

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC at 8:00 A.M., November 2, 1998, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

Sammie Jacobs

Lynwood Norris

C.W. Williams

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr. called the meeting to order and Commissioner Sammie Jacobs gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 1998, Board Meeting, as recorded.

**TAX REFUNDS & RELEASES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the Tax Refunds and Releases as recommended by William D. Brooks, Jr., Tax Administrator.

**Tax Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of David B. Ammons, 99 Rose Lane, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Taxes were paid on a single wide home that was traded in on a double wide and listed. Total includes interest in the amount of \$7.57. Amount \$94.05, Value \$2,830, Year 1996, Account #01-00664.

Request a refund in the name of David B. Ammons, 99 Rose Lane, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Taxes were paid on a single wide mobile home that was traded in on a double wide and listed. Total refund includes \$10.48 in interest. Amount \$130.20, Value \$2,580, Year 1997, Account #01-00664.

Request a refund in the name of David B. Ammons, 99 Rose Lane, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Taxes were paid on a single wide mobile home that was traded in on a double wide and listed. Amount \$117.81, Value \$2,330, Year 1998, Account #01-00664.

Request a refund in the name of James Emory (Farms, Inc.), c/o Gilbert Anderson, 12221 Swamp Fox Highway, W., Cerro Gordo, NC 28430. Taxes were paid on equipment that failed to be depreciated. Amount \$223.52, Value \$28,115, Year 1998, Account #10-04318.

Request a refund in the name of Wilbur B. Freedman, 1127 Jordan Rd., Clarkton, N.C. 28433. Paid taxes on equipment that failed to be depreciated. Amount \$112.82, Value \$12,636, Year 1998, Account #05-02322.

Request a refund in the name of Ruth Cumbee Gaskins, 2575 Waccamaw Shores Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450. Paid user fee that was keyed in twice. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-30869.

Request a refund in the name of James E. & Llanda Jones, P.O. Box 1232, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Paid taxes on full value of his home that was only 50% complete. Amount \$238.92, Value \$18,400, Year 1997, Account #14-07855.

Request a refund in the name of Elijah S. Shaw. Failed to receive senior citizens exemption. Amount \$106.95, Value \$1,000, Year 1998, Account #14-13460.

Request a refund in the name of Neva Brown Stringfield, P.O. Box 444, Riegelwood, N.C. 28456. Paid user fee on vacant store. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A,

Year 1997, Account #15-35211.

Request a refund in the name of John & Frances Watts, 3640 Guilford County Farm Road, Elon College, NC 27244. Paid user fee on vacant mobile home. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #03-28454.

Request a refund in the name of Charles D. Williams (Jr.), 1002 Pine Grove Drive, Brandon, FL 33511. Paid user fee on vacant land. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-43051.

**Releases:**

Release the special district fee in the name of Laddie McKenzie. Property is not in North Whiteville Fire District. Amount \$5.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-17660.

Release the special district fee in the name of Allen Prince. Property not located in the Yam City Fire District. Amount \$21.01, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-29822.

Release the user fee in the name of John & Barbara Bailey. Building is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-00476.

Release the user fee in the name of Anthony & Addie Bonsignore (Heirs). House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-02725.

Release the user fee in the name of Alice Boswell. Trash cart picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #16-01320.

Release the user fee in the name of Thomas Eldred Boswell. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-07240.

Release the user fee in the name of Barbara D. Bowles. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-01813.

Release the user fee in the name of Bobby Gerald & Edith Brown. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-03240.

Release the user fee in the name of William Raymond Butler. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #13-06105.

Release the user fee in the name of Clyde Cartrette. Fee was double listed in

the name of Clyde K. Cartrette under a different account number. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-04513.

Release the user fee in the name of Diane Davis. Does not have trash cart. Uses dumpster in trailer park. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-06201.

Release the user fee in the name of Magaline Etheridge. Fee double listed in the name of James Willard Etheridge. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-06220.

Release the user fee in the name of Fair Bluff Grain Company. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #10-05100.

Release the user fee in the name of Eleanor M. Fields. Does not have a trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-07803.

Release the user fee in the name of Earl Clifton & Thelma E. Freeman. Trash cart picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-05142.

Release the user fee in the name of Odessa Gibbs. House vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #14-05929.

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Release the user fee in the name of Moultrie Lowery. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-24521.

Release the user fee in the name of Sidney & Jacqueline Malpass. Cart picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-25849.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Thurston Memory. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-12030.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert & Hilda Memory. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #02-60981.

Release the user fee in the name of Robert Thurston & Hilda Faye Memory. House vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #01-60985.

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Release the user fee in the name of Mt. Zion Missionary Church. Fee double listed in the name of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #18-00139.

Release the user fee in the name of Elery D. Moore (Heirs). Home vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-10700, Bill #60946.

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Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-10700, Bill #60947.

Release the user fee in the name of Aline Noble (Heirs) Trash cart picked up.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-29300.

Release the user fee in the name of James Allen & Theresa G. Parker. Fee double listed in the name of Frank & Betty Combetto. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-21181.

Release the user fee in the name of B.T. Peacock (Heirs). Store is vacant.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #14-11740.

Release the user fee in the name of Pireway Primitive Baptist Church. Trash cart picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #18-00167.

Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Donald Clark Pittman.

Property inside city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #10-13495.

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Release a portion of the user fee in the name of Prince Hall Lodge #204

(Masons). Building inside city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account

#18-00255.

Release the user fee in the name of Miley Whaley Proffith. No trash cart. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-18192.

Release the user fee in the name of Charles L. & Maggie P. Simmons. No trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #04-14040.

Release the user fee in the name of Jennis & Shirley Smith. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-22580.

Release the user fee in the name of John H. Smith. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #07-15320.

Release the user fee in the name of Neva Brown Stringfield. Store is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #15-35211.

Release one of the user fees in the name of W.T. (Sr.) & Annie Vance. One of the houses is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-25666.

Release the user fee in the name of John & Frances Watts. There is no trash cart here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #03-28454.

Release the user fee in the name of Joseph Herman Williamson. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #12-31260.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Bruce & Geneva Cain. Home double listed in the name of Barbara Simmons. Amount \$193.04, Value \$8,650, Year 1998, Account #01-11760.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Leroy Duncan. Home double listed in the same name but with a different address and different account number. Amount \$220.62, Value \$21,010, Year 1998, Account #10-03461.

Release the property value in the name of Nellie Mae Freeman. Property double listed in the name of Wyatt Smith (Heirs). Amount \$46.06, Value \$6,100, Year 1998, Account #11-09858.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Howard Godwin. Home double listed in the name of Robert Kennedy. Amount \$217.93, Value \$14,200, Year 1998, Account #09-10360.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Ernestine Gore. Home moved out of the county. Amount \$233.75, Value \$25,000, Year 1998, Account #06-14570.

Release the value of a house in the name of Ernestine Gore. The house on this property has no value. Amount \$77.38, Value \$2,500, Year 1998, Account #06-14570.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Thelbert Hill, Jr. Home repossessed in 1997. Amount \$441.21, Value \$41,900, Year 1998, Account #05-02621.

Release the value of a house in the name of Howard Lewis & Rhonda Jacobs. Home double listed in the name of Clemmon Jacobs. Amount \$689.25, Value \$72,300, Year 1998, Account #15-19909.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Jones. Purchased building permit but never used it. Amount \$186.54, Value \$11,319, Year 1997, Account #05-10306.

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Release the value of a single wide mobile home in the name of Mickey Dean Kelly. Home was traded in on a double wide. Amount \$214.84, Value \$14,090, Year 1998, Account #15-22202.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of William E. & Phyllis G. Lewis. Home was sold in 1997. Amount \$141.69, Value \$4,890, Year 1998, Account #01-53114.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Little. Home double listed in the name of Gay Antone. Amount \$173.45, Value \$6,010, Year 1998, Account #12-16466.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Marion C. & Abraham Massey. Home was repossessed in 1993. Amount \$164.68, Value \$19,300, Year 1994, Account #08-12126.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Marion C. & Abraham Massey. Home double listed in the name of Charles A. Williams. Amount \$186.54, Value

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Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Billy Milligan. Home double listed in the name of Billy Milliken. Amount \$91.88, Value \$4,170, Year 1998, Account #13-27889.

Release the value of the equipment in the name of Kendall Ray Moore. Equipment traded in on new equipment and it has been listed. Amount \$302.93, Value \$39,150, Year 1998, Account #15-27738.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Cindy Smith, 140 NE Holly Drive, 36th Street, Long Beach, N.C. 28461. The home belongs to Cindy Smith at 60 Watts Lane, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Amount \$157.15, Value \$6,880, Year 1998, Account #11-24741.

Release the property value in the name of Mickey O. Strickland. Property double listed in the name of Sudie Buffkin. Amount \$286.66, Value \$24,400, Year 1998, Account #03-24550.

Release the value of a boat and motor in the name of Roger Dean (Sr.) & Deanna C. Tyson. Property double listed in the name of Roger Dean Tyson on a different account number. Amount \$4.23, Value \$500, Year 1998, Account #03-50121.

Release the property value in the name of Roger D. Walker. Property double listed in the name of George Walker, Sr. Amount \$160.33, Value \$21,900, Year 1998, Account #13-41440.



Release the value of the farm equipment and bulk barns in the name of Robert Gale Whitehead. Property double listed to Bobby Sorrell and Johnny Whitehead. Amount \$86.14, Value \$9,850, Year 1998, Account #16-17100.

Release the property value in the name of Clarence & Mildred Willoughby. Property double listed in the name of Mildred Smith Willoughby. Amount \$53.27, Value \$6,700, Year 1998, Account #06-43820.

Release the value of a house in the name of Thurston & Peggy A. Wray. House was torn down in 1997. Amount \$245.14, Value \$17,300, Year 1998, Account #02-09400.

The hog farm equipment in the name of William Cecil & Patricia Barnhill is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 12-01802. Amount \$894.88, Value \$128,760, Year 1998, Account #12-00860.

The hog farm equipment in the name of H. Rossie & Karen Bullock is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 12-01650. Amount \$300.46, Value \$38,195, Year 1998, Account #12-04703.

The hog farm equipment in the name of L.C., (Jr.) & Miriam Carter is being released from real property value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 12-05365. Amount \$1,050.56, Value \$151,160, Year 1998, Account #12-05363.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Bobby C. & Diana M. Collins is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 01-05525. Amount \$995.48, Value \$137,130, Year 1998, Account #01-15983.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Phillip Elbert & Carolyn B. Creech is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 14-00321. Amount \$594.96, Value \$76,770, Year 1998, Account #14-04000.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Double B Farms is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 09-03032. Amount \$4,165.76, Value \$599,390, Year 1998, Account #09-06642.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Harry James & Carolyn H. Hart is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 04-

00912. Amount \$1,208.05, Value \$173,820, Year 1998, Account #04-07180.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Jerry L., (II) & Jennifer Johnson is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 12-03936. Amount \$442.78, Value \$62,990, Year 1998, Account #12-13547.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Warren Lupo & Kelly Miller is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 06-01134. Amount \$836.43, Value \$120,350, Year 1998, Account #06-25786.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Donald M. & Patricia Strickland is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 09-01448. Amount \$520.65, Value \$68,960, Year 1998, Account #09-29703.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Kenneth Neil & Susan T. Waddell is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 10-17900. Amount \$985.67, Value \$123,984, Year 1998, Account #10-17903.

The hog farm equipment in the name of Schley & Elsie Waddell is being released from real value and rebilled as personal property on business account # 10-01717. Amount \$1,314.21, Value \$165,310, Year 1998, Account #10-18080.

**APPOINTMENTS - COLUMBUS COUNTY JOINT NURSING/ADULT HOME  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to reappoint the following persons to serve on the Columbus County Joint Nursing/Adult Home Community Advisory Committee for the remainder of three (3) year terms, expiring 8-31-2001.

Chrissie Turner, 28 Stack Turner Road, Chadbourn, NC 28431

Maxine Hinson, 1713 South Madison Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

Rosa Dell Martin, 2382 Bella Coola Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

**PROCLAMATION - FARM-CITY WEEK IN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to proclaim November 22-28, 1998 as Farm-City Week in Columbus County.

## PROCLAMATION

### FARM-CITY WEEK 1998

**WHEREAS**, the growth and development of the County and the well-being of all its citizens are dependent upon cooperation and exchange between the two (2) essential environments of our society: farmers and city people; and

**WHEREAS**, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities may lead to a widening gap of misunderstanding; and

**WHEREAS**, any gap of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled experience for farm and city people to become better acquainted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, do hereby proclaim the period of November 22-28, 1998 to be Farm-City Week; and we further call upon all seminars, pageants, fairs, and civic and social events associated with a successful Farm-City Week in Columbus County.

**ADOPTED** this 2nd day of November 1998.

#### COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**REPORT BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported on the following items:

1. The Register of Deeds has been moved to the newly renovated BB&T Building and is now in operation at a cost savings of \$700,000.00. The vacated Register of Deeds' Offices at the Courthouse will now be renovated to accommodate the Clerk of Courts for additional office space.
2. The Nutrition Program has increased approximately twenty-five percent (25%) and we are expecting the Nutrition Budget to be depleted by the end of the third quarter of 1998-99. We are exploring possibilities for additional funding for this program and if we are not successful, we will need an increase in the budget line item for the Nutrition Program

at a later date.

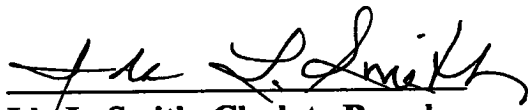
**LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE - VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to designate Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Wilson as the voting delegate for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals Conference to be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, January 14-15, 1999.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:06 A.M.

**APPROVED:**

  
Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

  
David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman