

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 4, 2002

7:30 P.M.

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Vice-Chairman**
Spruell R. Britt
David L. Dutton, Jr.
Sammie Jacobs
Bill Memory
Lynwood Norris

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
Darren L. Currie, **Assistant Co. Administrator**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Administrator**

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order to receive views and comments from the public regarding the R.O.A.P. (Rural Operating Assistance Program) Grant. This grant is a Federal Government grant in the amount of ninety-three thousand and 00/100 (\$93,000.00) dollars. There were no comments. Commissioner Norris made a motion for the public hearing to be close, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Memory.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Consent Agenda Items were presented for approval:

Tax Refunds (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Department):

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Request a refund in the name of Beck, Furnie Ray, P.O. Box 856, Whiteville, NC 28472. Refund user fee. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-01602, Bill # 81248.

Request a refund in the name of Wilson, Carnell, 132 Lloyd Dr., Bolton, NC 28423. Refund the value of a mobile home and the Bolton Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Carnell Barnwell. Total amount to be refunded is \$226.67 with included \$9.24 interest. Amount \$217.43, Value \$11,850.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-17051, Bill # 20093.

The following is based on recommendations from the Tax Administrator's Office.

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):

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Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$397.46, Value \$42,800.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 43560.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKinnon, Evelyn Miller. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$91.00, Value \$2,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-10655, Bill # 3330.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Ira Leon. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold in 1999. Amount \$4.97, Value \$565.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-03735, Bill # 3185.

Release the Property Value in the name of McClellan, Anthony. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Buster & Ruth McCray. Amount \$470.60, Value \$38,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-07672, Bill # 2799.

Release the Property Value in the name of McClellan, Anthony. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Buster & Ruth McCray. Amount \$400.04, Value \$38,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-07672, Bill # 2234.

Release the Property Value in the name of McClellan, Anthony. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Buster & Ruth McCray. Amount \$365.49, Value \$38,022.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-07672, Bill # 20934.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelly, Mickey D.. Release the Columbus Rescue fee that should have been released 9-17-2001 when the mobile home value was released. Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$1.86, Value \$9,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-22202, Bill # 99863.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Mary Lee Strickland. Amount \$302.44, Value \$17,179.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-09611, Bill # 99163.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary Lee Strickland. Amount \$267.32, Value \$17,969.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-09611, Bill # 98708.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Ronnie. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mary Lee Strickland. Amount \$220.62, Value \$21,010.00, Year 1998, Account # 10-09611, Bill # 30082.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Carnell. Release the value of a mobile home and the Bolton Fire fee (6.88) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.29). Home is double listed in the name of Carnell Barnwell. Amount \$264.25, Value \$11,460.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-17051, Bill # 21163.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Gary Lynn. Release the value of a mobile home and a boat, and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Gary & Cindy Hammond and the boat was sold in 2000. Amount \$217.70, Value \$5,988.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-36364, Bill # 95167.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$433.16, Value \$42,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 90717.

Release the Property Value in the name of McQueen, Doris Lee. Release the value of the mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Home was destroyed by a storm in 1999. Amount \$150.08, Value \$2,886.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-26452, Bill # 3375.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$397.46, Value \$42,800.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 47950.

Release the Property Value in the name of Inman, Christopher C.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was junked years ago. Amount \$11.97, Value \$1,360.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-02349, Bill # 98070.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$307.26, Value \$31,700.00, Year 1996,

Account # 06-10143, Bill # 45519.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$307.26, Value \$31,700.00, Year 1995, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 524.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$270.92, Value \$31,700.00, Year 1994, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 29340.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$258.24, Value \$31,700.00, Year 1993, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 70227.

Release the Property Value in the name of Evans, Joyce Brenda. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was destroyed by hurricane Floyd in 1999. Amount \$250.80, Value \$9,750.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-06675, Bill # 90075.

Release the Property Value in the name of Evans, Joyce B.. Release the value of a mobile home that was destroyed by hurricane Floyd in 1999. Amount \$204.44, Value \$10,031.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-06675, Bill # 89830.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cokley, Lewis S. Jr.. Release the value of a home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was torn down in 2000. Amount \$240.14, Value \$20,641.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-15161, Bill # 86405.

Release the Property Value in the name of Clewis, W.E.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Fonzie Spivey. Amount \$187.50, Value \$8,013.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-03561, Bill # 86092.

Release the Property Value in the name of Byrd, John A.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was sold at auction in 2000. Amount \$53.50, Value \$6,079.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-11597, Bill # 84656.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bryant, Jethro & Liza. Release the value of a single wide home and the Yam City fee. Home was traded for a double wide and listed. Amount \$221.17, Value \$6,241.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-02869, Bill # 83754.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnes, G. Timothy. Release the value of a double wide and the Yam City fee (42.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (8.46). Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$545.70, Value \$42,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00693, Bill # 80647.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ansback, Jimmy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 1998. Amount \$348.83, Value \$20,890.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-04617, Bill # 7994.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$397.46, Value \$42,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 9683.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Julie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alton Lennon Williamson Jr. & Julie. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 12-31271, Bill # 81674.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Julie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Aton Lennon Williamson Jr. & Julie. Amount \$374.70, Value \$5,079.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-31271, Bill # 20927.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Julie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alton Lennon Williamson Jr. and Julie. Amount \$448.09, Value \$4,810.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-31271, Bill # 19871.

Release the Property Value in the name of Floyd, Joey R.. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Henry & Lou Floy Milligan. Amount \$507.40, Value \$42,800.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-10143, Bill # 90962.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Julie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alton Lennon Williamson Jr. & Julie. Amount \$215.29, Value \$2,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 12-31271, Bill # 75440.

Release the Property Value in the name of McQueen, Doris Lee. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire fee. Home was destroyed by a storm in 1999. Amount \$191.74, Value \$2,794.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-26452, Bill # 3987.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Julie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alton Lennon Williamson Jr. & Julie. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 12-31271, Bill # 81673.

Release the Property Value in the name of White, Estelle P.. Release the value of a mobile home. Customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$106.95, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-28620, Bill # 36986.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of J.B. Waddell.. Amount \$184.01, Value \$2,160.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 17846.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of J.B. Waddell. Amount \$141.16, Value \$2,040.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 16872.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of J.B. Waddell. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 35122.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of J. B. Waddell. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 72610.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of J. B Waddell. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 67198.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of J.B. Waddell. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 68872.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco fee. Home is double listed in the name of J.B.Waddell. Amount \$10.32, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1995, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 97586.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, Ricky & Shelia. Release a portion of the property value. Garage is not 100% complete. Amount \$112.51, Value \$1,800.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-11969, Bill # 20701.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Julie Ann. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alton Lennon Williamson Jr. & Julie. Amount \$215.29, Value \$2,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-31271, Bill # 38059.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of J.B. Waddell. Amount \$8.58, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1994, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 23408.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, Ricky & Shelia. Release the value of a boat and

the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold in 1995. Amount \$9.93, Value \$1,128.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-11969, Bill # 2544.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, Ricky & Shelia. Release a portion of the property value. Garage is not 100% complete. Amount \$137.96, Value \$1,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-11969, Bill # 1985.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, Ricky Kyle. Release a portion of the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. The land was billed with incorrect classification. Amount \$5.60, Value \$700.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-05855, Bill # 2545.

Release the Property Value in the name of Meadows, Wayne. Release the value of a double wide home and the Yam City fee (34.90) and the Columbus County Rescue fee (6.98). Home is a church parsonage and should be exempt. Amount \$479.10, Value \$34,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-01713, Bill # 4032.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moss, James Oston Sr.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek Fire fee (1.70) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.43). Home is double listed in the name of C.O. & Jessie Moss (Heirs) Amount \$183.74, Value \$2,130.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-11420, Bill # 5377.

Release the Property Value in the name of Perkins, Tammy J.. Release a portion of the property value and the Acme Delco fee (13.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.60). Property valued with incorrect acreage. Amount \$117.00, Value \$13,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-29403, Bill # 7363.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Elizabeth Ann. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of James Edd Jones. Amount \$27.40, Value \$2,800.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-05256, Bill # 16391.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Gay S.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold years ago. Amount \$9.93, Value \$1,155.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-30213, Bill # 16406.

Release the Property Value in the name of Turbeville Brothers. Release a portion of the property value and the Roseland Fire fee (6.78) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.26). Incorrect value placed on petro tanks. Amount \$97.18, Value \$11,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-01008, Bill # 17172.

Release the Property Value in the name of National Network Communications inc.. Release a portion of the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Wrong schedule applied for value. Amount \$50.40, Value \$6,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-05717, Bill # 5752.

Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, Rickly & Shelia. Release the value of two boats that were sold in 1995. Amount \$62.77, Value \$7,925.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-11969, Bill # 1985.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waddell, James A.. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of J.B. Waddell. Amount \$7.20, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1993, Account # 15-36854, Bill # 92733.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chavis, Loretta W.. Release user fee. Double listed in the name of James & Loretta Chavis. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-01047, Bill # 85904.

Release the User Fee in the name of Leggett, Robert N.. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Toni & Robert Leggett. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-01711, Bill # 807.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, Neil. Release user fee. Use's commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-03816, Bill # 90982.

Release the User Fee in the name of Grady, Marcella S.. Release user fee. Use's commercial hauler.

Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-03717, Bill # 93853.

Release the User Fee in the name of Evergreen Vol. Fire & Rescue. Release user fee. Use's commercial hauler. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 18-00155, Bill # 23818.

Release the User Fee in the name of Connor, Doris T.. Release user fee. House vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-04443, Bill # 86848.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clewis, James C.. Release one of three user fees. Customers only have two (2) trash cans. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-04351, Bill # 26232.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Cecil. Release user fee. This is a out building not a house. Amount \$75.00, Value , Year 2001, Account # 04-01560, Bill # 83167.

Release the User Fee in the name of Martin, Ricky & Shelia. Release the user fee. House is incomplete. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-11969, Bill # 2544.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Rodney Van. Release all the user fees. Mobile homes are not liveable. Amount \$330.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-16600, Bill # 15496.

Release the User Fee in the name of Best, Milton. Release user fee. House vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-02357, Bill # 81800.

Release the User Fee in the name of Newsome, Leslie R.. Release one of four (4) user fee. They only have three (3) trash cans. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-12401, Bill # 5991.

Release the User Fee in the name of Perkins, Tammy J.. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-29403, Bill # 7363.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Johnny Oneal. Release user fee. Trash can picked up in 2000. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-80743, Bill # 11218.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shiloh Methodist Church. Release user fee. Never received trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 18-00242, Bill # 76916.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shiloh Methodist Church. Release user fee. Never received a trash can. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 18-00242, Bill # 39270.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shiloh Methodist Church. Release user fee. Never received a trash can. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 18-00242, Bill # 21096.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stocks, Roderick R.. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-24481, Bill # 15113.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stringfield, Neva B.. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-35211, Bill # 15566.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Joyce D.. Release user fee. There is no trash can at this address. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 02-01820, Bill # 18681.

Release the User Fee in the name of Whitner, Karen H.. Release user fee. They do not have a trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-04635, Bill # 20121.

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, Ernest J.. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-00507, Bill # 80354.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shiloh Methodist Church. Release user fee. Never received a

trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 18-00242, Bill # 23570.

The following is based on recommendations from the Tax Administrator's Office.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion for the preceding Consent Agenda Items to be approved, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-602-3300	Departmental Supplies	\$1,900.00
Revenue	10-336-0400	Good Shepherd 4-H Grant	\$1,900.00
Expenditure	10-601-3300	Departmental Supplies	\$1,900.00
Revenue	10-336-0500	Good Shepherd EFNEP Grant	\$1,900.00
Expenditure	10-575-0200	Salaries	\$1,744.00
Revenue	10-348-0503	Food and Lodging	\$1,744.00
Expenditure	10-613-7548	Capital from NCDOT	\$2,850.00
Revenue	10-348-1695	NCDOT-Admin and Capital Reimbursement	\$2,850.00
Expenditure	10-613-7010	Purchase of Services - CCPC	(\$15,000.00)
Revenue	10-348-2300	Smart Start Revenue	(\$15,000.00)

DEPARTMENT OF AGING ANNUAL REPORT

Ed Worley, Department of Aging Director, presented the following report for the Columbus County Department of Aging.

1. Columbus County is one (1) out of ten (10) centers with all their services housed under one (1) roof.
2. We have been informed we are the best Department of Aging in the State of North Carolina.
3. We are being used as a role model for the other centers to follow.
4. Columbus County has the most senior centers in the state.
5. We presently have six (6) locations.
6. We are getting ready to open up the Bolton Senior Center and we will be having a Grand Opening on March 15, 2002.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION of MARCH as RED CROSS MONTH in COLUMBUS COUNTY

JoAnn Rhodes, Red Cross Director, requested the Board of Commissioners to adopt the following resolution.

Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month in Columbus County

As one of the nation's oldest, most recognized humanitarian organizations, the American Red Cross is woven tightly into the fabric of Columbus County, providing compassionate care when disasters and other crises threaten to overwhelm and destroy families. When our nation experienced a grievous tragedy on September 11, the people of the Columbus County gave of their time and their hearts in unprecedented ways to help bring comfort and peace to those in need and help our county prepare for or prevent the occurrence of further tragedy. We are indeed fortunate in our community to have this organization with committed volunteers and faithful blood donors dedicated to relieving suffering and saving lives.

The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by a visionary woman named Clara Barton and chartered by Congress in 1905 to act in times of need. Now, each year, the Columbus County Chapter responds to more than 100 disasters in our community alone: high profile natural disasters, single-family fires that rarely even make the news, and other man-made emergencies. At such times, Americans trust and rely upon their local Red Cross chapters to provide services for families robbed of their loved ones, homes, livelihoods or dignity.

Other Red Cross services include recruiting local people to donate blood, ensuring its safety and providing hospitals with half the nation’s supply of blood and blood products for lifesaving medical treatments and routine medical procedures.

As our military men and women join the effort to fight terrorism a world away, Red Cross workers in Columbus County are working around the clock to fulfill a historical role: keeping service members and their families in touch and offering other small comforts to ease the strain of being far from home.

Residents of Columbus County get information they need to maintain safe and healthy lives through Red Cross courses in lifesaving skills—first aid, CPR, and much more.

The Red Cross also responds to international emergencies. The Red Cross helped create and administer America’s Fund for Afghan Children, with money donated by thousands of children right here in our community and across the nation who were asked to donate one dollar. Already, a million dollars’ worth of essential supplies and medicine has been shipped to Afghanistan.

Last year, the Red Cross rushed immediate cash aid and supplies to other countries rocked by natural disasters and helped people in more than 40 nations get access to safe drinking water and battle malnutrition and life-threatening diseases such as measles.

Through its work, the Red Cross, an enduring American institution, restores hope at home and throughout the world every day, and its vital services would not be possible without generous contributions from the American people.

THEREFORE, I, AMON MCKENZIE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as CHAIRMAN of the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim March 2002 as American Red Cross Month. Especially during these trying times for our country, I request that each member of our community support the Columbus County Chapter, American Red Cross, noble humanitarian mission with a gift of time, blood or money. Together, we can save lives and make our world a safer, better place.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of March, 2002

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, presented the following information on the Columbus County CHAF Program. Mr. Adams stated that the completion deadline was May 18, 2002 and we were well ahead of schedule.

COLUMBUS COUNTY SUMMARY SHEET

CHAF PROGRAM:

Total Houses			491
Houses Inspected			479
Replacement		271	
Repair		208	
Repair Work		208	
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	75		
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	9		
Board Awarded, No Construction	69		
Under Construction	31		
Complete	24		

Replacement Work		271	
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	157		
Board Awarded, No Construction	0		
N.O.E. Sent, Under Construction	71		
Complete	43		
Not Visited			12
Legal Work			439
Total Titles Requested			
Titles Requested, Not complete		208	
Preliminary Title Complete		112	
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed		23	
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded		96	

“Build to RENT” ADDITION to DETENTION/NUTRITION CENTER

Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson introduced the four (4) members who were attending the meeting from the U.S. Marshall Service in Washington, D.C.. He stated the following names: Bill Snelton, Dan Warehammer, Kevin Stone and Carol Dickson. Sheriff Ferguson requested Ms. Carol Dickson to make the presentation on this addition. Ms. Dickson stated the following:

1. This program is entitled CAP (Cooperative Agreement Program).
2. If agreed to, will guarantee space for fifteen to twenty (15-20) years.
3. The stipulations are with tax-exempt bonds.
4. The average cost is twenty-one thousand and 00/100 (\$21,000.00) dollars per bed.
5. The U.S. Marshall Service has been awarded twelve million (\$12,000,000) dollars to used nationwide for the year 2002.
6. This program will pay only for the number of beds used.
7. If you decide to participate in this program, there is an Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGA) that must be signed. This is based on the operating cost of the jail.

Ms. Dickson asked if anyone had any questions or comments. The following questions were asked.

1. **Commissioner Memory:** What is the average stay of these offenders who will be housed? **Answer:** The stay could be two (2) weeks or multi months. These beds will be for pre-trial or post-trial detainees. It will be utilized on an as-needed basis for the courts in Wilmington.
2. **Commissioner Jacobs:** We would like a comment from Sheriff Ferguson as to what his opinion is on this matter. **Answer:** I believe this is definitely a win-win situation for us.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** What will this program cost Columbus County? **Answer:** The cost will be based on the number of beds you decide to do. The gain will be by the daily rate.
4. **Commissioner Dutton:** Who will be responsible for the medical expenses? **Answer:** The medical expenses will be Columbus County's responsibility and the housing will be the Federal Government's responsibility.
5. **Commissioner Memory:** Will this program grow in the future or is this a one-time thing? **Answer:** This program does have the potential to grow. If, at the end of this term, you are pleased with the results, we could add additional beds.
6. **Commissioner Dutton:** Who will be responsible for transporting the prisoners? **Answer:** If Columbus County decided to transport the prisoners, we will include a transportation clause and you will be reimbursed for the mileage.

Ms. Dickson stated the next step for Columbus County is to submit the CAP Application.

Mr. Kevin Stone with the U.S. Marshall Service asked to address the Board regarding this matter. He stated this was indeed a win-win situation for Columbus County and for the U.S.

Marshall Service.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to take this matter under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

ADOPTION of CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CPP) FY 2002-2003 CONTINUATION BUDGET

Ms. Jackie Moto, CPP Director, requested the Commissioners to approve the Continuation Budget for the FY 2002-2003. She stated this needed to be approved by the County Commissioners before the Continuation Grant Request could be forwarded to Raleigh for approval by the State CPP Program Advisory Board. The due date this year is March 15, 2002. A copy of this budget will be on file in the Administration Office.

PLANNING BOARD CREATION

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, is requesting the Board of Commissioners to create a Planning Board. The Situational Analysis prepared by the NC Department of Commerce, under the 21st Century Communities effort, outlined "No land use planning in the county, only municipalities" as a major weakness for Columbus County. Specifically, the analysis specified the County should engage in land use planning, water and sewer infrastructure planning, economic development planning and transportation planning within the auspices of a centralized vision for the future of Columbus County. In the absence of Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, Darren L. Currie, Assistant County Administrator, stated that Columbus County was lacking in long-range plans. This Board should consists of seven (7) members. Commissioner Memory made a motion for this Board to be approved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III MEETING (COLUMBUS COUNTY)

At 8:15 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to recess the regular meeting and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Water Board Meeting. This information will be listed in the Minute Book entitled Columbus County Water and Sewer District III. At 8:17 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

EMPLOYMENT of SERVICEMAN I for WATER DISTRICTS

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, requested the Board of Commissioners to approve the employment of a Serviceman I to read meters, do turn-ons and turn-offs, assist in leak repairs, line installations, service installation, valve maintenance, etc. due to this process being easier than locating a suitable Utilities Director. The annual salary will be in the range of seventeen thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$17,500.00) dollars. This position will be funded from the water districts and will not affect the General Fund. Commissioner Wilson made a motion for the approval of this employment, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

RURAL OPERATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (R.O.A.P.) GRANT

Charles Patton, Columbus County Interagency Transportation Director, requested the Board of Commissioners to approve the suballocation of the monies between the Department of Aging, Health Department, Mental Health and Department of Social Services. Commissioner Memory made a motion for approval, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

1. Animal Control Advisory Council:

The following appointments/reappointments were made for a two (2) year term with an expiration date of December 13, 2003.

ZONE	COMMISSIONER	APPOINTEE	EXPIRATION DATE
2	Gene Wilson	Leonard Walker (replaces Cary Harmon) Pinelog Road Whiteville, NC 28742	12-13-2003
3	Sammie Jacobs	Paula Lewis (Reappointed) 1003 Merritt Road Whiteville, NC 28472	12-13-2003
4	Bill Memory	Patricia A. Gould (Replaces Walter Batten) 118 Pine Street Whiteville, NC 28472	12-13-2003
5	Lynwood Norris	Walter Batten 714 N. Thompson Street Whiteville, NC 28472	12-13-2003
6	Randy Britt	Dr. Jeff Burroughs (Reappointed) P.O. Box 398 Cerro Gordo, NC 28430	12-13-2003

2. **Housing Advisory Committee:**

The following appointments were made for a two (2) year term with term expiring June 30, 2002.

ZONE	COMMISSIONER	APPOINTEE	EXPIRATION DATE
IV	Bill Memory	Boling McNeil P.O. Box 145 Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450	06-30-2003
V	Lynwood Norris	Burnett Coleman 143 Wildlife Club Road Tabor City, NC 28463	06-30-2003

RECESS REGULAR SESSION

At 8:33 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess regular session and enter into Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:39 P.M., the Columbus County Commissioners entered into Closed Session according to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11. No official action was taken. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:03 P.M., Regular Session was resumed.

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III

James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, stated the following Resolutions needed to be approved and adopted for the closing of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III. The closing date is March 27, 2002. The Resolutions are as follows.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 7:30 P.M. on March 4, 2002.

Present: Chairman Amon E. McKenzie, presiding, and Commissioners: Spruell R. Britt, Sammie Jacobs, L. Lynwood Norris, William E. Memory, Jr., C.E. Wilson and David L. Dutton, Jr.

Absent: None.

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Commissioner William E. Memory, Jr. introduced the following resolution which was read by its title:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF \$5,271,000 WATER BONDS, SERIES 2002A**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1. Said Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby find, declare and represent:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$6,571,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on October 3, 2000.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and that there are outstanding \$5,502,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of said District, which notes are dated July 3, 2001, mature on March 27, 2002 and were issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of said bonds.

(c) That it is necessary at this time to issue \$5,271,000 of said bonds, all of the proceeds thereof to be applied, together with the proceeds of another issue of bonds of said District in the principal amount of \$231,000 to be issued pursuant to said order at the same time as the bonds provided for hereunder, to the payment of said outstanding notes at their maturity.

(d) That the maximum period of usefulness of the water system of said District to be constructed with the proceeds of said bonds to be issued as hereinafter provided is estimated as a period of forty (40) years from December 1, 2001, the date of the bonds authorized hereby, and that such period expires on December 1, 2041.

Section 2. Pursuant to said order there shall be issued bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,271,000, designated "Water Bonds, Series 2002A" and dated December 1, 2001 (unless said bonds shall be awarded to the United States of America, in which event said bonds shall be dated as of the date of delivery thereof).

Said bonds (the "bonds") shall be stated to mature (subject to the right of prior redemption as hereinafter set forth) annually, June 1, \$55,000 2004, \$58,000 2005, \$60,500 2006, \$63,500 2007, \$66,500 2008, \$69,500 2009, \$73,000 2010, \$76,000 2011, \$80,000 2012, \$84,000 2013, \$88,000 2014, \$92,000 2015, \$96,000 2016, \$101,000 2017, \$106,000 2018, \$111,000 2019, \$116,000 2020, \$121,500 2021, \$127,000 2022, \$133,000 2023, \$139,500 2024, \$146,000 2025, \$153,000 2026, \$160,000 2027, \$168,000 2028, \$176,000 2029, \$184,000 2030, \$193,000 2031, \$202,000 2032, \$212,000 2033 and \$220,000 2034 to 2041, inclusive, unless the bonds shall be awarded to the United States of America, in which event the bonds shall be stated to mature and shall be subject to a right of the United States of America to request that they be refinanced as hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall be issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$500 or any multiple thereof and shall be numbered.

The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at the time the bonds are sold, which interest to the respective maturities thereof shall be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year; provided, however, that the interest on any bond awarded to the United States of America to the respective maturities of the installments of the principal thereof shall be payable on June 1, 2002 and annually thereafter on the 1st day of June each year. Each bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, such bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest and any redemption premium on the bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. The principal of and any redemption premium on each bond, other than a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, shall be payable to the registered owner thereof or his registered assigns or legal representative at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar mentioned hereinafter upon the presentation and surrender thereof as the same shall become due and payable.

Payment of the interest on each bond shall be made by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date to the person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of such bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by such bond) at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on such registration books or, in the case of a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, as hereinafter provided. If the United States of America is the registered owner of the bonds, payment of the installments of principal and interest with respect thereto shall be made at the office of such fiscal agent as the United States of America shall designate without presentation or surrender thereof.

Section 3. The bonds maturing prior to June 1, 2013 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on June 1, 2013 and thereafter will be redeemable, at the option of the Issuer, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than June 1, 2012, at the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, plus a redemption premium of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the principal amount of each bond to be redeemed for each period of 12 months or part thereof between the redemption date and the maturity date of such bond, such premium not to exceed 2% of such principal amount.

If less than all of the bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions of bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as the Issuer in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$500 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar shall treat each bond as representing that number of bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$500. If less than all of the bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed shall be called in the inverse order of their maturities.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, the Issuer shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and to be mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of the Issuer. Each such notice shall set forth the date designated for redemption, the redemption price to be paid, the maturities of the bonds to be redeemed and, if less than all of the bonds of any one maturity then outstanding shall be called for redemption, the distinctive numbers and letters, if any, of such bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of any bond to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. If any bond is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state also that on or after the redemption date, upon surrender of such bond, a new bond or bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such bond will be issued.

The preceding provisions of this Section shall not apply to bonds awarded to the United States of America. If the United States of America is the purchaser of the bonds, there will be issued a single registered bond as hereinafter provided, which bond may be redeemed, at the option of the Issuer, at any time prior to the maturity of any installment of the principal thereof, either in whole or in part in the inverse order of the maturity dates of the installments of principal, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, at the aggregate principal amount of the installments of principal to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, but without any premium.

In case of a redemption of all or any part of a bond awarded to the United States of America, a notice of redemption shall be sent by registered mail, mailed at least forty (40) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed as the United States of America shall initially direct in connection with the issuance of the bonds or to such other address as the United States of America may designate by registered or certified mail forwarded to the Issuer at least fifty (50) days prior to any interest payment date. On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given in the manner and under the conditions hereinabove provided, the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided therefor, plus accrued interest to such date. If moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption, are held by the Bond Registrar, or at such place as the United States of America may designate in the case of a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, in trust for the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, interest on the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue, such bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefits or security under this resolution or to be deemed outstanding, and the registered owners of such bonds or portions thereof shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If a portion of a bond other than a bond awarded to the United States of America, shall be selected for redemption, the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative shall present and surrender such bond to the Bond Registrar for payment of the principal amount thereof so called for redemption and the redemption premium, if any, on such principal amount, and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the order of such registered owner or his legal representative, without charge therefor, for the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the bond so surrendered, a bond or bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

In the event that an installment of principal of a bond awarded to the United States of America shall be redeemed, the Bond Registrar shall direct the registered owner thereof to evidence such redemption by appropriate notation on the schedule attached to such bond for such purpose.

Section 4. Bonds, upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity (or, in the case of a bond awarded to the United States of America, of bonds having maturities corresponding to the maturities of the installments of principal of such bond then unpaid), of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, the transfer of any bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate. The transfer of a bond awarded to the United States of America may be registered by the registered owner thereof only upon an execution of an assignment thereof duly executed by such registered owner or his attorney or legal representative. Notice of such assignment shall be given promptly by the assignor to the Bond Registrar by registered mail, such notice to be in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond

Registrar, and upon receipt of such notice such bond shall be registered as to both principal and interest on such registration books in the name of the assignee named in such notice.

In all cases in which bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of bonds shall be registered hereunder and a new bond or bonds are to be delivered in exchange therefor, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to make any such exchange or registration of transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (III) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to Section 3 of this resolution.

As to any bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any such bond and the interest on any such bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such bond, including the redemption premium, if any, and interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositaries or other agents as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of bonds within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal, interest and any redemption premium with respect to the bonds. Branch Banking & Trust Company, in the City of Wilson, North Carolina, is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the "Bond Registrar") for the bonds, subject to the right of the governing body of the Issuer to appoint another Bond Registrar and except as hereinafter provided, and as such shall keep at its corporate trust office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the bonds as provided in this resolution. If the United States of America is the purchaser of the bonds, then the Finance Officer of the Issuer shall be the Bond Registrar; provided, however, that, in the event that a bond registered in the name of the United States of America is assigned, the paying agent with respect to such bond shall be Branch Banking & Trust Company, in the City of Wilson, North Carolina.

Section 5. The bonds shall bear the facsimile signatures of or be executed by the Chairman of said Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners and the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or a facsimile thereof shall be imprinted on the bonds. The certificate of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to be endorsed on all bonds shall bear the facsimile signature of or be executed by the Secretary of said Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar to be endorsed on all bonds shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission of North Carolina whose facsimile signature shall appear on any bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and any bond may bear the facsimile signatures of such persons who at the actual time of the execution of such bond shall be the proper officers to sign such bond although at the date of such bond such persons may not have been such officers.

No bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The bonds, other than a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

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No.

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United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III
WATER BOND, SERIES 2002A

Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Cusip
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The Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

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or registered assigns or legal representative on the date specified above, upon the presentation and surrender hereof, at the corporate trust office of Branch Banking & Trust Company (the "Bond Registrar"), in the City of Wilson, North Carolina, the principal sum of

..... DOLLARS

and to pay interest on such principal sum from the date hereof or from the June 1 or December 1 next preceding the date of authentication to which interest shall have been paid, unless such date of authentication is a June 1 or December 1 to which interest shall have been paid, in which case from such date, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on June 1 and December 1 in each year, at the rate per annum specified above, until payment of such principal sum. The interest so payable on any such interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by this bond) is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said District. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III are hereby irrevocably pledged.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF THIS BOND ARE SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE HEREOF AND SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS IF SET FORTH HERE.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the resolution mentioned hereinafter until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond to bear the facsimile signatures of the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be imprinted hereon, all as of the 1st day of December 2001.

[Facsimile signature]
Chairman

[Facsimile signature]
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Robert M. High
Secretary, Local Government Commission

By _____ [Facsimile signature]

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds designated herein and described in the within-mentioned Resolution.

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY
as Bond Registrar

By _____ [Manual signature]
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____.

[Reverse Side of Bond]

United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III

WATER BOND, SERIES 2002A

This bond is one of an issue of bonds designated "Water Bonds, Series 2002A" (the "Bonds") and issued by said District for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the qualified voters of said District at a referendum thereon held on October 3, 2000, and a resolution duly passed by said Board (the "Resolution").

The bonds at the time outstanding maturing prior to June 1, 2013 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on June 1, 2013 and thereafter may be redeemed, at the option of said District, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than June 1, 2012, at the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, plus a redemption premium of ½ of 1% of the principal amount of each bond to be redeemed for each period of 12 months or part thereof between the redemption date and the maturity date of such bond, such premium not to exceed 2% of such principal amount.

If less than all of the bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions of bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as said District III in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$500 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar shall treat each Bond as representing that number of bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$500. If less than all

of the bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, particular bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed shall be called in the inverse order of their maturities.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, said District shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of said District. On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given as aforesaid, the bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided for the redemption of such bonds or portions thereof on such date and, if moneys for payment of such redemption price and the accrued interest are held by the Bond Registrar as provided in the Resolution, interest on the bonds or the portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue. If a portion of this bond shall be called for redemption, a new bond or bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued to the registered owner hereof or his legal representative upon the surrender hereof.

The bonds are issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$500 or any integral multiple thereof. At the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Resolution, bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity, of authorized denominations and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall keep at its corporate trust office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of bonds. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register any transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (III) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to the Resolution.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

_____ attorney

to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor’s signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 6. If the United States of America is the initial purchaser of the bonds, there will be issued a single registered bond of the Issuer of the denomination of \$5,271,000, numbered R-1 and maturing in annual installments on the 1st day of June in the following years and in the following amounts, respectively:

Year of <u>Maturity</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Year of <u>Maturity</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>
2004	\$ 55,000	2023	\$133,000
2005	58,000	2024	139,500
2006	60,500	2025	146,000
2007	63,500	2026	153,000
2008	66,500	2027	160,000
2009	69,500	2028	168,000
2010	73,000	2029	176,000
2011	76,000	2030	184,000
2012	80,000	2031	193,000
2013	84,000	2032	202,000
2014	88,000	2033	212,000
2015	92,000	2034	220,000
2016	96,000	2035	220,000
2017	101,000	2036	220,000
2018	106,000	2037	220,000
2019	111,000	2038	220,000
2020	116,000	2039	220,000
2021	121,500	2040	220,000
2022	127,000	2041	220,000

and bearing interest on the unpaid part of such principal at the rate of four and seventy-five hundredths per centum (4.75%) per annum until payment thereof.

Such bond and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

No. R-1 \$5,271,000

REGISTERED BOND WITHOUT COUPONS

(Registered as to both principal and interest)

United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III

WATER BOND, SERIES 2002A

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE
RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

or registered assigns or legal representative the principal sum of
FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
in annual installments on the 1st day of June in the following years and amounts:

<u>Year of</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Year of</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>
2004	\$ 55,000	2023	\$133,000
2005	58,000	2024	139,500
2006	60,500	2025	146,000
2007	63,500	2026	153,000
2008	66,500	2027	160,000
2009	69,500	2028	168,000
2010	73,000	2029	176,000
2011	76,000	2030	184,000
2012	80,000	2031	193,000
2013	84,000	2032	202,000
2014	88,000	2033	212,000
2015	92,000	2034	220,000
2016	96,000	2035	220,000
2017	101,000	2036	220,000
2018	106,000	2037	220,000
2019	111,000	2038	220,000
2020	116,000	2039	220,000
2021	121,500	2040	220,000
2022	127,000	2041	220,000

and to pay interest from the date hereof on the unpaid part of such principal sum at the rate of four and seventy-five hundredths per centum (4.75%) per annum until payment thereof, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on June 1, 2002 and annually thereafter on June 1 in each year. The interest so payable on any such interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the respective dates of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

During the time that the United States of America is the registered owner of this bond, payment of the installments of principal and interest when due and payable on this bond shall be made at the office of such fiscal agent as the United States of America shall designate without presentation or surrender hereof and, during any such time as an assignee hereof is the registered owner of this bond, payment of the installments of principal when due and payable on this bond shall be made at the corporate trust office of Branch Banking & Trust Company, in the City of Wilson, North Carolina, upon the presentation and surrender hereof and payment of the interest when due and payable on this bond shall be made by check mailed to such assignee at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said District hereinafter mentioned without the presentation or surrender hereof. Upon receipt of said payments of principal and interest, written acknowledgment of the receipt thereof shall be given promptly to the Bond Registrar hereinafter mentioned and said District shall be fully discharged of its obligation on this bond to the extent of the payment so made. Upon final payment this bond shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar for cancellation.

For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III are hereby irrevocably pledged

This bond is duly authorized and issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the qualified voters of said District at a referendum thereon held on October 3, 2000 and a resolution duly passed by said Board, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District.

At the office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in said resolution, this bond may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds having maturities corresponding to the maturities of the installments of principal of this bond then unpaid, issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$500 or any integral multiple thereof and bearing interest at the same rate.

This bond is registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the United States of America on books of said District kept by the Finance Officer of said District as Bond Registrar, and the transfer hereof may hereafter be registered by the registered owner hereof only upon an execution of an assignment hereon duly executed by such registered owner or his attorney or legal representative. Notice of such assignment shall be given promptly by the assignor to the Bond Registrar by registered mail, such notice to be in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, and upon receipt of such notice this bond shall be registered as to both principal and interest on such registration books in the name of the assignee named in such notice.

This bond or any part hereof at the time outstanding may be redeemed, at the option of said District, at any time prior to the maturity of any installment of the principal hereof, either in whole or in part in the inverse order of the maturity dates of the installments of principal, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, at the aggregate principal amount of the installments of principal to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, but without any premium.

On the date designated for redemption, notice having been given and moneys for payment of the redemption price being held in trust for such purpose, all as provided in said resolution, this bond or part hereof shall become and be due and payable, and the interest on this bond or part hereof so redeemed shall cease to accrue.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register any transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (III) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to said resolution.

To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, if at any time it shall appear to the United States of America while it is the registered owner of this bond that said District is able to refinance the installments of principal hereof then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, then said District will, upon request of the United States of America, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the United States of America and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions, and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist, and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist, and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the

governing body of said District, has caused this bond to be executed by the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal of said District to be impressed hereon, all as of the _____ day of March 2002.

_____ [Manual signature]
Chairman

_____ [Manual signature]
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Robert M. High
Secretary, Local Government Commission

By _____ [Manual signature]
[Designated Assistant]

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned resolution.

Finance Officer
as Bond Registrar

By _____ [Manual signature]

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

_____ attorney

to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor’s signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

[The following is to be on a separate sheet.]

SCHEDULE “A”

Principal Installments Paid
in Advance of Maturity Dates

					Name of Bond Registrar, Authorized Official and Title
Principal Date	Due Amount	Principal Payment	Balance	Date Paid	
	\$	\$	\$		

Section 7. To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, if the United States of America is the initial purchaser of the bonds and if at any time it shall appear to the United States of America while it is the registered owner of the bonds that the Issuer is able to refinance the installments of principal thereof then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, then the Issuer will, upon request of the United States of America, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the United States of America and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

Section 8. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), except to the extent that the Issuer obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the bonds being includable in the gross income of the owners of the bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 9. The Issuer hereby further finds, declares and represents that (a) it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the Issuer (all within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Code) will not issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2002 and (b) no entity has been or will be formed or availed of to avoid the limits described above. In addition, the Issuer hereby designates each of the bonds as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 10. The Local Government Commission of North Carolina is hereby requested to sell the bonds at private sale without advertisement to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, at such prices as said Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Issuer, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina; provided, however, that the purchase price of the bonds is at least \$5,271,000 plus 100% of any accrued interest and that the maximum interest rate does not exceed six per centum (6%) per annum.

Section 11. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina is hereby authorized to approve the purchase price of the bonds and the rate of interest on the bonds in connection with the private sale of the bonds, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of this resolution.

Section 12. If the bonds are awarded to a purchaser other than the United States of America, the bonds will be delivered in such authorized denominations and registered in such names as the purchaser may request no later than five days prior to the date of their delivery. If the

purchaser fails to submit such information by the required time, then a single bond will be issued for each maturity date registered in the name of the purchaser or the senior manager of the bidding group constituting the purchaser.

Section 13. If the bonds are awarded to a purchaser other than the United States of America, there shall be printed on the reverse of each of the bonds the legal opinion of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., bond counsel to the Issuer, with respect to the validity of the bonds, and there shall be printed immediately following such legal opinion a certificate bearing the facsimile signature of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, said certificate to be in substantially the following form:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the legal opinion on the bonds therein described which was manually signed by Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, N.C., and was dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for said bonds.

[Facsimile signature]

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina

Section 14. The officers, agents and employees of the Issuer are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and things required of them by the provisions of the bonds and this resolution for the full, punctual and complete performance of the terms, covenants, provisions and agreements therein and herein.

Section 15. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon Commissioner William E. Memory, Jr. moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,271,000 WATER BONDS, SERIES 2002A", and Commissioner C. E. Wilson seconded the motion and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon E. McKenzie, Spruell R. Britt, Sammie Jacobs, L. Lynwood Norris, William E. Memory, Jr., C. E. Wilson and David L. Dutton, Jr.

Noes: None.

Thereupon Commissioner L. Lynwood Norris introduced the following resolution which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF \$231,000 WATER BONDS, SERIES 2002B

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1. Said Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby find, declare and represent:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$6,571,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on October 3, 2000.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and that there are outstanding \$5,502,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of said District, which notes are dated July 3, 2001, mature on

March 27, 2002 and were issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of said bonds.

(c) That it is necessary at this time to issue \$231,000 of said bonds, all of the proceeds thereof to be applied, together with the proceeds of another issue of bonds of said District in the principal amount of \$5,271,000 to be issued pursuant to said order at the same time as the bonds provided for hereunder, to the payment of said outstanding notes at their maturity.

(d) That the maximum period of usefulness of the water system of said District to be constructed with the proceeds of said bonds to be issued as hereinafter provided is estimated as a period of forty (40) years from December 1, 2001, the date of the bonds authorized hereby, and that such period expires on December 1, 2041.

Section 2. Pursuant to said order there shall be issued bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$231,000, designated "Water Bonds, Series 2002B" and dated December 1, 2001 (unless said bonds shall be awarded to the United States of America, in which event said bonds shall be dated as of the date of delivery thereof).

Said bonds (the "bonds") shall be stated to mature (subject to the right of prior redemption as hereinafter set forth) annually, June 1, \$2,500 2004 to 2007, inclusive, \$3,000 2008 to 2010, inclusive, \$3,500 2011 to 2013, inclusive, \$4,000 2014 to 2016, inclusive, \$4,500 2017 and 2018, \$5,000 2019 to 2021, inclusive, \$5,500 2022 and 2023, \$6,000 2024, \$6,500 2025 and 2026, \$7,000 2027, \$7,500 2028 and 2029, \$8,000 2030, \$8,500 2031, \$9,000 2032 to 2034, inclusive, and \$10,000 2035 to 2041, inclusive, unless the bonds shall be awarded to the United States of America, in which event the bonds shall be stated to mature and shall be subject to a right of the United States of America to request that they be refinanced as hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall be issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$500 or any multiple thereof and shall be numbered.

The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at the time the bonds are sold, which interest to the respective maturities thereof shall be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year; provided, however, that the interest on any bond awarded to the United States of America to the respective maturities of the installments of the principal thereof shall be payable on June 1, 2002 and annually thereafter on the 1st day of June each year. Each bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, such bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest and any redemption premium on the bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. The principal of and any redemption premium on each bond, other than a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, shall be payable to the registered owner thereof or his registered assigns or legal representative at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar mentioned hereinafter upon the presentation and surrender thereof as the same shall become due and payable.

Payment of the interest on each bond shall be made by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date to the person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of such bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by such bond) at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on such registration books or, in the case of a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, as hereinafter provided. If the United States of America is the registered owner of the bonds, payment of the installments of principal and interest with respect thereto shall be made at the office of such fiscal agent as the United States of America shall designate without presentation or surrender thereof.

Section 3. The bonds maturing prior to June 1, 2013 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on June 1, 2013 and thereafter will be redeemable, at the option of the Issuer, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than June 1, 2012, at the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, plus a redemption premium of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the principal amount of each bond to be redeemed for each period of 12 months or part thereof between the redemption date and the maturity date of such bond, such premium not to exceed 2% of such principal amount.

If less than all of the bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions of bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as the Issuer in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$500 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar shall treat each bond as representing that number of bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$500. If less than all of the bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed shall be called in the inverse order of their maturities.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, the Issuer shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and to be mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of the Issuer. Each such notice shall set forth the date designated for redemption, the redemption price to be paid, the maturities of the bonds to be redeemed and, if less than all of the bonds of any one maturity then outstanding shall be called for redemption, the distinctive numbers and letters, if any, of such bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of any bond to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. If any bond is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state also that on or after the redemption date, upon surrender of such bond, a new bond or bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such bond will be issued.

The preceding provisions of this Section shall not apply to bonds awarded to the United States of America. If the United States of America is the purchaser of the bonds, there will be issued a single registered bond as hereinafter provided, which bond may be redeemed, at the option of the Issuer, at any time prior to the maturity of any installment of the principal thereof, either in whole or in part in the inverse order of the maturity dates of the installments of principal, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, at the aggregate principal amount of the installments of principal to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, but without any premium.

In case of a redemption of all or any part of a bond awarded to the United States of America, a notice of redemption shall be sent by registered mail, mailed at least forty (40) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed as the United States of America shall initially direct in connection with the issuance of the bonds or to such other address as the United States of America may designate by registered or certified mail forwarded to the Issuer at least fifty (50) days prior to any interest payment date. On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given in the manner and under the conditions hereinabove provided, the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided therefor, plus accrued interest to such date. If moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption, are held by the Bond Registrar, or at such place as the United States of America may designate in the case of a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, in trust for the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, interest on the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue, such bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefits or security under this resolution or to be deemed outstanding, and the registered owners of such bonds or portions thereof shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If a portion of a bond other than a bond awarded to the United States of America, shall be selected for redemption, the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative shall present and surrender such bond to the Bond Registrar for payment of the principal amount thereof so called for redemption and the redemption premium, if any, on such principal amount, and the

Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the order of such registered owner or his legal representative, without charge therefor, for the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the bond so surrendered, a bond or bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

In the event that an installment of principal of a bond awarded to the United States of America shall be redeemed, the Bond Registrar shall direct the registered owner thereof to evidence such redemption by appropriate notation on the schedule attached to such bond for such purpose.

Section 4. Bonds, upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity (or, in the case of a bond awarded to the United States of America, of bonds having maturities corresponding to the maturities of the installments of principal of such bond then unpaid), of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, the transfer of any bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate. The transfer of a bond awarded to the United States of America may be registered by the registered owner thereof only upon an execution of an assignment thereof duly executed by such registered owner or his attorney or legal representative. Notice of such assignment shall be given promptly by the assignor to the Bond Registrar by registered mail, such notice to be in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, and upon receipt of such notice such bond shall be registered as to both principal and interest on such registration books in the name of the assignee named in such notice.

In all cases in which bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of bonds shall be registered hereunder and a new bond or bonds are to be delivered in exchange therefor, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to make any such exchange or registration of transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (III) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to Section 3 of this resolution.

As to any bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any such bond and the interest on any such bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such bond, including the redemption premium, if any, and interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositaries or other agents as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of bonds within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal, interest and any redemption premium with respect to the bonds. Branch Banking & Trust Company, in the City of Wilson, North Carolina, is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the "Bond Registrar") for the bonds, subject to the right of the governing body of the Issuer to appoint another Bond Registrar and except as hereinafter provided, and as such shall keep at its corporate trust office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the bonds as provided in this resolution. If the United States of America is the purchaser of the bonds, then the Finance Officer of the Issuer shall be the Bond Registrar; provided, however, that, in the event that a bond registered in the name of the United States of America is

assigned, the paying agent with respect to such bond shall be Branch Banking & Trust Company, in the City of Wilson, North Carolina.

Section 5. The bonds shall bear the facsimile signatures of or be executed by the Chairman of said Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board of Commissioners and the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or a facsimile thereof shall be imprinted on the bonds. The certificate of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to be endorsed on all bonds shall bear the facsimile signature of or be executed by the Secretary of said Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar to be endorsed on all bonds shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission of North Carolina whose facsimile signature shall appear on any bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and any bond may bear the facsimile signatures of such persons who at the actual time of the execution of such bond shall be the proper officers to sign such bond although at the date of such bond such persons may not have been such officers.

No bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The bonds, other than a bond registered in the name of the United States of America, and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

[Front Side of Bond]

No. \$

United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III
WATER BOND, SERIES 2002B

Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Cusip
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The Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to
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or registered assigns or legal representative on the date specified above, upon the presentation and surrender hereof, at the corporate trust office of Branch Banking & Trust Company (the "Bond Registrar"), in the City of Wilson, North Carolina, the principal sum of
..... DOLLARS

and to pay interest on such principal sum from the date hereof or from the June 1 or December 1 next preceding the date of authentication to which interest shall have been paid, unless such date of authentication is a June 1 or December 1 to which interest shall have been paid, in which case from such date, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on June 1 and December 1 in each year, at the rate per annum specified above, until payment of such principal sum. The interest so payable on any such interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by this bond) is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to

such person at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said District. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III are hereby irrevocably pledged.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF THIS BOND ARE SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE HEREOF AND SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS IF SET FORTH HERE.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the resolution mentioned hereinafter until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond to bear the facsimile signatures of the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be imprinted hereon, all as of the 1st day of December 2001.

[Facsimile signature]
Chairman

[Facsimile signature]
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Robert M. High
Secretary, Local Government Commission

By _____
[Facsimile signature]

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds designated herein and described in the within-mentioned Resolution.

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY
as Bond Registrar

By _____
[Manual signature]
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____.

[Reverse Side of Bond]

United States of America
State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III

WATER BOND, SERIES 2002B

This bond is one of an issue of bonds designated "Water Bonds, Series 2002B" (the "Bonds") and issued by said District for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the qualified voters of said District at a referendum thereon held on October 3, 2000, and a resolution duly passed by said Board (the "Resolution").

The bonds at the time outstanding maturing prior to June 1, 2013 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on June 1, 2013 and thereafter may be redeemed, at the option of said District, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than June 1, 2012, at the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, plus a redemption premium of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the principal amount of each bond to be redeemed for each period of 12 months or part thereof between the redemption date and the maturity date of such bond, such premium not to exceed 2% of such principal amount.

If less than all of the bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular bonds or portions of bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as said District in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$500 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar shall treat each Bond as representing that number of bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$500. If less than all of the bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, particular bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed shall be called in the inverse order of their maturities.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, said District shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of said District. On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given as aforesaid, the bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided for the redemption of such bonds or portions thereof on such date and, if moneys for payment of such redemption price and the accrued interest are held by the Bond Registrar as provided in the Resolution, interest on the bonds or the portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue. If a portion of this bond shall be called for redemption, a new bond or bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued to the registered owner hereof or his legal representative upon the surrender hereof.

The bonds are issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$500 or any integral multiple thereof. At the corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Resolution, bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity, of authorized denominations and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall keep at its corporate trust office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of bonds. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register any transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (III) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to the Resolution.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

_____ attorney

to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 6. If the United States of America is the initial purchaser of the bonds, there will be issued a single registered bond of the Issuer of the denomination of \$231,000, numbered R-1 and maturing in annual installments on the 1st day of June in the following years and in the following amounts, respectively:

Year of Maturity	Principal Amount	Year of Maturity	Principal Amount
2004	\$2,500	2023	\$ 5,500
2005	2,500	2024	6,000
2006	2,500	2025	6,500
2007	2,500	2026	6,500
2008	3,000	2027	7,000
2009	3,000	2028	7,500
2010	3,000	2029	7,500
2011	3,500	2030	8,000
2012	3,500	2031	8,500
2013	3,500	2032	9,000
2014	4,000	2033	9,000
2015	4,000	2034	9,000

2016	4,000	2035	10,000
2017	4,500	2036	10,000
2018	4,500	2037	10,000
2019	5,000	2038	10,000
2020	5,000	2039	10,000
2021	5,000	2040	10,000
2022	5,500	2041	10,000

and bearing interest on the unpaid part of such principal at the rate of four and seventy-five hundredths per centum (4.75%) per annum until payment thereof.

Such bond and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

No. R-1 \$231,000

REGISTERED BOND WITHOUT COUPONS
(Registered as to both principal and interest)

United States of America
State of North Carolina
County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III

WATER BOND, SERIES 2002B

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED

STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

or registered assigns or legal representative the principal sum of

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

in annual installments on the 1st day of June in the following years and amounts:

Year of <u>Maturity</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Year of <u>Maturity</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>
2004	\$2,500	2023	\$ 5,500
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and to pay interest from the date hereof on the unpaid part of such principal sum at the rate of four and seventy-five hundredths per centum (4.75%) per annum until payment thereof, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on June 1, 2002 and annually thereafter on June 1 in each year. The interest so payable on any such interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the respective dates of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

During the time that the United States of America is the registered owner of this bond, payment of the installments of principal and interest when due and payable on this bond shall be made at the office of such fiscal agent as the United States of America shall designate without presentation or surrender hereof and, during any such time as an assignee hereof is the registered owner of this bond, payment of the installments of principal when due and payable on this bond shall be made at the corporate trust office of Branch Banking & Trust Company, in the City of Wilson, North Carolina, upon the presentation and surrender hereof and payment of the interest when due and payable on this bond shall be made by check mailed to such assignee at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said District hereinafter mentioned without the presentation or surrender hereof. Upon receipt of said payments of principal and interest, written acknowledgment of the receipt thereof shall be given promptly to the Bond Registrar hereinafter mentioned and said District shall be fully discharged of its obligation on this bond to the extent of the payment so made. Upon final payment this bond shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar for cancellation.

For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is duly authorized and issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on August 7, 2000, which order was approved by the qualified voters of said District at a referendum thereon held on October 3, 2000 and a resolution duly passed by said Board, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District.

At the office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in said resolution, this bond may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds having maturities corresponding to the maturities of the installments of principal of this bond then unpaid, issuable in fully registered form in the denomination of \$500 or any integral multiple thereof and bearing interest at the same rate.

This bond is registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the United States of America on books of said District kept by the Finance Officer of said District as Bond Registrar, and the transfer hereof may hereafter be registered by the registered owner hereof only upon an execution of an assignment hereon duly executed by such registered owner or his attorney or legal representative. Notice of such assignment shall be given promptly by the assignor to the Bond Registrar by registered mail, such notice to be in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, and upon receipt of such notice this bond shall be registered as to both principal and interest on such registration books in the name of the assignee named in such notice.

This bond or any part hereof at the time outstanding may be redeemed, at the option of said District, at any time prior to the maturity of any installment of the principal hereof, either in whole or in part in the inverse order of the maturity dates of the installments of principal, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, at the aggregate principal amount of the installments of principal to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, but without any premium.

On the date designated for redemption, notice having been given and moneys for payment of the redemption price being held in trust for such purpose, all as provided in said resolution, this bond or part hereof shall become and be due and payable, and the interest on this bond or part hereof so redeemed shall cease to accrue.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register any transfer of (i) any bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (III) any bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to said resolution.

To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, if at any time it shall appear to the United States of America while it is the registered owner of this bond that said District is able to refinance the installments of principal hereof then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, then said District will, upon request of the United States of America, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the United States of America and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions, and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist, and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist, and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond to be executed by the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal of said District to be impressed hereon, all as of the _____ day of March 2002.

[Manual signature]
Chairman

[Manual signature]
Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Robert M. High
Secretary, Local Government Commission

By _____
[Manual signature]
[Designated Assistant]

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned resolution.

Finance Officer

as Bond Registrar

By _____ [Manual signature]

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

_____ attorney

to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor’s signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

[The following is to be on a separate sheet.]

SCHEDULE “A”

Principal Installments Paid
in Advance of Maturity Dates

					Name of Bond Registrar, Authorized Official and Title
Principal Date	Due Amount	Principal Payment	Balance	Date Paid	
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Section 7. To the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, if the United States of America is the initial purchaser of the bonds and if at any time it shall appear to the United States of America while it is the registered owner of the bonds that the Issuer is able to refinance the installments of principal thereof then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources, at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, then the Issuer will, upon request of the United States of America, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the United States of America and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loan.

Section 8. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), except to the extent that the Issuer obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the bonds being includable in the gross income of the owners of the bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 9. The Issuer hereby further finds, declares and represents that (a) it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the Issuer (all within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Code) will not issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2002 and (b) no entity has been or will be formed or availed of to avoid the limits described above. In addition, the Issuer hereby designates each of the bonds as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 10. The Local Government Commission of North Carolina is hereby requested to sell the bonds at private sale without advertisement to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, at such prices as said Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Issuer, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina; provided, however, that the purchase price of the bonds is at least \$231,000 plus 100% of any accrued interest and that the maximum interest rate does not exceed six per centum (6%) per annum.

Section 11. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina is hereby authorized to approve the purchase price of the bonds and the rate of interest on the bonds in connection with the private sale of the bonds, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of this resolution.

Section 12. If the bonds are awarded to a purchaser other than the United States of America, the bonds will be delivered in such authorized denominations and registered in such names as the purchaser may request no later than five days prior to the date of their delivery. If the purchaser fails to submit such information by the required time, then a single bond will be issued for each maturity date registered in the name of the purchaser or the senior manager of the bidding group constituting the purchaser.

Section 13. If the bonds are awarded to a purchaser other than the United States of America, there shall be printed on the reverse of each of the bonds the legal opinion of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., bond counsel to the Issuer, with respect to the validity of the bonds, and there shall be printed immediately following such legal opinion a certificate bearing the facsimile signature of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, said certificate to be in substantially the following form:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the legal opinion on the bonds therein described which was manually signed by Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, N.C., and was dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for said bonds.

[Facsimile signature]

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina

Section 14. The officers, agents and employees of the Issuer are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and things required of them by the provisions of the bonds and this resolution for the full, punctual and complete performance of the terms, covenants, provisions and agreements therein and herein.

Section 15. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon Commissioner L. Lynwood Norris moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$231,000 WATER BONDS, SERIES 2002B", and Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr. seconded the motion and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon E. McKenzie, Spruell R. Britt, Sammie Jacobs, L. Lynwood Norris, William E. Memory, Jr., C.E. Wilson and David L. Dutton, Jr.

Noes: None.

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I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, 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 March 4, 2002 as relates in any way to the issuance of bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in said County, and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 27 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page _____ and ending at page _____.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., respectively (except that, if any such day shall be a holiday, then the respective meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day), has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said District, this ____ day of March 2002.

/s/ June B. Hall
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

FIRE MARSHALL SELECTION PROCESS

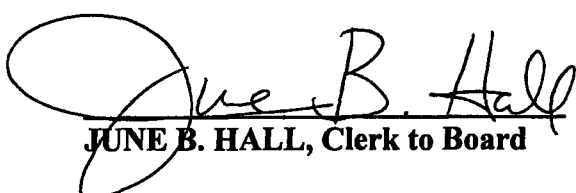
After discussion regarding the need for each fire department to have input in the selections of the new Columbus County Fire Marshall, it was the general consensus of the Board that there will be two (2) representatives selected by the Fire Chief's Association to set in on the selection process for Columbus County's Fire Marshall. Commissioner Dutton made a motion for approval, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL NEEDED

After lengthy discussion regarding the vacant positions that have been created by employees retiring and/or taking new positions in their department, it was the general consensus of the Board that two (2) vacant positions that have been created are considered essential personnel and need to be filled. The two (2) vacancies are: one (1) in the Register of Deeds Office and one (1) in the Administration Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:09 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED

AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman