# COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Monday, July 18, 2011

6:00 P.M.

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

# **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman** James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell

# **APPOINTEES PRESENT**:

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

# **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard

#### 6:00 P.M. DUBLIC HEAD

**PUBLIC HEARING -**

**Petition to Re-zone Property in Southeast Industrial Park:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from interested citizens.

# **PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from interested citizens on the petition to re-zone property in Southeast Industrial Park. Chairman Byrd requested that Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

# COMMENTS:

- 1. **Robert Lewis, Columbus County Planner:** stated the following:
  - A. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to request a zoning map amendment at the Southeast Regional Industrial Park for approximately eighty-three (83) acres and the current zoning of the property is RA-R20 which is Residential Agricultural;
  - B. The request submitted from the Planning Board is to re-zone to Industrial-1 (IND-1), which is comparable to a light industrial district;
  - C. I advertised the Public Hearing on June 30, 2011 and July 14, 2011, and also the property owners within one hundred (100') feet were notified;
  - D. This information was presented to the Planning Board in April, 2011, and a Public Hearing was scheduled at that meeting as well; **and**
  - E. The Planning Board forwards an unanimous recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
- 2. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
  - A. Going with an I-1 designation ties in directly with the restrictive covenants that are in place at the park now which is the light industrial application;
  - B. We have had industrial buildings out there for years that are doing light industrial type applications, and the zoning has never been updated; **and**
  - C. I commend Robert for being aggressive, and trying to get things fixed that should have been fixed years ago.

# **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:05 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to close the Public Hearing, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

# **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** (Arrived: 7:07 P.M.) James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

# **COMMISSIONER ABSENT**:

**Ricky Bullard** 

# Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the July 18, 2011 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

#### Agenda Item #4: <u>BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL</u>:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the July 05, 2011 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

#### Agenda Item #5: <u>PUBLIC INPUT</u>:

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

- 1. Ed Hugh Ray, 12984 New Britton Highway East, Nakina, NC 28455: stated the following:
  - A. My wife and I look after the Old Dock Community Center, and recently we have been having a lot of people sitting out there late at night, vandalism occurring, etc.; and
  - B. We are asking if the County would return the driveway so that we can secure it to allow for set hours for this type of activity.

**Commissioner McDowell:** Mr. Chairman, may I ask the County Attorney what we legally can do and how those steps will take place.

#### Mike Stephens, County Attorney: stated the following:

- A. Yes sir, it can be done;
- B. It is my understanding that the Association deeded that property to the County;
- C. The County provided a lease to the Old Dock Association to egress and regress public property;
- D. It can be deeded back to the Old Dock Association, it is a non-profit organization;
- E. There is a procedure we would have to follow; and
- F. This Board would have to adopt a resolution, and to do that, we would have to advertise it and then, at the end of that period of time, Old Dock Association would have to agree though that it be maintained for a public purpose, in other words, it has to be something that will benefit the citizens of Columbus County, and that is the only way we can do it that way, but it could be done that way.

Chairman Byrd asked if it is dedicated as a public access and egress, how is that going to affect how they could actually control it? Mr. Stephens replied stating we would deed it back to them, that driveway to Old Dock Association, give them title to that property, but that title would be good for a period of time, and there would be requirements put in that deed that it could only be used for a public purpose. In other words, they have to maintain

it, and then it would be theirs, and after twenty-five (25) years, they can just use that property for a public purpose. It could be done by resolution and a deed to convey it.

# **MOTION**:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion that this matter be placed on the August 01, 2011 Agenda for Board consideration, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

# 2. Barbara C. McCallister, 204 East Columbus Street, Whiteville, NC28472: stated the following:

- A. I apologize if I am not suppose to be at this meeting, but I do have a complaint about the storm we had about two (2) weeks ago;
- B. I called 911 to let them know that I had a problem with the street flooding out;
- C. There are two (2) water drains in front of my house, and on the opposite side of the street, there is another water drain, and the street still flooded out;
- D. The flooding came into my den area, and flooded out my den, and as fast as we could wipe the water up, the water was steadily pouring in;
- E. I called 911 Service Center and asked what could they do if nothing else but to block the street off because I have traffic coming through which made matters worse;
- F. The insurance agent came by my house this afternoon and the first thing he asked was if I had flood insurance, and to my knowledge, I don't have any;
- G. I am facing a dilemma because I have been there approximately 30 years, and I have never had it to flood out before;
- H. I would like to know what happened, and if there is anything that can be done;
- I. I am asking the Board to please take a look into that problem because it was absolutely awful; **and**
- J. I understand we got a problem, but I have never had it to flood out before.

# **MOTION**:

After discussion was conducted about this location being within the city limits of Whiteville, and the possible infrastructure problems within the City of Whiteville, Commissioner Russ made a motion that a letter be sent to the City of Whiteville requesting that Ms. McAllister's problem be addressed, and for William S. Clark, County Manager to send the letter, second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #6: <u>PRESENTATION - STATE'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM and</u> LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY (LME):

Jeanette Jordan-Huffam, Area Director and CEO of Southeastern Regional Mental Health, and Vicki Evans, Finance Officer, will present an update to the Board.

At the request of Ms. Huffam, Chairman Byrd stated this Agenda item would be skipped over and placed on the Agenda at a Board Meeting in September, 2011.

# Agenda Item #7: <u>SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL and AWARD of LOW BID and</u> <u>CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE for COLUMBUS COUNTY</u> <u>LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM:</u>

Marilyn Meares, Project Manager, and Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, are requesting Board approval of the award of the low bid and the Capital Project Ordinance for the Columbus County Landfill Gas Collection System.

Mr. McClary stated the following:

- 1. For the last few years, we have had a Landfill Gas Task Force Committee which has been working on a project out at the landfill to be able to collect the spent methane gas that we are presently venting off of the old landfill berm;
- 2. The project has come to fruition in that we were awarded, earlier this year, a \$544,500 grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce Energy Office;
- 3. This is a presently no-county matching grant, but has an in-kind match;
- 4. We have taken bids on Phase I of the project and they were opened on June 29, 2011, and we had five (5) bidders;
- 5. We have split this project into two (2) phases;

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- 6. Phase I will be for the gas collection system, which is the piping, twelve (12) additional wells and a flare station which condenses the gas and actually burns it off at a flare stack;
- 7. Phase II of the project will incorporate the end use which, at this time, is planned to be a boiler and green houses, as was promised to Southeastern Community College for a micro-propagation program;
- 8. They would actually be growing micro plants and growing them out which is part of an endangered species program they are doing;
- 9. Right now, we are asking for tonight, the award of the contract;
- 10. On our five bidders, we had the following: Advance One Development, Carlson Environmental Consultants, Joyce Engineering, SES Engineers and Shamrock Environmental;
- 11. They ranged in price from a low bid of \$358,290.00 to a high bid of \$478,724.00;
- 12. We have been in touch with the office of State Energy and discussed with them our bids;
- 13. Mike Stephens was present at the bid opening to verify that we were following proper procedures; **and**
- 14. We are requesting tonight the award of the contract to Carlson Environmental Consultants for the \$358,290.00, and approval of the Capital Project Ordinance.

After discussion was conducted relative to the bid tabulation information not being provided to the Board members for review, and the fact that two (2) Board members were absent, Commissioner McDowell made a motion to table this Agenda item until the August 01, 2011 Board Meeting, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #8: <u>LITTER PATROL/SOLID WASTE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE</u>:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

# **Total Tonnage Amounts:**

Collected and transferred to Sampson County: **36,538.99 Tons** Brown Goods: 2,469.26 Tons C&D/Roofing: 3,816.76 Tons

# **Total Customers:**

County Residents: 18,994 Municipal Residents: 5,673

# **Total Land-filled Locally:**

 Yard Waste:
 2,146.05 Tons

 LCID:
 2,000.02 Tons

# **Litter Enforcement Amounts:**

Complaints: 24 Convictions: 0

# **Total Recycled:**

Plastics/Glass	White Goods	Tires	Electronics	Batteries	Used Engine Oil
40.42 Tons	130.53 Tons	964.64 Tons	126.48 Tons	159 Each	1620 Gallons

# Landfill Gas Task Force:

Columbus County received a \$544,500.00 grant that was awarded from the North Carolina State Energy Office for the installation of the Landfill gas collection system, flare system, boiler, and two (2) greenhouses to be constructed on the Landfill site. Staff has obtained bids for Phase I, which will be the collection system and flare station.

# Landfill Repairs:

The preliminary work on the Landfill was finished in December of last year. Temporary seeding on all eroded areas and bare spots was completed in December, 2010. To date, permanent seeding has not yet begun due to the dry weather conditions. Winter rains did cause minor erosion in a few small areas. These repairs will have to be completed prior to permanent seeding being put in place. Presently the State is satisfied with the seeding and the maintenance that is being done here.

# State Aid Funding:

The Solid Waste Department has received a total of \$14,186.10 in grant funding from the State to collect and reuse metal that has been brought to the Convenience Center Sites in Columbus County.

A total of \$49,679.70 was received in grant funding to collect and reuse old tires that are brought to the Landfill and Convenience Center Sites from areas throughout Columbus County. The fourth quarter disbursement has not been received yet from the State for the scrap tires or the white goods.

Chairman Byrd asked Mr. McClary if he knew the price per one hundred on the white goods, and if this had been bid out. Mr. McClary replied stating the following:

- 1. Items containing freon (i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers), we are required by the State to collect those, have the gas removed and a certified report done prior to disposing of those;
- 2. We have been collecting those for over a year at the Landfill and they have not been moved;
- 3. The last agreement I had was with a recycler out of Monroe who said he would come in and collect the gas and pay us twenty-eight (\$ .28) cents on the 100 if we had 100 tons he could move a crew in on, and I have not yet reached that 100 tons;
- 4. The other recycled materials (i.e. washers, dryers, stoves, metal items like that) go straight to New Hope and we are paid monthly with a check back from them; **and**
- 5. We can get you those figures.

Commissioner Prevatte asked if the County had any type of shredding program. Mr. McClary stated no. Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, stated that she and Stuart Carroll were working on having a shredding day.

# Agenda Item #9: <u>RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of EXPANSION of THE</u> <u>FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT</u> <u>ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM</u>:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution in Support of Expansion of the Federal Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community Program

# RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of EXPANSION of the FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, many Columbus County residents continue to live in housing that marginally meets minimum housing standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the current minimum county population requirement for participation in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community Program is 200,000 outside of entitlement cities; **and** 

WHEREAS, neither Columbus nor any of the other counties in southeastern North Carolina meet this minimum standard; and

WHEREAS, many of those counties face similar housing quality and availability issues as does Columbus; and

WHEREAS, there may be regional solutions to these housing issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, request that the United States Congress, the National Administration and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development work toward developing new participation standards for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community Program with a minimum county population participation threshold of 100,000 and with provisions to allow rural counties to combine their populations to meet the threshold if they choose to operate regional programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States Congress shall appropriate sufficient funding under the revised program to make the same per capita allocations available as are available under the current program.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS /s/ GILES E. BYRD, Chairman ATTESTED BY: /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution in Support of Expansion of the Federal Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community Program, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

#### Agenda Item #10: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT that CERTAIN EXPENDITURES to be INCURRED in CONNECTION with a CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECT and RELATED EXPENDITURES be REIMBURSED from PROCEEDS of NOTES, INSTALLMENT FINANCING, or OTHER INDEBTEDNESS to be ISSUED by COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Expressing Official Intent that Certain Expenditures to be Incurred in Connection with a Certain Public Facility Project and Related Expenditures be Reimbursed from Proceeds of Notes, Installment Financing, or other Indebtedness to be Issued by Columbus County, North Carolina.

# RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT THAT CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECT AND RELATED EXPENDITURES BE REIMBURSED FROM PROCEEDS OF NOTES, INSTALLMENT FINANCING, OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS TO BE ISSUED BY COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Columbus County, North Carolina (the "County"), is in the process of causing certain capital expenditures to be made with respect to A certain public facility project, consisting of building a new **Courthouse Annex** for the County, including, but not necessarily limited to planning, design, and architectural expenses (the "Project"); **and** 

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Commissioners desires to establish its official intent that certain expenditures related to the Project and certain other related expenditures be reimbursed out of notes, installment financing, or other indebtedness to be issued in the future by the County.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Section 1. The County Commissioners find and determine, as follows:

- (a) That it is in the best interest of the County to proceed immediately with the Project, thereby incurring certain capital expenditures;
- (b) That the County has certain funds available which may be used temporarily for this purpose, pending the issuance of notes, installment financing, or other indebtedness of the County;
- (c) That the County Commissioners anticipate that the County will issue its notes, installment financing, or other indebtedness for the purpose of financing the Project;
- (d) That the County Commissioners reasonably expect to reimburse such amounts to such fund or source from which such expenditures may be made on a temporary basis as soon as proceeds from the issuance of such notes, financing installment, or other indebtedness are available; **and**
- (e) That this declaration of official intent is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the County.

<u>Section 2</u>. The County Commissioners hereby establish its official intent to issue notes, installment financing, or other indebtedness to finance the costs of the Project and other related expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.00. Pending the issuance of such notes, installment financing, or other indebtedness, funds necessary to finance such costs shall be advanced from such source of funds on hand and available for such purpose, and any amounts so advanced shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the notes, installment financing, or other indebtedness when issued.

<u>Section 3</u>. The County will comply with the applicable State or local laws governing the public availability of records relating to its official acts with respect to this Resolution.

<u>Section 4</u>. All actions of the officers, agents, and employees of the County that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution whether taken before or after the adoption hereof, are hereby ratified, confirmed, and adopted.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

# PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2011.

### COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA /s/ GILES E. BYRD, Chairman ATTEST: /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

#### Approved as to form: /s/ BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH, Finance Director /s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Attorney

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Expressing Official Intent that Certain Expenditures to be Incurred in Connection with a Certain Public Facility Project and Related Expenditures be Reimbursed from Proceeds of Notes, Installment Financing, or other Indebtedness to be Issued by Columbus County, North Carolina, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

#### Agenda Item #11: <u>APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS TO</u> <u>COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COUNCILS</u>:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, is requesting the appointment/re-appointment and/or replacement of the following members.

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Department of Aging Advisory Council	Ι	Nathaniel Lennon Marguerite Lennon	06-30-2011 06-30-2011	Appoint Hold
Housing Advisory Committee	VII	Lewis L. Cokley (Dec.)	06-30-2011	Hold

# **RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into <u>COMBINATION MEETING</u> of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING**

At 7:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **<u>combination meeting</u>** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #12:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 05, 2011 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

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

# Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to JUNE, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

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

# ADJOURN <u>COMBINATION MEETING</u> of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III IV and V BOARD MEETING and resume REGULAR SESSION

At 7:10 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **<u>combination meeting</u>** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #14: <u>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</u>:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments and Tax Releases, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

# A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE ACCOUNT DETAILS		DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditure</b> 10-5120-526001 BT Departmental Supplies		BT Departmental Supplies	22,162
Revenue	10-3510-430027	BT State Funds	22,162
<b>Expenditure</b> 10-5301-549986 Crisis Intervention		Crisis Intervention	131,633
Revenue	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	131,633

# B. Tax Releases:

# TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): July 18, 2011

Release theUser Feein the name of Enzor, Dwayne & Lawrence Farms Amount:\$0.00Value:\$0.00Year: 2010Account # 10-03233Bill # 6664Total\$215.00Release user fee.Old mobile home on farm and vacant.No 911 addressRelease\$0.00Release theUser Feein the name of Enzor, Dwayne L.Amount:\$0.00

Value:	\$0.00 Year:	2010 Account #	16-04112	Bill # 6663	Total	\$215.00
Release user	fee. Dwelling	; is vacant.				
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Release the	User Fee	in the name of Gra	aham, Alexand	ler & Annie	Amou	int: \$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year:	2010 Account #	14-01847	Bill # 1136	Total	\$215.00
Release user	C D 11'	·				

Release theUser Feein the name ofMcAllister, DeniseAmount:\$0.00Value:\$0.00Year: 2004Account # 13-03341Bill # 7505Total\$85.95Release user fee.Should be tax exempted.Release Water District II (1.83)\$100\$85.95

# Agenda Item #15: <u>COMMENTS</u>:

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

# B. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** I have a recommendation that we adjust the 2011 2012 Columbus County Operating Budget, and the full Board needs to be in attendance when this is presented, so I will wait until the next meeting.
- 2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I have received many requests from citizens in the western part of the County that travel Highway 76. They are requesting that we send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation asking them to grind the humps down on Highway 76 from Chadbourn to Fair Bluff.
- 3. **Chairman Byrd:** I have been contacted by multiple citizens that travel Highway 74 and 76 relative to the humps that are in the road from the White Marsh area to the County line. They are requesting that we send a letter to the North Carolina

Department of Transportation asking them to grind the humps down on Highways 74 and 76.

- 4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
  - A. I want to thank Kip for the wonderful and great job he did in Hallsboro at the community meeting we held;
  - B. I have found out that water is like a business; and
  - C. If you see anyone that works for the Forest Service, you need to thank them for the good job they are doing.

# C. County Manager (William S. Clark): stated the following:

- 1. Tomorrow at 12:00 Noon, there will be a swearing in ceremony at the Board of Elections;
- 2. Tomorrow evening, at 7:00 P.M., there will be a Land Use Plan Meeting at Hallsboro Middle School; **and**
- 3. There are other meetings in other locations if you cannot attend this meeting.

Chairman Byrd asked Mr. Lewis how many meetings would he conduct. Mr. Lewis replied stating he was going to conduct five (5) total meetings. I have two (2) scheduled at the present time, one for August 04, 2011 at Old Dock and one for August 09, 2011 at Riegelwood, and I am trying to schedule a meeting in Fair Bluff and Tabor City.

Chairman Byrd stated Columbus County is a very large county and a very rural County. It is my opinion that a meeting be conducted in each Commissioner's district, and be conducted in the rural areas, with no less then seven (7) meetings in totality.

# **RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

At 7:21 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #16:CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3)ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

No official action was taken.

# ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:49 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

# **READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Byrd requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following:

"The County Attorney met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the legal issues involving penalties and late fees associated with Water District IV and potential litigation."

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

# TIME CHANGE for WATER DISTRICTS WORKSHOP:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to change the established time from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. for the Water Districts Workshop on July 25, 2011, second by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #17: <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

At 7:50 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:** 

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS <u>I</u>, II, III, IV and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, July 18, 2011 7:09 P.M.

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

#### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** James Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

# **COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

**Ricky Bullard** 

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:09 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 05, 2011 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

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

# Agenda Item #13:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to JUNE, 2011 MONTHLY<br/>WATER BILLS:

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

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
6/8/2011	300020.00 97	Peggy Miller	-35.00	Billing Error
6/8/2011	201670.00 86	Nicky Gene Fowler, Jr.	50.00	Meter Tampering Fee
6/9/2011	103110.00 97	Joseph Cribb	25.00	Customer Refund
6/14/2011	104590.00 96	Billie Jean Stephens	50.00	Reverse Applied Deposit
6/16/2011	101290.00 98	Loretta Heath	79.00	Returned Check & Fee
6/17/2011	200010.00 97	Michael Cox	50.00	Returned Bank Draft & Fee
6/21/2011	201570.00 98	Robert Baker	-25.00	Posting Error
6/22/2011	301875.00 95	Brandy Beane	9.00	Transfer Credit to Another Account
6/22/2011	603980.00 94	Brandy Beane	-9.00	Transfer Credit to Another Account
6/29/2011	201370.00 94	Jason Stephens	-88.00	Billing Error
6/30/2011	302010.00.98	F.M. Cartret	-8.00	Billing Error

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2011

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the June, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I monthly water bills, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

# **ADJOURNMENT**:

At 7:10 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, <u>II</u>, III, IV and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, July 18, 2011 7:09 P.M.

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** James Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

# **COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

# **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:09 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 05, 2011 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

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

# Agenda Item #13:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to JUNE, 2011 MONTHLY<br/>WATER BILLS:

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

### DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2011

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	<b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b>
6/6/2011	111863.00 97	Pandora Hinson	-21.00	Customer Refund - Credit Balance
6/7/2011	133138.00 98	WWKO Radio	-25.00	Billing Error
6/7/2011	131190.00 98	Marshall Bullard	-35.00	Billing Error
6/8/2011	111771.00 98	Susie Sumpter	-928.00	Customer Leak
6/8/2011	140820.00 98	Beulah Pait	-30.00	Billing Error
6/8/2011	140282.00 96	Kelli Green	25.00	Disconnect Fee
6/9/2011	130027.00 98	Tanya Leggett	25.00	Disconnect Fee
6/10/2011	111758.00 98	Gracie Green	50.00	Meter Tampering Fee
6/13/2011	133300.00 98	Frances McCall	-40.00	Customer Leak
6/14/2011	121504.00 95	Shayna Gause	59.00	Returned Check & Fee
6/15/2011	131655.00 98	Cynthia Strickland	-50.00	Customer Refund
6/16/2011	122245.00 98	James Benson	50.00	Returned Bank Draft & Fee
6/21/2011	132945.00 98	Brittany Rogers	25.00	Customer Refund
6/22/2011	120238.00 98	Robert Walls	25.00	Posting Error
6/22/2011	120235.00 98	Willie Walls	-34.00	Posting Error
6/23/2011	141350.00 98	Cecil Simmons	-5.00	Billing Error
6/23/2011	131270.00 98	Michael Coleman	-30.00	Posting Error
6/23/2011	132170.00 98	Jack Reynolds	25.00	Posting Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the June, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II monthly water bills, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**:

At 7:10 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:** 

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, <u>III</u>, IV and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, July 18, 2011 7:09 P.M.

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

#### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** James Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

#### **COMMISSIONER ABSENT**:

Ricky Bullard

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:09 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 05, 2011 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

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

# Agenda Item #13:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to JUNE, 2011 MONTHLY<br/>WATER BILLS:

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

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	<b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b>
6/7/2011	341126.00 98	Candice Brisson	-452.00	Billing Error
6/7/2011	350650.00 98	Chris Dew	-55.00	Billing Error
6/16/2011	330320.00 98	Robert Gurkin	70.00	Returned Bank Draft & Fee
6/21/2011	380390.00 98	Elizabeth Vardadore	25.00	Customer Refund
6/29/2011	341190.00 97	Dwayne Peterson	-8.00	Billing Error
6/29/2011	351020.00 97	Stephanie Brown	50.00	Meter Tampering Fee
6/30/2011	351020.00.97	Stephanie Brown	-50.00	Billing Error

# DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the June, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III monthly water bills, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**:

At 7:10 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, <u>IV</u> and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, July 18, 2011 7:09 P.M.

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

#### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** James Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

#### **COMMISSIONER ABSENT**:

Ricky Bullard

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:09 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 05, 2011 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

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

# Agenda Item #13:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to JUNE, 2011 MONTHLY<br/>WATER BILLS:

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

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
6/6/2011	430319.00 98	Andrew Koester	-25.00	Customer Refund - Credit Balance
6/7/2011	4630615.00 98	William Potter III	-25.00	Billing Error
6/10/2011	430008.00 98	Addell Boone	-56.00	Billing Error
6/16/2011	430093.00 97	Amanda Brown	-24.00	Billing Error
6/17/2011	430120.00 98	Janice Waddell	-305.00	Billing Error

### DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2011

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the June, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV monthly water bills, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

# **ADJOURNMENT**:

At 7:10 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and <u>V</u> <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, July 18, 2011 7:09 P.M.

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

#### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** James Prevatte P. Edwin Russ Lynwood Norris Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

### **COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:09 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 05, 2011 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

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

# Agenda Item #13:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to JUNE, 2011 MONTHLY<br/>WATER BILLS:

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

#### DATE ACCT # **ADJ AMT REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT** ACCT NAME 6/7/2011 709932.00 97 **Christopher Phipps** -30.00 **Billing Error** 6/10/2011 709930.00 98 John Stephen Duncan -25.00 **Billing Error** 6/21/2011 800950.00 98 Chadley Grainger -5.00 **Billing Error** 6/21/2011 800701.00 98 Joe Cathie -5.00 Billing Error - Bank Draft -169.00 6/23/2011 800444.00 98 William O'Brian III **Billing Error**

### DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2011

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the June, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V monthly water bills, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**:

At 7:10 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board