

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, November 19, 2012****6:30 P.M.**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 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 - Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application: the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties on the Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application. Chairman McKenzie requested that Michael H. 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 either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

6:33 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION:**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3: Meeting Called to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the November 19, 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.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION of RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman McKenzie presented the following Retirement Plaque to Commissioner Lonnie Lynwood Norris for his thirty-two (32) years of public service as a Columbus County Commissioner.

PRESENTED TO:***L. LYNWOOD NORRIS***

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THIS THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012
in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP
as COUNTY COMMISSIONER in DISTRICT V

December 1980 - December 2012

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 05, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

Steve Smith, 117 E. Wyche Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472: stated the following:

1. I want to speak in support of Agenda Item #11;
2. It is the Volunteer Waccamaw River Water Quality Monitoring Project, which I have been personally involved in for the past year;
3. Volunteers are taking water samples every other Wednesday;
4. This program has been going on for years in South Carolina and they have taken the lead on this;
5. This is a great project, and we all know how valuable Waccamaw River is to Columbus County; **and**
6. I would like to urge you to consider this project.

Agenda Item #7: COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of EDUCATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION CALLING a PUBLIC HEARING on WHETHER the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS for the COUNTY of COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE a PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT to FINANCE a PORTION of the COST of CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS to SCHOOL FACILITIES and WHETHER SAID COUNTY SHOULD ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY INCLUDED in SUCH PROJECT and PROVIDING for CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS:

Alan Faulk, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, and Bobbie Faircloth, Columbus County Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina Should Approve a Proposed Installment Financing Agreement to Finance a Portion of the Cost of Certain Improvements to School Facilities and Whether Said County Should Acquire Certain Property Included in Such Project and Providing for Certain Related Matters for the QSCB projects at Cerro Gordo Elementary, Acme Delco Elementary and Williams Township Schools.

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES AND WHETHER SAID COUNTY SHOULD ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY INCLUDED IN SUCH PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County") and The Columbus County Board of Education, which has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools in the Columbus County Schools, its respective school administrative unit (the "Board of Education"), have determined to cooperate in a plan to finance a portion of the cost of a project which each has found to be necessary and desirable to provide for improved public school facilities and improved public education in such school administrative unit; and

WHEREAS, such project consists of (a) the replacement of windows at Williams Township Elementary School, (b) the replacement of windows at Acme-Delco Elementary School and (c) the construction of an eight-classroom building for grades 4 through 8 of approximately 11,000 square feet and related site improvements, the removal of temporary buildings and the acquisition of any necessary land at Cerro Gordo Elementary School (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County is considering entering into an installment financing agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,132,537.50, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project, and the County is authorized to do so only after a public hearing on such proposed agreement; and

WHEREAS, such plan to finance a portion of the cost of the Project includes the sale by the Board of Education to the County of the fee or any lesser interest in the real and personal property included in the Project, including specifically the site of Cerro Gordo Elementary School and the improvements thereon, for use by the Columbus County Schools; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to acquire the fee or any lesser interest in the real and personal property included in the Project for use by the Columbus County Schools only upon the request of the Board of Education and after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will make such request of the County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to call a public hearing on such proposed agreement and such acquisition of property and to provide for certain related matters at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing shall be held at 6:30 P.M. on December 3, 2012 in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina for the purpose of (a) considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County (the “Board”) should approve such proposed agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,132,537.50, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project and (b) considering whether the County should acquire the fee or any lesser interest in the real and personal property included in the Project, including specifically the site of Cerro Gordo Elementary School and the improvements thereon, for use by the Columbus County Schools in order to proceed with the plan to finance a portion of the cost of the Project as described above. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Project and certain related property.

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in The News Reporter once at least 10 days before December 3, 2012, such notice to read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES AND WHETHER SAID COUNTY SHOULD ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY INCLUDED IN SUCH PROJECT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held at 6:30 P.M. on December 3, 2012 in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina for the purpose of (a) considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the “County”) should approve a proposed installment financing agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,132,537.50, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project hereinafter described and (b) considering whether the County should acquire the fee or any lesser interest in the real and personal property included in the Project, including specifically the site of Cerro Gordo Elementary School and the improvements thereon, for use by the Columbus County Schools in order to proceed with a plan by the County and The Columbus County Board of Education (the “Board

of Education”) to finance a portion of the cost of the Project. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Project and certain related property.

The Project consists of (a) the replacement of windows at Williams Township Elementary School, (b) the replacement of windows at Acme-Delco Elementary School and (c) the construction of an eight-classroom building for grades 4 through 8 of approximately 11,000 square feet and related site improvements, the removal of temporary buildings and the acquisition of any necessary land at Cerro Gordo Elementary School.

June B. Hall
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 3. The Board hereby finds and determines in connection with such proposed agreement that (a) the proceeds of such proposed agreement will be used to finance a portion of the cost of the Project to meet an urgent need for improved public school facilities constituting the Project to serve the residents of the County and, accordingly, such proposed agreement is necessary or expedient for the County, (b) such proposed agreement, under current circumstances, is preferable to a bond issue of the County for financing the same purpose because there is not sufficient time to authorize and issue bonds of the County prior to the time when funds will be needed for such purpose, (c) the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed agreement are adequate and not excessive for its proposed purpose because they are based upon the County’s best estimate of the cost of the Project, (d) the County’s debt management procedures and policies are good and its debt will continue to be managed in strict compliance with law, (e) any increase in taxes necessary to meet the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed agreement will not be excessive because the County expects that it will not be necessary to increase taxes for such purpose and (f) the County is not in default regarding any of its debt service obligations.

Section 4. The County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of such proposed agreement with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with the negotiation of such proposed agreement and the development of the related financing; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of the County relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. The Board hereby requests the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve such proposed agreement under Article 8 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended.

Section 6. The law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as special counsel to the County in connection with such proposed agreement.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon E. McKenzie, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, P. Edwin Russ, Lonnie Lynwood Norris, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.
Noes: None.

Thereupon, Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE SAID COUNTY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the “County”), is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the County or The Columbus County Board of Education (the “Board of Education”) will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures in connection with (a) the replacement of windows at Williams Township Elementary School, (b) the replacement of windows at Acme-Delco Elementary School and (c) the construction of an eight-classroom building for grades 4 through 8 of approximately 11,000 square feet and related site improvements, the removal of temporary buildings and the acquisition of any necessary land at Cerro Gordo Elementary School (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the “Board”) has determined that certain moneys to be advanced on and after the date hereof by the County or the Board of Education to pay such expenditures (the “Expenditures”) are available only for a temporary period and it will be necessary to reimburse the County for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more qualified school construction bonds of the County in the form of one or more installment financings that are expected to be authorized by the Board (collectively, the “Financings”) in accordance with Section 54A(d)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby declares the County’s intent to reimburse the County with the proceeds of the Financings for the Expenditures made on and after the date hereof. The County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Financings.

Section 2. Each Expenditure will be (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Financings, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues or (d) a grant to a portion that is not related to or an agent of the County or the Board of Education so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the County or the Board of Education.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the Financings expected to be entered into with respect to the Project is \$3,132,537.50.

Section 4. The County will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the County that evidences the County’s use of proceeds of the Financings to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the date on which the Expenditure is paid.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Section 6. Thereupon, upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon E. McKenize, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, P. Edwin Russ, Lonnie Lynwood Norris, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.

Noes: None.

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I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2012 as relates in any way to the matters described therein.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 20th day of November 2012.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

Should Approve a Proposed Installment Financing Agreement to Finance a Portion of the Cost of Certain Improvements to School Facilities and Whether Said County Should Acquire Certain Property Included in Such Project and Providing for Certain Related Matters for the QSCB projects at Cerro Gordo Elementary, Acme Delco Elementary and Williams Township Schools, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: AUDIT - PRESENTATION OF THE 2011/2012 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT:

Alan Thompson, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, PA, presented the 2011/2012 Audit as follows.

October 19, 2012

To the Board of Commissioners
Columbus County

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Columbus County for the year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated October 19, 2012. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information in our letter to you dated April 24, 2012. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Columbus County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by Columbus County during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no significant estimate(s) or assumptions noted during the audit.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. There are no such disclosures identified.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Some of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. However, most of the entries were cash to accrual entries, which would not affect the auditor's independence.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a

financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representation

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 19, 2012 .

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion:" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Auditing Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Columbus County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

All efforts should be made to ensure that all funds are properly presented. If the projects are completed, the funds need to be closed out and the assets need to be capitalized. There are several projects that appear to be finished, as they have not had any activity lately. These funds need to be analyzed and money needs to be budgeted and transferred to move any remaining balances to close out these funds.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the proper period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Columbus County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,
/s/ **Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Co., P.A.**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to accept the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Audit, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: AGING - APPROVAL to APPLY for TARGETED TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval to apply for a Targeted Transit Assistance Program Grant.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve Ed Worley, Aging Director, to apply for a Targeted Transit Assistance Program Grant, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

AMENDED MOTION:

Commissioner Norris made an Amended Motion to approve Ed Worley, Aging Director, to apply for a Targeted Transit Assistance Program Grant, with the ten (10%) percent match to be taken out of the Contingency Fund, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The **amended motion** unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION and ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the following required Community Transportation Program Resolution and the associated documents for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's annual Public Transportation Funding Grant.. **The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. on this date prior to the meeting)**

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Section 5311

FY 2014 RESOLUTION

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Community Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and to provide the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner James E. Prevatte and seconded by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); **and**

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project ,prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chairman of the Columbus County Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Commissioners duly held on the 19th day of November, 2012.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Signature of Certifying Official

*Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.

Subscribed and sworn to me November 20, 2012

/s/ Debra J. Epps

Notary Public *

68 Carucci Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472

Seal

My commission expires October 05, 2014.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the required Community Transportation Program Resolution and the associated documents for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's annual Public Transportation Funding Grant, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

The motion unanimously passed. Copies of these documents will be kept on file in the Office of the Public Transportation Director, and in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for review.

Agenda Item #11: HEALTH - WACCAMAW RIVER VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, requested an increase in funds for support of the Waccamaw River Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. With me is Christine Ellis who is the Waccamaw Riverkeeper; **and**
2. I will let her present this information to the Board.

Christine Ellis stated the following:

1. I am the Waccamaw Riverkeeper;
2. I work in North and South Carolina;
3. One of the projects we work on is the Waccamaw River Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Project;
4. That project commenced in South Carolina and had twelve (12) sites along the river in June, 2006;
5. Since then, we have been trying to push the program out to be an entire watershed starting at Lake Waccamaw and going all the way down to Winyah Bay where the Waccamaw River discharges;
6. In 2008, discussions commenced and we started the process to find the money to purchase the equipment and the consumables for the project;
7. We did get money to purchase the equipment and the consumables and we launched the North Carolina portion of the project and adding in six (6) sites in North Carolina, four (4) along Lake Waccamaw and two (2) on Waccamaw River;
8. It is a year later, and we are seeking support for a small portion of our project which is basically two (2) things: consumables and one (1) turbidimeter and (1) incubator; **and**
9. At the present time, the volunteers are having to deliver the water samples to Lake Waccamaw State Park.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. No money has been given to this project through the Health Department or Columbus County;
2. The size of the two (2) pieces of equipment;
3. The testing of these samples being incorporated into the curriculum in schools;
4. Both sites being located in Brunswick County;
5. If this request has been presented to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners;
6. Plans to request that Brunswick County participate in this request;
7. Will these funds be supplied in the current fiscal year or in the upcoming budget;
8. Is there a time line on this request; **and**
9. The funds will be handled through the Environmental Health Department.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve one-half (½) of the requested amount of \$2,865.00, pending an answer from the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, and these funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund, for the Waccamaw River Water Quality Monitoring Program, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: LETTER of SUPPORT - INCLUSION of TOWN'S MOTTO "HOME of the LUMBER RIVER RIVERWALK" on ENTRANCE SIGNS:

Mayor Spruell R. Britt requested a Letter of Support from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the inclusion of the Town of Fair Bluff's Motto "Home of the Lumber River Riverwalk" on the entrance signs of the town.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Letter of Support to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the inclusion of the Town of Fair Bluff's Motto "Home of the Lumber River Riverwalk" on the entrance signs of the town, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: FINANCE -APPROVAL and ADOPTION of LOSS of TRANSITIONAL

HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS RESOLUTION:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Columbus County Board of Commissioners Concerning Loss of “Transitional Hold Harmless” Reimbursement Funds.

**RESOLUTION of COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
CONCERNING LOSS of
“TRANSITIONAL HOLD HARMLESS” REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, in 2002 the General Assembly authorized an additional local option sales tax, and repealed existing reimbursements to local governments resulting from earlier repeal of the inventory tax base of local governments; **and**

WHEREAS, as part of the 2002 repeal of reimbursements, 122 municipalities and 17 counties had negative budget impacts from the combined repeal of reimbursement and new sales tax have received transitional hold harmless payment for ten years, and

WHEREAS, the growth in sales tax over the ten year period of reimbursement is less than projected, resulting in continuing losses to local governments receiving “transitional hold harmless” payments unless the ten year period is extended; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 State Budget does not include extension of the “transitional hold harmless” period to protect those local governments from losses caused by the 2002 repeal of reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus will lose approximately \$205,989 in its 2013-2014 budget year due to the failure of the General Assembly to extend “transitional hold harmless” payments for a reasonable period of time to allow sales tax revenue to grow to replace the “transitional hold harmless” payments, and

WHEREAS, the county budget shortfall will shift the burden to the General Assembly’s inaction on extension of “transitional hold harmless” payments to the Columbus County citizens and taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The North Carolina General Assembly is urged to restore “transitional hold harmless” payments to local governments for a reasonable period of time to allow growth in sales tax revenue to replace “transitional hold harmless” payments, as envisioned in 2002 when reimbursements to local governments were repealed.
2. The County local delegation to the General Assembly is urged to support restoration of “transitional hold harmless” payments to local governments for a reasonable period of time.
3. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is urged to make restoration of “transitional hold harmless” payment one of its highest legislative goals in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 2012.

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

Ms. Faircloth stated the following:

1. Ten (10) years ago, the State took away our inventory tax that we use to collect;
2. To replace what revenue we were losing, they gave us what was called Transitional Hold Harmless Funds;
3. The ten (10) years will end this fiscal year that we are in now; **and**
4. Unless we can get the State to reinstate it long enough to give the sales tax enough time to rebound from the recession, we will be losing approximately \$200,000.00 per year.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Columbus County Board of Commissioners Concerning Loss of “Transitional Hold Harmless” Reimbursement Funds, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: LEGAL - ESTABLISHMENT of JANUARY 07, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., for PUBLIC HEARING:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, requested the Board to establish January 07, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing on the dissolution of the Columbus County Social Services Board.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish January 22, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing on the dissolution of the Columbus County Social Services Board, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, stated the following:

1. At the last meeting, the Board requested that I look into the possibility of abolishing the Columbus County Social Service Board;
2. I have done that, and tonight, I am looking for permission to post the notice, I have to give a thirty (30) day notice prior to the Public Hearing, if that is the Board’s intention to dissolve the Columbus County Social. Services Board;
3. Before I go out and publish this in The News Reporter, I need this Board to day it is our intention at this time to dissolve the Columbus County Social Services Board;
4. Then we have a Public Hearing on this matter;
5. If you still have that intention at the close of the Public Hearing, we adopt a Resolution to this effect.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a **Substitute Motion** to establish January 07, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing on the dissolution of the Columbus County Social Services Board, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

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

ORIGINAL MOTION:

After discussion was conducted, the original motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to give Mike Stephens, County Attorney, the authority to post notice of the County’s intention to dissolve the Columbus County Social Services Board, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION to REQUEST the GOVERNOR to SUPPORT LEGISLATION to INCREASE SECURITY FEATURES for the FOOD and NUTRITION SERVICES (FNS) ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) CARD:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution to Request the Governor to Support Legislation to Increase Security Features for the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card.

RESOLUTION to REQUEST the GOVERNOR to SUPPORT LEGISLATION to INCREASE SECURITY FEATURES for the FOOD and NUTRITION SERVICES (FNS) ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) CARD

WHEREAS, eligible clients within North Carolina receive food assistance through the federally-funded Food and Nutrition Services Program; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose for the FNS Program is to end hunger and improve nutrition and health by helping eligible low-income households buy the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet; **and**

WHEREAS, EBT cards are issued to eligible clients with a pre-determined monthly amount of benefits; **and**

WHEREAS, the EBT cards are a valuable resource for clients in assuring the provision of food; **and**

WHEREAS, security features should be increased for the EBT cards, so that clients can maintain the integrity of the EBT card accounts; **and**

WHEREAS, increased security features would help alleviate potential fraud by ensuring the actual card holder was authorizing the transactions on the EBT card; **and**

WHEREAS, one such security feather should be that each EBT card would contain a recent photograph of the client; **and**

WHEREAS, in order to prevent unauthorized use of EBT cards, each merchant accepting EBT cards would be required to verify if the photograph was that of the person presenting the EBT card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor of the Great State of North Carolina and its General Assembly to initiate and maintain a system to ensure greater security for Food and Nutrition Serviced Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards issued to clients in North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Beverly Perdue, North Carolina Governor, the Columbus County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and to the other ninety-nine (99) North Carolina counties with our invitation to join us by adopting resolutions of their choice to support the increased security of Food and Nutrition Services Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 2012.

APPROVED:

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

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

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Resolution to Request the Governor to Support Legislation to Increase Security Features for the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION OPPOSING INSURANCE RATE INCREASE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Opposing Insurance Rate Increase.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INSURANCE RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Rate Bureau, in its capacity as a representative of the insurance industry, has requested a thirty (30%) percent rate increase from the Department of Insurance; **and**

WHEREAS, many eastern North Carolina counties were hit with double-digit homeowners insurance rate increases when the new rates went into effect on May 1, 2009; **and**

WHEREAS, homeowners in coastal communities already pay premiums up to five (5) times the rate charged for inland properties, in addition to having separate flood, as well as wind and hail policies; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County, as well as other coastal counties in North Carolina, is experiencing difficult economic times that are currently griping our nation; **and**

WHEREAS, additional increases would once again place an undue and excessive burden on homeowners in coastal communities; **and**

WHEREAS, loss experience does not justify this thirty (30%) percent rate increase, especially since significant losses were experienced in areas other than the coast of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance to reject the proposed thirty (30%) percent increase in base rates for coastal North Carolina because it is based on modeling and not actuarial data; and, encourages the Commissioner to work toward a more fair homeowners insurance rate structure for coastal North Carolina; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners also requests that the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner conduct a public hearing on the proposed rate increases and further request the Commissioner to include actual loss history in Eastern North Carolina in the calculation of the rate increases.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 19th day of November, 2012.

APPROVED:

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

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Opposing Insurance Rate Increase, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT /EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
City of Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Rick Robinson (ETJ)-Resigned-	05-16-2016	HOLD
Planning Board	III	Virgil Nichols	09-30-2012	HOLD
Department of Aging Advisory Council	VI	Jessie Spivey	06-30-2015	HOLD

Agenda Item #18: M.I.S. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Alan James, M.I.S. Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

Management Information Systems (MIS) is the staff, technology, and tools that assist the County in acquiring, sustaining, and proliferating information.

In the coming year our priority continues to be Repair and Reuse: Repair existing systems for as long as feasible. Older computers can be reused, parted out or recycled depending on condition.

MIS has 3 sub-departments:

Information Technology – Tim Long and Steve Wagner

- Setup and repair of all laptops, desktops and servers. Approx. 300 systems.
- Manage County servers and web appliances (firewalls)
- Administration of Email System & SPAM Filter Nearly 5 million spam messages in the last year
- Manage County Wide Area Network – the connections between various Departments and

buildings

Digital Mapping – Geographic Information – Tracy Simmons and Bret Ward

- Store, update and distribute Columbus County geographic information.
- Works with Emergency Services on Fire, Rescue and Law Enforcement Boundaries.
- Works with Addressing to validate and map new address points.
- Works with Tax Office to assign districts to addresses from DMV.
- Creation of specialized maps & reports for the public and county departments.
- Reprographics shop – copy, scan, print, enlarge, laminate, etc

General MIS Department Tasks

- Web Presence: Update County website, 30 departmental web portals, the GIS mapping websites (WEBTAX), and two municipalities – Whiteville and Lake Waccamaw.
- Purchasing: Provide pricing research and quotes on any technology purchases – find the best value for the required specifications.
- Security: Investigate security issues, misuse of technology, protection from external threats – virus, spam, hackers, etc
- Coordination: Contact point for Internet Service Providers – TWC, CenturyLink

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

At 7:30 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

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

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

At 7:32 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 Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Chairman McDowell 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	10-5161-512100	FP Salaries	9,156
Revenues	10-3510-430031	Family Planning Grant	9,156
Expenditures	10-5161-523900	FP Drugs and Medical	(4,801)

Revenues	10-3510-430031	Family Planning Grant	(4,801)
Expenditures	10-5301-512100	Salaries & Wages	225,095
	10-5301-512700	Salaries/Wages - Longevity	1,373
	10-5301-518200	Retirement Contribution	17,325
	10-5301-518100	FICA	20,722
	10-4201-512107	Salaries/Wages - COLA	(138,661)
Revenues	10-3530-430064	10.451 Food Stamp Admin St	13,716
	10-3530-430065	93.558 Work First Block Gr Stnt	20,213
	10-3530-430066	93.563 IV-D State	22,479
	10-3530-430067	93.568 Energy Admin State	1,010
	10-3530-430070	93.645 Permanency Plan St	249
	10-3530-430071	93.658 IV-E Admin St	15,413
	10-3530-430072	93.667 Soc Serv Block Gr St	312
	10-3530-430073	93.674 Independent Living St	160
	10-3530-430074	93.767 NC Health Choice St	3,023
	10-3530-430075	93.778 Medicaid Admin St	43,997
	10-3530-430081	State Aid to DSS Adm	2,241
	10-3530-430082	Medicaid Transportation St	1,459
	10-3530-430085	Food Stamp Fraud Reco St	644
	10-3530-430090	Day Care St	938
Expenditures	10-4330-566906	NC Crime Control and Public Safety	89,761
Revenues	10-3433-430008	NC Crime Control and Public Safety	89,761
Expenditures	68-4520-560081	DSS No Show Charges	20,000
	68-9600-560065	E & H Transportation	(2,760)
	68-9600-560067	E & H Transp - Mental Health	89
	68-9600-560066	DSS - Work 1 st /Empl Transportation	(6,004)
	68-9600-560070	CCT EDTAP	(4,096)
	68-9600-560061	Rural Gen Public - DOT Grant	9,722
	68-4520-560008	Supp to RGP - Locak Match	(20,000)
Revenues	68-3452-430116	NC DOT - Rural Operating Asst Prg	(3,049)
Expenditures	68-4520-512100	Salaries & Wages Regular	360
	68-4520-518100	FICA	28
	68-4520-512700	Longevity	7
	68-4520-518200	Retirement Contribution	25
	68-4520-518300	Insurance Contribution	2
	10-4201-512107	Salaries/Wages - COLA	(422)
	10-9800-598035	Transfer to Transportation	422
Revenues	68-3452-489001	Transferred from General Fund	422

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Tax Refunds and

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$83.13
Cigarettes Cheaper	PROPERTY: 83521	Total:	\$99.45
Value: \$10,200.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-05421	Bill#: 5034
Release value of business leasehold. Moved to Bladen County. Release Klondyke Fire(7.14), release Columbus Resuce(2.04) release Water District II (7.14)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Dowless, David Anthony & Angela	PROPERTY: 28131	Total:	\$794.66
Value: \$0.00	Year: 09-12	Account: 15-00511	Bill#: 99999
Refund user fee for years 09-12. Can was picked up 2-27-09 and sent back 11-5-2012.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Andrews, Herman Phillip & Crystal	PROPERTY: 94748	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-00610	Bill#: 98065
Release user fee Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Caines, Edgar D. (Jr.)	PROPERTY: 23750	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-06343	Bill#: 3563
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cigarettes Cheaper	PROPERTY: 83521	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-05421	Bill#: 5034
Release user fee. Moved to Bladen County			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Clifford	PROPERTY: 28266	Total:	\$217.24
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-14621	Bill#: 11429
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hewett, Necie	PROPERTY: 2302	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 01-39680	Bill#: 16844
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Johnson, Laura D	PROPERTY: 26734	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 14-04010	Bill#: 19915
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jones, Billy H. & Patricia A.	PROPERTY: 7226	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-01458	Bill#: 20145
Release user fee. Can picked up 2-9-007 Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lennon, James Walter	PROPERTY: 21557	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-15380	Bill#: 22034
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/2/06			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ray, Ervin Woodrow	PROPERTY: 16679	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-03564	Bill#: 31569
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/22/08			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Reaves, Jill Cox	PROPERTY: 4305	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 01-75265	Bill#: 31753
Release user fee. Vacant and can picked up 9/25/08			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Russ, Steven G. & Becky Graves	PROPERTY: 82143	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 16-13009	Bill#: 33102
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spivey, Garrett Jason	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-03703	Bill#: 37088
Release user fee. Mobile home vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stocks, Jessica Lynn	PROPERTY: 6596	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-03241	Bill#: 38100
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11-13-12			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Yates, Rufus Glenn	PROPERTY: 26076	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-00231	Bill#: 45512
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

Agenda Item #22: PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to LONNIE LYNWOOD NORRIS:

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie, is requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Appreciation to Lonnie Lynwood Norris.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION
to
LONNIE LYNWOOD NORRIS**

WHEREAS, *LONNIE LYNWOOD NORRIS* has served the citizens of Columbus County as a County Commissioner from December 1, 1980 to December 3, 2012; **and**

WHEREAS, during the tenure of *Commissioner Norris*, the following accomplishments to improve the quality of life for the people of Columbus County were the result of his leadership:

- **After being sworn in as Columbus County Commissioner, he became the first representative to the Cape Fear Council of Governments;**
- **In February 1982, he was elected as Chairman of the Cape Fear Council of Governments and served as Chairman continuously for thirty (30) years;**
- **For more than thirty (30) years, his name has been synonymous with multi-jurisdictional leadership initiatives such as the Regional Growth Team, the Cape Fear Workforce Consortium and the Cape Fear Regional Transportation Organization;**
- **Due to his commitment to intergovernmental cooperation and regional partnership, the Cape Fear Council of Governments created an annual award in 2002 in his name, entitled the “Lynwood Norris Regional Champion”; For sixteen (16) years, he has served on the Board of Trustees of Columbus Regional Healthcare System ;**
- **In February 2012, he received the “Citizen of the Year 2011” Award from the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce;**
- ***Commissioner Norris* was dedicated to the economic development of Columbus County through the installation of water and sewer infrastructure throughout the County;**
- ***Commissioner Norris* is known for his concern for all the citizens of Columbus County, and also for the employees of Columbus County Government who have faithfully served the county.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, proudly present this **Proclamation of Appreciation** to ***LONNIE LYNWOOD NORRIS*** for his commitment, dedication, leadership and loyalty to the citizens of Columbus County during his thirty-two (32) years of service; **and**

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we wish to extend a heart-felt **thank you** to ***LONNIE LYNWOOD NORRIS*** for his friendship and the fellowship that we have shared over the years.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman, District I/

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Vice Chairman,
District VII

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, District II

/s/ GILES E. BYRD, District III

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, District IV

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, District VI

/s/ WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manager

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Attorney

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation to Lonnie Lynwood Norris, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Comments to Commissioner Norris:

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - A. The first time I met Lynwood was when we were appointed to a Public Safety Committee in October 1973;
 - B. We have always had good contact, good responses and a good rapport and I have enjoyed working with you; **and**
 - C. I envied you one time when I went to see you and discuss some issues, and you were fishing and you didn't have the time.
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - A. You have been an inspiration to me, and you have been a humble man;
 - B. We have not always voted the same way, but we still remained friends afterwards;
 - C. You have been an inspiration to a lot of people; **and**
 - D. I thank you for all that you have done.
3. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - A. When I first got elected to this Board, I was lost and I was told to call on Lynwood;
 - B. I called Lynwood on many occasions and we talked about many things;
 - C. I went to his office, we set down and talked about many things; **and**
 - D. I wish you good luck in the future.
4. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - A. In 1993, when I first ran for the school board, I was told if I wanted to win the Sandy Plain area and the Tabor City area to go see Lynwood, and I did;
 - B. It has been my pleasure serving with you on the Commissioner Board;
 - C. I will have to emphasize that you have a heart and you are humble;
 - D. You are a good man and I respect you; **and**
 - E. I hope the Good Lord will bless you with good health so you can enjoy your retirement.
5. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:
 - A. At the first meeting I attended, I was a little nervous and Lynwood shook my hand and said "How are doing old man", and I replied stating "How are you doing young man", and ever since then, that has been our greeting to each other;
 - B. You remind me of the old southern gentleman that I have taught about in school over the years;
 - C. You tell somebody something and they can take it to the bank, and that is hard to find;
 - D. I admire your dedication;
 - E. I wish you the best and you have paid your dues; **and**
 - F. It has been a pleasure to work with you.
6. **William S. Clark, County Manager:** stated the following:
 - A. We have served on several boards together;
 - B. I think I may have had a little something to do with you being on the hospital board;
 - C. I know you had a lot to do with me getting to work with this board;
 - D. You have been a great friend to me and a great mentor to me;

- E. I am going to miss you and I hope you will keep in touch;
 - F. I wish you all the success in the world; **and**
 - G. Best wishes on a happy retirement.
7. **Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney:** stated the following:
- A. I grew up right down the road from Lynwood and he has always been a family friend;
 - B. He always had bulldozers and drag lines;
 - C. He was instrumental in getting county water by my house;
 - D. I have enjoyed his friendship; **and**
 - E. I am going to miss you.
8. **June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board:** stated the following:
- A. What I need to say has been well stated in the plaque that has been presented to you;
 - B. You are a dear person to me, you are a genuine person;
 - C. When you tell someone something, you can take it to the bank and you don't have to question what you are being told;
 - D. You are the kind of person that makes a lasting impression that you do not forget;
 - E. I am going to miss you;
 - F. You have worked long and hard enough that you deserve a long and good rest; **and**
 - G. Please keep in touch with me.
9. **Ed Worley, Department of Aging Director (former County Commissioner):** stated the following:
- A. We go back a long time, he came on the Board in 1980, and I came on in 1984;
 - B. We have had some good times together;
 - C. It has been a pleasure serving with him; **and**
 - D. You have been truthful and I appreciate you.

Agenda Item #23: COMMENTS:

B. Department Head:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director: stated the following:

- 1. I have two (2) items to discuss;

Item 1:

- 2. With the Railroad Meetings, we are working on solutions and things are looking like there is light at the end of the tunnel;
- 3. Things could involve working with an attorney on behalf of the counties involved and the states involved, and one of the things we discussed at our last meeting is some budgeted funds from each of the counties;
- 4. The monetary amount needed will be approximately \$100,000.00;
- 5. Columbus County's portion of this amount is approximately \$30,000.00;
- 6. I am asking for the financial support for litigation, and contracts that need to be written up by an attorney, anything that is needed to get our railroad back operational; **and**
- 7. Would you like to add any comments on this Commissioner Byrd?

Commissioner Byrd: stated the following:

- A. The way this amount was arrived out, the committee took the railroad mileage in each county;
- B. We may not spend that amount of money, but we need access to the money if we should need an attorney;
- C. We discussed a lot of matters in Executive Session that can't be discussed here, but we do have a lot of avenues;
- D. From the information we have received, there is light at the end of the tunnel to get that railroad back up and running;
- E. All the entities involved have got to step forward and show that the committee means business;
- F. We are dealing with a person who really knows the system, but we have some knowledgeable members on our board that have done some thorough research;
- G. We have it moving in the right direction; **and**

- H. I would like to request that this Board commit to, not to exceed \$30,000.00, but maybe put up \$15,000.00 at this time.

Discussion:

Commissioner Bullard: How many counties are involved in this endeavor?

Commissioner Byrd: There are three (3) - Columbus, Horry and Marion.

Commissioner Bullard: Will we be guaranteed a railroad if we commit to this \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Byrd: Based on the information that we have been provided, yes.

Commissioner Prevatte: You have mentioned three (3) counties, but what about the municipalities in Columbus County?

Gary Lanier: We have asked each municipality to approach their board for \$1,500.00 each.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the allocation of up to \$30,000.00 to the Interstate Railroad Committee, to be taken from the Contingency Fund, and keep the Board informed as the money is spent, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Item 2:

- A. We have a project named Big Sky which is where we are looking to put and locate a generation facility that will burn wood chips on the site at the landfill at New Hope;
- B. There are some things happening in Raleigh on December 01, 2012 that will make that project difficult to be financially viable unless they put in an application by December 01, 2012;
- C. In order to put that application in, they have to have a signed Lease Agreement in place;
- D. That will be approximately a \$15 million project in Columbus County and they are not asking for an incentive grant;
- E. What I need to propose to the Board is that a representative from the Board, Mr. Clark and the County Attorney to be authorized in the next week to ten (10) days, to negotiate a lease on five (5) to ten (10) acres of the borrow pit area with Columbus Renewable Energy, LLC, and have some lease amount; **and**
- F. They need a valid lease so they have their application in place before December 01, 2012, or the whole project could go by the wayside.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to authorize Chairman Amon E. McKenzie, William S. Clark, County Manager, and Michael E. Stephens, County Attorney, to negotiate a Lease Agreement with Columbus Renewable Energy, LLC, within the next week to ten (10) days, for five (5) to ten (10) acres of the borrow pit at Columbus County Landfill, contingent on the construction being completed by a specified date, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

- D. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to thank the members of our staff who put on the reception for Commissioner Lynwood Norris, and they are as follows: Gail, Bobbie, Natalie, Carol, Vanessa, Amanda and Stuart.

Agenda Item #24: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:11 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2012
7:30 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, 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
Ricky Bullard
Lynwood Norris

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 7:30 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the November 05, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/4/2012	603820.00 92	WILLIAM POPE	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE

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10/4/2012	105273.00 97	KIMBERLY DENNISTON	\$25.00	RETURN CHECK FEE
10/4/2012	105273.00 97	KIMBERLY DENNISTON	\$37.00	RETURN CHECK NSF FEE
10/12/2012	105090.00 96	ELIZABETH JOHNSON	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	302000.00 95	DONALD TURBEVILLE	\$(8.00)	INCORRECT METER READING
10/12/2012	102580.00 98	STEVE BRITT	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	600124.00 97	STEPHANIE GORE	\$(256.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2012	403130.00 98	H B TODD	\$(18.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/12/2012	301700.00 98	BILL WORLEY	\$(30.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2012	208690.00 98	LADOSCA FLETCHER	\$(243.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/12/2012	112169.00 98	COURTNEY THOMAS	\$130.00	REPLACEMENT FEE FOR BROKEN SETTER
10/12/2012	112169.00 98	COURTNEY THOMAS	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
10/12/2012	205726.00 98	VIOLA DAVIS	\$140.00	POSTING ERROR
10/12/2012	204780.00 98	VIOLA TISDALE	\$(175.00)	POSTING ERROR
10/16/2012	603400.00 91	SOPHIA DAVENPORT	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE 4TH OFFENSE
10/22/2012	201430.00 98	NORRIS COUNTRY STORE	\$(99.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/25/2012	603400.00 91	SOPHIA DAVENPORT	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
10/25/2012	203895.00 98	ANGELA BUFFKIN	\$33.00	POSTING ERROR
10/25/2012	203902.00 93	DERRICK BUFFKIN	\$(33.00)	POSTING ERROR
10/25/2012	203902.00 93	DERRICK BUFFKIN	\$(5.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	100563.00 98	ANTHONY TYLER	\$(40.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/25/2012	602498.00 98	MARGARET B WARD	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/25/2012	101120.00 88	RAYMOND J WARD	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/30/2012	102120.00 98	BILLY DOUGLAS	\$(50.00)	REFUND CHECK

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2012
7:30 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, 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
Ricky Bullard
Lynwood Norris

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 7:30 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the November 05, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/3/2012	142600.00 98	PENNEY REYNOLDS	\$68.00	BAD CHECK NSF FEE

10/3/2012	142600.00 98	PENNEY REYNOLDS	\$25.00	RETURN CHECK FEE
10/12/2012	132426.00 97	LESLIE DUNCAN	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	140416.00 90	FRANK E PARNELL	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	120230.00 92	SHAVONDA L COLLINS	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	130170.00 98	PATRICIA A NEALEY	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	110300.00 98	SUGAR BEAR DAYCARE	\$(25.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2012	111010.00 96	ELIZABETH FERRARI	\$25.00	SERVICE CHARGE
10/12/2012	141691.00 98	CHRISTOPHER MOYD	\$(105.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/12/2012	141691.10 98	CHRISTOPHER MOYD	\$(105.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/12/2012	141691.20 98	CHRISTOPHER MOYD	\$(105.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/12/2012	141691.30 98	CHRISTOPHER MOYD	\$(105.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/12/2012	141691.40 98	CHRISTOPHER MOYD	\$(105.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/12/2012	141691.50 98	CHRISTOPHER MOYD	\$(105.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/12/2012	120835.00 98	BILLY BLACKWELL	\$(1,409.00)	METER POSTING ERROR
10/12/2012	112169.00 98	COURTNEY THOMAS	\$130.00	REPLACEMENT FEE FOR BROKEN SETTER
10/12/2012	112169.00 98	COURTNEY THOMAS	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
10/16/2012	143954.00 97	BRENDA WADE	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/22/2012	120138.00 98	TAMISHA FRINK	\$(30.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	132597.00 97	LINDSEY BOWEN	\$(25.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	140615.00 98	LARRY THOMAS JR	\$(110.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	111010.00 96	ELIZABETH FERRARI	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/25/2012	112160.00 97	JOHNNY E SELLERS	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/25/2012	140273.00 96	ANTWAUN T JOHNSON	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/30/2012	13780.00 98	NAN WHITE	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE
10/30/2012	13780.00 98	NAN WHITE	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK NSF FEE
10/30/2012	112010.00 98	BRADLEY WALKER	\$116.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/30/2012	121297.00 98	WENDAL SAVAGE	\$(61.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/30/2012	141640.00 98	TWANNA MCDONALD	\$(5.00)	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion

unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:32 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. 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, November 19, 2012

7:30 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, 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
Ricky Bullard
Lynwood Norris

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 7:30 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the November 05, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of OCTOBER 2012

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/4/2012	371799.00 97	JUSTIN BUNCH	\$(300.00)	BILLING ERROR

10/4/2012	350630.00 98	HELEN CARROLL	\$25.00	RETURN CHECK FEE
10/4/2012	350630.00 98	HELEN CARROLL	\$73.00	RETURNED CHECK NSF FEE
10/12/2012	331415.00 98	MARA BEST	\$(43.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/9/2012	350695.00 96	HERBERT WASHINGTON	\$(139.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/12/2012	360335.00 98	CYNTHIA DUNCAN	\$(25.00)	POSTING ERROR
10/16/2012	341325.00 98	LAURA BRITT	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/16/2012	341320.00 98	CAROLYN HEDGEPEETH	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING
10/22/2012	370350.00 98	ALEXIS PREASE	\$(8.00)	INCORRECT METER READING
10/30/2012	360810.00 97	HERMAN LEWIS	\$(5.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/30/2012	370815.00 98	DEBRA BROWN	\$140.00	BILLING ERROR
10/30/2012	370815.00 98	DEBRA BROWN	\$(265.00)	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:32 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. 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, November 19, 2012

7:30 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, 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
Ricky Bullard
Lynwood Norris

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 7:30 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the November 05, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/4/2012	430388.00 97	BRIDGA ROMERO	\$(54.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK

10/4/2012	430079.10 98	FANNIE DOOLEY	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK NSF FEE
10/4/2012	430079.10 98	FANNIE DOOLEY	\$25.00	RETURN CHECK FEE
10/12/2012	430615.00 98	WILLIAM PORTER III	\$(65.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2012	430548.00 98	PRICILLA HESTER	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
10/12/2012	430087.00 98	SHALANDA PORTER	\$(602.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/12/2012	430700.00 98	LONNIE T WADDELL	\$(30.00)	PENALTY REMOVED
10/16/2012	430063.00 98	WENDY PARKS CLEWIS	\$26.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT NSF FEE
10/16/2012	430063.00 98	WENDY PARKS CLEWIS	\$25.00	RETURNED BANK DRAFT FEE
10/22/2012	430321.00 98	ELEANOR TURNER	\$(9.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/22/2012	430165.00 97	M. BRANDON DYSON	\$(45.00)	INCORRECT METER READING
10/22/2012	350995.00 95	SHARON BOONE	\$9.00	BILLING ERROR
10/22/2012	351025.00 94	SHARON BOONE	\$(9.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	420410.00 97	DAVID SMITH	\$74.00	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	420410.00 97	DAVID SMITH	\$(208.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/25/2012	430305.00 98	MARK HORNE	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/25/2012	430306.00 97	THOMAS E CARROLL	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:32 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. 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, November 19, 2012

7:30 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, 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
Ricky Bullard
Lynwood Norris

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 7:30 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the November 05, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to OCTOBER MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

DATE	ACCOUNT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/4/2012	709940.00 98	WILLIE WIDEMAN	\$(1,394.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK

10/12/2012	709997.00 97	MARTHA R LOWRIMORE	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	709971.00 98	WILLIAM C BELLAMY	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/12/2012	700007.00 97	NELLY PINEDA	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/15/2012	701250.00 97	NC DEPT OF CORRECTION	\$25,989.84	POSTING ERROR
10/15/2012	430201.00 98	ACME DELCO ELEM	\$246.40	POSTING ERROR
10/15/2012	430635.00 98	ACME DELCO MIDDLE	\$246.40	POSTING ERROR
10/12/2012	430616.00 98	CHRISTINA STANLEY	\$50.00	DEPOSIT APPLIED IN ERROR
10/12/2012	140200.00 97	PHILLIP LONG	\$50.00	BILLING ERROR
10/16/2012	709999.00 98	CHESTER JENRETTE	\$(140.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/25/2012	703275.00 98	NC DEPT OF CORRECTION	\$(48.00)	POSTING ERROR
10/25/2012	800643.00 98	BARRY LEONARD	\$(13.00)	BILLING ERROR
10/25/2012	709950.00 98	BRENDA G MONTES	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/30/2012	800669.00 96	BERTIN TORRES	\$(60.00)	POSTING ERROR
10/30/2012	800669.00 96	BERTIN TORRES	\$(190.00)	PENALTY POSTING ERROR
10/30/2015	800669.00 96	BERTIN TORRES	\$25.00	DISCONNECT FEE
10/30/2012	800740.00 98	LARRY HUGGINS	\$(5.00)	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the October, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:32 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman