	14-4311-518100	FICA	452
	14-4311-518200	Retirement Contribution	560
	14-4311-518400	401K Contribution	560
	14-4311-526001	Dept Supplies	3,000
	14-4311-529904	Electronic Surveillance	1,000
	14-4311-531100	Travel	500
	14-4311-531106	Travel & Training	1,000
Revenues	14-3431-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	15,072
Expenditures	29-5900-550045	Capital Outlay - County School	434,820
Revenues	29-3200-432320	County Appropriation	434,820

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Tax Refunds and

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$534.78
Columbus Annual Conference	PROPERTY: 26793	Total:	\$601.98
Value: \$7,300.00 Year: 03-12 Account: 14-00911		Bill#:	99999
Release value of acreage DBL Act#14-06078 Hubert Graham. Release Welches Creek(53.76), release Columbus Rescue(13.44)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$292.40
Denton, Rebecca	PROPERTY: 84299	Total:	\$546.56
Value: \$34,400.00 Year: 06-07 Account: 15-01356		Bill#:	99999
Release value of double wide home repod 2005. Release Acme Delco(41.28), release Columbus Rescue(6.88),			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$588.43
Fair Bluff Church of God	PROPERTY: 17683	Total:	\$733.87
Value: \$72,200.00 Year: 2012 Account: 10-50085		Bill#:	9799
Release value of dwelling. Parsonage should be exempt. Release Columbus Rescue(14.44)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$113.53
Horne, Russell T. & Judith B.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$162.61
Value: \$1,855.00 Year: 07-12 Account: 1-43731		Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Sold 2006. Release Whiteville Rescue(2.79), release Water District II(27.32)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$22.42
Lee, Julian c.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$28.30
Value: \$583.00 Year: 09-12 Account: 06-05740		Bill#:	99999
Release value of vessel. DBL Act#07-01547 John Long. Release Yam City(2.75), Release Columbus Rescue(.55)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$98.21
Price, Hilda	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$344.59
Value: \$12,050.00 Year: 2012 Account: 15-04649		Bill#:	30870
Release value of mobile home. DBL Act#15-04256 Release Acme Delco(14.46), release Columbus Rescue(2.41)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$544.44
Williams, Dowell (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 23098	Total:	\$632.92
Value: \$16,700.00 Year: 09-12 Account: 12-29060		Bill#:	99999
Release value of acreage. No deed to support listing. Release North Whiteville (28.36) release Columbus Rescue(13.36)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$32.85
Wood, Curtis Lynn	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$42.34
Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-12 Account: 15-03138		Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Moved to Benson 2 yrs ago. Release Acme Delco(4.84), release Columbus Rescue(.80)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Foster V. & Deloris	PROPERTY: 27694	Total:	\$109.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012 Account: 15-05160		Bill#:	1993
Refund portion of user fee. Only had can 6 months.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$203.53
First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$208.52
Value: \$24,974.00 Year: 2012 Account: 01-17216		Bill#:	10364
Refund value of business equipment. Andrew Hutchinson bldg. Lease closed 9/30/12 Refund Whiteville Rescue(4.99)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$122.37
First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$122.37
Value: \$24,974.00 Year: 2012 Account: 01-17216		Bill#:	40755
Refund city value of business equipment. Andrew Hutchinson bldg. Lease closed 9/30/12			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hinson, Frederick E & Joann W.	PROPERTY: 2441	Total:	\$72.64
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012 Account: 01-41440		Bill#:	17411
Refund portion of user fee. Home burned can picked up.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

McCartney, Earl F. (III) & Corrine G.	PROPERTY: 61736	Total:	\$145.28
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 15-02164	Bill#:	24280
Refund portion of user fee. Sending can Sept 2012			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nunez, Eleazar & Amada	PROPERTY: 13176	Total:	\$145.32
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 07-05707	Bill#:	28617
Refund portion of user fee. Can picked up 4/2/12. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Foster V. & Deloris	PROPERTY: 27694	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 15-05160	Bill#:	1993
Release user fee. Mobile home not set up.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Shelva	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 03-03638	Bill#:	2298
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Chadbourn Masonic Lodge #607	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,104.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 03-12	Account: 18-00261	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Never had a trash can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ellis, Robert (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 24113	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 13-12120	Bill#:	9237
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2/5/09			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ellison, Ethel Mae	PROPERTY: 1408	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 01-24280	Bill#:	9276
Release user fee. Can picked up Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, Ethel	PROPERTY: 80797	Total:	\$54.50
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 6-15644	Bill#:	13980
Release portion of user fee. Can to be picked up.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, Ethel	PROPERTY: 80797	Total:	\$54.50
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 06-15644	Bill#:	13980
Release portion of user fee. Can picked up 9/14/12 Single wide being demolished.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hughes, James Madison	PROPERTY: 86486	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 03-11540	Bill#:	18394
Release user fee. Can picked up 7-15-09			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, Kathy Gore & S Tony Gore III	PROPERTY: 14334	Total:	\$54.58
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 08-00519	Bill#:	22362
Release portion of user fee. Home demolished 5 months			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McPherson, Tommy A.	PROPERTY: 16438	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 09-19900	Bill#:	25646
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1-20-12			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smalls, Bertha D. (Heirs) & Michelle	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 15-34360	Bill#:	35350
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Billy W. (Desc) & Patsy Kathleen	PROPERTY: 8220	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 03-26040	Bill#:	41709
Release user fee. Can picked up 12/14/11 dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.
Ward, Rhonda Wright	PROPERTY: 17316	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 09-00902	Bill#:	42256
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 10-6-08			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

Ward, Wendy Ann (ETAL) PROPERTY: 94052 Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012 Account: 01-06135 Bill#: 42456
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11-6-08

Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

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

B. Department Head:

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator: stated the following:

- 1. On the printed information I provided to you earlier that lists the **Countywide Values**, I stated the percent of increase from the **Net Value** column to be a 3.3% increase;
- 2. The correct column to concentrate on is the **Market Value** column which reflects an increase of \$66,947,300, which a 2.5% increase; **and**
- 3. The deductions have nothing to do with the revaluation process.

C. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** Mr. Lewis, the lot at the intersection of Highway 905 and Highway 130, are we ready to move that situation to the next step?
Robert Lewis, County Planner: Yes sir. That item is going before the Planning Board next month.
- 2. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. There is a great need for us to get a railroad project started;
 - b. A meeting was conducted in Loris, South Carolina, and was very well attended;
 - c. At that meeting, it was decided to put a committee together which will consists of the County/City Managers, Economic Development Directors as Ex-Officio members, and a Commissioner/Councilman from each affected area; **and**
 - d. We need to appoint these members to that committee.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to appoint Giles E. Byrd, County Commissioner, William S. Clark, County Manager, and Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, to the Interstate Railroad Committee, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:21 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. 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, October 01, 2012

7:55 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 7:55 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 #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 17, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

UPDATE on DISCOUNT WATER TAPS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated there were one hundred twenty-seven (127) new customers resulting from the discount water taps as of April, 2012, broken down by district as follows:

Water District I	41
Water District II	29
Water District III	6
Water District IV	18
Water District V	<u>33</u>
TOTAL:	127

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 01, 2012

7:55 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 7:55 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 #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 17, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPROVAL to MOVE FORWARD with CHADBOURN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CONNECTIONS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the expenditure of funds received in the settlement, transfer of remaining balance needed from Retained Earnings, and award of contract to Frank Horne Construction.

Mr. McClary stated the following:

1. With the way the settlement fell, we now have four (4) locations where we will actually have to do connections on, and they are: GP Road, Southeastern Community College, Sweet Farm Road and Midway Road;
2. In 2009, we stated that we could do one (1) connection for \$25,000, and now we are up to four (4);

- 3. We took informal bids from four (4) of the local utility contractors as follows: Frank Horne Construction, Columbus Utilities, Axel McPherson and Horne and Son Construction;
- 4. The high bid was fifty-seven thousand and 00/100 (\$57,000.00) dollars and the low bid was forty-four thousand, six hundred forty, and 00/100 (\$44,640.00) dollars, which was Frank Horne Construction;
- 5. We have expended with Green Engineering, which is a requirement of the State that we have this engineered, four thousand, two hundred and 00/100 (\$4,200.00) dollars, to certify the connections and certify the maps with the State; **and**
- 6. We are needing a balance of twenty-three thousand, four hundred eighty, and 00/100 (\$23,480.00) dollars, along with the twenty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) dollars that was gained in the settlement to complete this work and move forward.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the expenditure of funds received in the settlement, transfer of remaining balance needed from Retained Earnings, and award of contract to Frank Horne Construction, to move forward with the Chadbourn Rural Water Association Connections, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

UPDATE on DISCOUNT WATER TAPS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated there were one hundred twenty-seven (127) new customers resulting from the discount water taps as of April, 2012, broken down by district as follows:

Water District I	41
Water District II	29
Water District III	6
Water District IV	18
Water District V	<u>33</u>
TOTAL:	127

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 01, 2012
7:55 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 7:55 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 #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 17, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III - APPROVAL to ACCEPT WATER FALL ESTATES SUBDIVISION WATER SYSTEM and CONNECTION OF CUSTOMERS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to accept Water Fall Estates Subdivision Water System and connection of the customers.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following:

1. Accept the Water Fall Estates Subdivision Water System and associated easements, after all the houses that are presently located there have signed on to utilize the water;
2. Transfer of funds from Columbus County Water and Sewer District III retained earnings to cover the cost of the connections;
3. Allow the residents to connect to the county system for the customary \$100.00 tap fee, plus

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- \$50.00 security deposit to be paid by each resident prior to the beginning of construction;
4. Require that each residence remain connected to county water for a minimum of five (5) years to recover the cost of the construction, and to be transferrable with the sale of the property; **and**
 5. All properties developed within the subdivision in the future be required to connect to county water.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

UPDATE on DISCOUNT WATER TAPS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated there were one hundred twenty-seven (127) new customers resulting from the discount water taps as of April, 2012, broken down by district as follows:

Water District I	41
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Water District V	<u>33</u>
TOTAL:	127

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 01, 2012
7:55 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 7:55 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 #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 17, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

UPDATE on DISCOUNT WATER TAPS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated there were one hundred twenty-seven (127) new customers resulting from the discount water taps as of April, 2012, broken down by district as follows:

Water District I	41
Water District II	29
Water District III	6
Water District IV	18
Water District V	<u>33</u>
TOTAL:	127

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UPDATE on DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Kip McClary delivered the following update on the delinquent accounts:

1. The waiver of penalties did end at 5:00 P.M. today;
2. We still have forty-seven (47) delinquent accounts;
3. We did have thirty-six (36) customers to come in and catch up their accounts and took advantage of the waiver of penalties;
4. One (1) customer is deceased; **and**
5. We are pursuing to collect these delinquent accounts through the Debt Set-Off Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 01, 2012

7:55 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 7:55 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 #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 17, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 17, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

UPDATE on DISCOUNT WATER TAPS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated there were one hundred twenty-seven (127) new customers resulting from the discount water taps as of April, 2012, broken down by district as follows:

Water District I	41
Water District II	29
Water District III	6
Water District IV	18
Water District V	<u>33</u>
TOTAL:	127

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman