

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

**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 8:00 A.M., April 3, 2000 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the first Monday.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Amon E. McKenzie

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.  
County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**ABSENT:**

Spruell R. Britt, Vice Chairman

Chairman Norris called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Ed Worley, Aging Director, gave the invocation.

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to approve the Board Minutes for March 20, 2000, as recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

**Refunds:**

Request a refund in the name of Daniel L. Boone, 1007 River Rd., Tabor City, N.C. 28463. Paid taxes on boat that was destroyed prior to 1-1-99. Amount \$19.10 (includes .65 int.), Value \$2,413, Year 1999, Account #07-00597.

Request a refund in the name of Michael A. & Darlene Graham, 1592 Buckhead Rd., Bolton, N.C. 28423. Paid user fee on vacant house. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1997, Account #04-08090.

Request a refund in the name of Larry D. & Carolyn C. McKoy (Etal), 1716 Augustus Dr., Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801. House burned in 1996. Amount \$251.05, Value \$19,000, Year 1997, Account #14-09860.

Request a refund in the name of Larry D. & Carolyn C. McKoy (Etal), 1716 Augustus Dr., Rocky Mt. N.C. 27801. House burned in 1996. Amount \$251.05, Value \$19,000, Year 1998, Account #14-09860.

Request a refund in the name of Larry D. & Carolyn C. McKoy (Etal), 1716 Augustus Dr., Rocky Mt., N.C. 27801. House burned in 1996. Amount \$251.05, Value \$19,000, Year 1999, Account #14-09860.

Request a refund for the user fee in the name of Billie O. & Gabriele T. Rogers, 37 Currituck Rd., Riegelwood, N.C. 28456. Retail store vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #15-32140.

Request a refund for the user fee in the name of Arthur Earl Smith, Box 416, Lake Waccamaw, N.C. 28450. There is no trash can here. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #04-14480.

Request a refund for a portion of the user fee in the name of Thurman Williams, 214 Jackson St., Chadbourn, N.C. 28431. Paid county user fee, property inside city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #13-44211.

**Releases:**

Release the property value for the Town of Bolton in the name of Systel. Property double listed in the name of GE Capital Computer Leasing. Amount \$166.36, Value \$30,247, Year 1996, Account #04-15490.

Release the property value for the Town of Cerro Gordo in the name of Leon Merritt. Boat is not inside the city limits. Amount \$20.68, Value \$9,400, Year 1999, Account #16-90003.

Release the property value in the name of Viola Christine Nichols. Failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$136.28, Value \$5,220, Year 1999, Account #12-20605.

Release the property value in the name of George P. & Mary J. Wilson. Failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$164.53, Value \$7,770, Year 1999, Account #11-30223.

Release the two user fees in the name of Kelly Alford. Two mobile homes vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #15-00202.

Release the user fee in the name of Kelly James & Barbara B. Alford. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #15-00200.

Release the user fee in the name of Carol Smith Allen. Fee double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #01-00409.

Release the user fee in the name of Joyce A. Baldwin. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #08-00556.

Release the user fee in the name of Guilford & Barbara Barnes. They use a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #01-03185.

Release the user fee in the name of Sherri Bell. No trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #06-01288.

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Release the user fee in the name of Beverdam Baptist Church Parsonage. Billed thru error. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #18-00244.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Lloyd & Toni A. Blake. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #15-02453.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Owen Berry Bullock. There is only

one mobile home here. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #10-02080.

Release one of the user fees in the name of Chris & Rosemary Clewis. One can picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-04374.

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Release the user fee in the name of Dwayne & Lawrence Enzor Farms. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #16-04112.

Release the user fee in the name of Dwayne & Grace Enzor. Trash can picked up. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #16-04123.

Release the user fee in the name of M. Rachel Gore. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #07-06940.

Release the user fee in the name of Betty Sue Hardie. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #09-12511.

Release the user fee in the name of Ethelene Hewett. No dwelling on this property. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #07-08300.

Release the user fee in the name of J. W. Horne. Old house is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #13-20180.

Release the user fee in the name of Hampton H. & Lena B. Jarman. No dwellings on this property. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #01-47181.

Release the user fee in the name of Larry McPherson (Etal). House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #09-19181.

Release the user fee in the name of Roger Cary Malpass. Land is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #15-25792.

Release the user fee in the name of Melanies. There is no trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #10-12137.

Release the user fee in the name of Earl & Deborah C. Lynn Nealey. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #09-21465.

Release the user fee in the name of Susan & Sinda M. Dores Shipman. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #13-10546.

Release the user fee in the name of Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co. No trash can here. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #18-00224.

Release the user fee in the name of Sprint. No trash can here. Amount \$60.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #18-00219.

Release two user fees in the name of Lula Porter Watts. Both houses are vacant. Amount \$200.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #06-42360.

Release the user fee in the name of Leonard White. No trash can here. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1998, Account #05-07488.

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Release the user fee in the name of Frances Stella Williamson. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$N/A, Year 1999, Account #03-29644.

Release the value of a jet ski in the name of Robert D. Anderson. Jet ski repossessed in 1998. Amount \$19.38, Value \$2,235, Year 1999, Account #01-01847.

Release the value of all farm equipment and bulk barns in the name of Jeffrey & Anna Maria Britt. Sold at auction in 1997. Amount \$459.04, Value \$54,459, Year 1998, Account #13-03937.

Release value of farm equipment and bulk barns, and the user fee in the name of Jeffery & Anna Maria Britt. Equipment and barns sold at auction in 1997 and the house is vacant. Amount \$526.06, Value \$50,539, Year 1999, Account #13-03937.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Woodrow Britt. Home double listed in the name of Jeffery Britt. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000, Year 1999, Account #13-04101.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Anthony Guy & Teresa Buck. Boat junked prior to 1-1-99. Amount \$17.59, Value \$2,300, Year 1999, Account #07-00810.

Release the property value in the name of Lizzie Burroughs (Heirs). Property double listed in the name of G. Burroughs (Heirs). Amount \$72.48, Value \$9,600, Year 1999, Account #09-02180.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jerome Corbett. Home

listed in Brunswick County. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000, Year 1996, Account #15-10233.

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Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Alvin Glenn Cox. Home double listed in the name of Alvin G. & Judy Y. Cox. Amount \$145.95, Value \$6,010, Year 1999, Account #07-02338.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Joseph Doris. Home double listed in the name of Doris Joseph. Amount \$146.26, Value \$6,050, Year 1999, Account #15-03832.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Anthony B. Edwards. Boat sold in 1998. Amount \$27.79, Value \$3,635, Year 1999, Account #01-01143.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lawrence Enzor. Home double listed in the name of Dwayne & Lawrence Enzor Farms. Amount \$116.97, Value \$2,220, Year 1999, Account #16-04141.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Donald & Debra Farmer. Home double listed in the name of Donald Farmer. Amount \$226.75, Value \$16,580, Year 1997, Account #07-03938.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Donald & Debra Farmer. Home double listed in the name of Donald Farmer. Amount \$245.49, Value \$19,030, Year 1998, Account #07-03938.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Donald & Debra Farmer. Home double listed in the name of Donald Farmer. Amount \$234.40, Value \$17,580, Year

1999, Account #07-03938.

Release a portion of the value of a boat in the name of Anthony Freeman.

Value of boat to high. Amount \$20.26, Value \$2,650, Year 1999, Account #13-01714.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Darren Freeman.

Built new home and sold mobile home. Amount \$130.12, Value \$8,990, Year 1995, Account #04-04425.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Darren Freeman.

Built new home and sold mobile home. Amount \$184.41, Value \$14,500, Year 1996, Account #04-04425.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Darren Freeman.

Built new home and sold mobile home. Amount \$210.86, Value \$14,500, Year 1997, Account #04-04425.

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Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Charles Darren Freeman.

Built new home and sold mobile home. Amount \$213.94, Value \$13,719, Year 1999, Account #04-04425.

Release the property value in the name of James L. & Lauraine J. Hufham.

Property double listed in the name of Mickey Butler. Amount \$141.81, Value \$17,400, Year 1999, Account #15-19003.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Willie Gene Inman. Home

double listed in the name of Jean Robinson. Amount \$228.07, Value \$21,370, Year 1999, Account #01-46233.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Constance Varner Johnson. Boat

listed in Craven Co. Amount \$102.44, Value \$13,400, Year 1999, Account #13-01921.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of William J. Johnson. Home

double listed in the name of William James Johnson. Amount \$173.85, Value \$9,660, Year 1999, Account #06-21441.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lee V. Lloyd. Home

double listed in the name of May Victoria Lloyd. Amount \$144.10, Value \$5,310, Year 1998, Account #04-10360.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Lee V. Lloyd. Home double listed in the name of May Victoria Lloyd. Amount \$142.27, Value \$5,090, Year 1999, Account #04-10360.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Betty Williams McDuffie. Sold this home and purchased new one in husband's name. Amount \$146.87, Value \$5,570, Year 1999, Account #13-25544.

Release the property value in the name of Rossie Lee McPherson (Heirs). Property double listed in the name of Bobby M. McPherson. Amount \$40.02, Value \$5,300, Year 1999, Account #09-19760.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Leon Merritt. Boat sold prior to 1-1-99. Amount \$46.78, Value \$5,350, Year 1999, Account #16-90003.

Release the value of all mobile homes in the name of Wayne Miller. Homes double listed in the name of Ridgeland Acres. Amount \$1,431.42, Value \$29,109, Year 1999, Account #06-25781.

Release the value of all mobile homes in the name of Wayne Miller. Homes double listed in the name of Ridgeland Acres. Amount \$1,188.99, Value \$36,350, Year 1999, Account #06-25782.

Release the value of all mobile homes in the name of Wayne Miller. Homes double listed in the name of Ridgeland Acres. Amount \$579.73, Value \$25,860, Year 1999, Account #06-25788.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Sharon Mitchell. Home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$164.60, Value \$8,450, Year 1999, Account #08-13119.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Earl & Deborah C. Lynn Nealey. Home burned in 1996. Amount \$191.77, Value \$25,400, Year 1997, Account #09-21465.

Release a portion of the boat value in the name of William & Carol Nealey.



Boat value too high. Amount \$29.11, Value \$3,700, Year 1999, Account #01-64907.

Release a portion of the boat value in the name of Boyd J. Noble. Value too high. Amount \$63.04, Value \$8,241, Year 1999, Account #13-29527.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Malcolm Ray, Jr. & Donna Sue Norris. Home traded for double wide and listed. Amount \$153.98, Value \$6,790, Year 1999, Account #06-27087.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Fred Priest. Boat sold in 1995. Amount \$18.35, Value \$2,400, Year 1999, Account #08-02512.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jean Robinson. Home double listed in the name of Willie J. & Telman Robinson. Amount \$82.07, Value \$7,520, Year 1992, Account #01-76922.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Jean Robinson. Home double listed in the name of Willie J. & Telman Robinson. Amount \$72.87, Value \$6,740, Year 1993, Account #01-76922.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Thomas L. & Mary Burnette Roller. Boat double listed in the name of Roller L. Thomas. Amount \$33.25, Value \$4,350, Year 1999, Account #08-16042.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Eva Shaw. Home double listed in the same name with a different address and account number. Amount \$283.46, Value \$22,800, Year 1998, Account #12-24344.

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Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Tommy & Joanne Sing. Home double listed in the name of Tommy Sing, II. Amount \$286.48, Value \$22,360, Year 1998, Account #07-05740.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Tommy & Joanne Sing. Home double listed in the name of Tommy Sing, II. Amount \$257.10, Value \$20,550, Year 1999, Account #07-05740.

**AGING - APPROVAL TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM COG**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve to receive funding in the amount of \$5,458.00 from the Cape Fear Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 with a local match of 10% equating to \$606.00 to be absorbed within the Budget of the Department of Aging.

**AGING - RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE HOME & COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the following items as recommended by the Department of Aging Home & Community Care Block Grant Committee.

- A. Appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging as the continued Receiver Service Provider;
- B. Allow all Home & Community Care Block Grant Programs to remain as presently provided; and
- C. Accept the proposed allocations for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 from the Cape Fear Council of Governments of \$494,243.00 with a 10% county match \$54,916.00 for a total of \$549,159.00.

**AWARD - WHITEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**

On behalf of the Columbus County Commissioners, Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, congratulated Mr. Glenn McKoy and the Whiteville High School Basketball Team on their accomplishments in winning the North Carolina High School 2A State Champions and stated they will be receiving an "Award Plaque" from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

**REQUESTING FUNDS for CCIT****RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, Columbus County Interagency Transportation, Incorporated**

(CCIT) is in a facility that is prone to flooding, especially during hurricanes;

**WHEREAS, CCIT** keeps their vans in an unprotected parking lot where vandalism occurs at night and weekends causing extra expense for the repair of these vans;

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Services Division, has a total of five hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) dollars available for facility construction. This covers every county in the State for FY 2000-2001. CCIT has requested two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$250,000.00) dollars for a transportation facility. This represents half of the department's construction budget for the year;

**WHEREAS,** Columbus County is a disaster prone area from hurricanes. Funds for a disaster facility, costing five hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) dollars, has been requested from the Department of Transportation Division, Aviation Division. This facility would be built at the Columbus County Airport along with the transportation facility and would be available for disaster crews, providing offices, sleeping quarters and storage area for disaster related supplies.

**WHEREAS,** the outlook for these funds are not very likely in the near future. The Columbus County Commissioners request the aid of the local elected State legislative officials to help in the speedy procurement of the needed funds to aid Columbus County in obtaining these two (2) needed facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** we, the Columbus County Commissioners do hereby endorse the request for funding to the Columbus County Interagency Transportation to obtain facilities for the Columbus County Interagency Transportation and Columbus County Airport.

**ADOPTED** this the 3rd day of April, 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

**Note:** Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, reported if funding is received from the

North Carolina Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, for the construction of the facilities as requested, the county-owned property where the facilities will be constructed, will be considered the County's matching portion of the funding.

**PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND  
NATIONAL SERVICE DAY 2000  
A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** the week of April 9-15, 2000 has been declared National Volunteer Week and Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. has declared April 11, 2000, National Service Day throughout North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** the entire community can realize positive changes with any volunteer action - no matter how large or small; and

**WHEREAS,** volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through numerous community service organizations like Volunteer Centers; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 2,000 volunteers working in Columbus County utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and elderly; and

**WHEREAS,** during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers will be recognized for their commitments to community service; and

**WHEREAS,** volunteers have the power to fight the pervasive feeling of social disconnection experienced by 81% of Americans and especially young people; and

**WHEREAS,** volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation; and

**WHEREAS,** it is fitting that a special day be set aside during National Volunteer Week to recognize these outstanding volunteers for their community service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2000 as National Volunteer Week and Tuesday, April 11, as National Service Day in Columbus County and urge our citizens to join the effort and "Celebrate Volunteers" in their communities: Agencies/Organizations, Churches, Schools, Work places, etc., by volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can connect with neighbors and strangers and replace disconnection and isolation with understanding and compassion.

Adopted and signed this 3rd day of April, 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board

**PROCLAMATION - MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation.

**MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

**2000**

**by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, many North Carolina citizens enjoy the sun, wind and freedom of the open road by wheeling out their motorcycles and riding the highways. Yet, along with that enjoyment comes a responsibility to operate those motorcycles safely; **and**

**WHEREAS**, since motorcycles lack the protective armor of automobiles and trucks, their operators are at a greater risk for serious injury or death by accident. All motorists should be aware that motorcyclists will be sharing the road this summer and throughout the year with other transportation vehicles; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Concerned Bikers Association, along with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, stresses the importance of educational

programs designed to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents that end in injury, loss of life and destruction of property. These groups are doing their part to ensure that people who enjoy motorcycles for recreation and pleasure do so safely.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May, 2000 as "**MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**" in Columbus County, and urge our citizens to commend its observance.

**ADOPTED** this the 3rd day of April, 2000.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

**/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to Board**

**FINANCE - COMPLETED PROJECTS CLOSED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to approve closing the Conflandey Project and return the remaining balance to the General Fund.

Conflandey Project Revenue	-	\$331,007.18
Conflandey Water/Sewer Extensions Expenditures	-	<u>\$325,900.00</u>
<b>Balance to return to General Fund</b>		<b>\$5,107.18</b>

Also, the Board approved closing the Internal Service Fund and returning the remaining balance of \$8,913.35 to the General Fund.

**CONTRACT - AWARDED TO THOMPSON, PRICE & COMPANY TO AUDIT COLUMBUS COUNTY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Gray and passed unanimously to award the Contract to audit Columbus County Accounts beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000 to Thompson, Price & Company, P.A. in the amount of \$29,500.00.

A copy of the Contract is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR PROGRAMS FOR FY 2000-2001 TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**

Vickie Pait and Darren Currie, representing the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, requested the Board to approve the following programs for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

A.	Office of Juvenile Justice Psychological Services;	\$13,080.00
B.	Whiteville Police Department Restitution;	20,024.00
C.	Families First Intensive Family Based Intervention;	50,000.00
D.	Columbus County Schools Youth and Family Counseling;	63,337.00
E.	Whiteville City Schools Student Assistance Program;	21,622.00
F.	Social Services Specialized Foster Care; and	14,560.00
G.	Administrative Costs.	<u>2,286.00</u>

**TOTAL FUNDING** **\$184,909.00**

Commissioners David L. Dutton, Jr., C.E. Wilson and Amon McKenzie, Ed Worley, Aging Director and Leroy Ward, representing Columbus County Schools, questioned Ms. Pait and Mr. Currie regarding the programs.

Ms. Pait and Mr. Currie gave several explanations to questions asked, noting that certain regulations for the programs are mandated by the state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to take the request from Ms. Pait and Mr. Currie under advisement until the next Board Meeting.

**COMMENTS - RANDY CROW**

Randy Crow, a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, stated he is a resident of Wilmington, New Hanover County and commented on the following items.

1. Mr. Crow is against lotteries and gambling;
2. Against deregulation of utilities as this creates a monopoly; and
3. Supports regional planning which will allow several counties to solve problems regionally.

**NACo 2000 - CONTRIBUTION APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to make a contribution to the North Carolina Association of

County Commissioners to support the 2000 Annual Conference for the National Association of Counties to be held in Mecklenburg County July 14-18, 2000 and authorized Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, to make a recommendation on the amount of the contribution where funds are available to expend in the 1999-2000 County Budget.

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, instructed Ida L. Smith on April 7, 2000, to process a warrant for a check to be written to the 2000 Annual Conference in the amount of \$500.00 to be expended from the Governing Body Account - Miscellaneous (10-410-5700).

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:20 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to enter into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4).

### **RESUMED REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:25 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn closed session and resume regular session.

No action was taken.

### **ADMINISTRATION - ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL EVALUATION**

Commissioner Norris, Chairman, presented the Board with the Annual Evaluation of the County Administrator, Dempsey B. Herring, stating the score was 58 out of a possible 60 points which lacks 2 points of being clearly outstanding. The score average was 3.9 on a zero-to-four scale.

The Board of Commissioners and Staff Members congratulated and applauded Mr. Herring on the achievements the County has made during his leadership as County Administrator.

Mr. Herring commented that Columbus County is fortunate to have a good Board of Commissioners and Department Heads. It would be impossible to make accomplishments without the assistance of the Commissioners and Department Heads.

### **AGREEMENT - EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR DEMPSEY B. HERRING,**



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

The Board reached a general consensus to extend the Contract of Employment for Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, with Columbus County for an additional period of one (1) year as follows:

**EXTENSION of EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

At the Columbus County Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting held on **April 3, 2000**, the Annual Evaluation of County Administrator, Dempsey B. Herring, was presented as is required in the Administrator's Contract with Columbus County. As stipulated in Section 7, Article D of the Employment Agreement, with a positive evaluation, the Administrator's Contract will be extended for a period of **two (2) years**. The Columbus County Administrator received a most favorable evaluation, thus extending his Contract with Columbus County through **April 3, 2002**. The evaluation will be incorporated into the official Columbus County Meeting Minutes causing the evaluation to be legally executed.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**/s/ LYNWOOD NORRIS, Chairman**

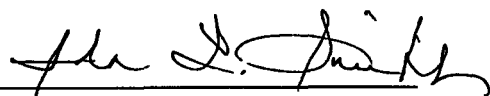
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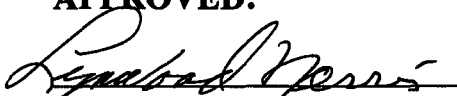
**/s/ IDA L. SMITH, Clerk to the Board**

**COUNTY SEAL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 A.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

  
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**Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board**

**APPROVED:**  
  
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**Lynwood Norris, Chairman**

