

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 7:30 P.M., January 16, 2001 to hold their regularly scheduled Board Meeting, it being the third Tuesday following the third Monday, an observed Holiday.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

Sammie Jacobs, Vice Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Amon E. McKenzie

Bill Memory

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to Board

PUBLIC HEARING - E-911 CENTER COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE UPDATE

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Britt called the public hearing to order regarding the financing for the redevelopment of the E-911 Center and to update communication equipment and software and requested anyone in attendance to speak in favor of or against the proposed upgrade.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 7:33 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by

Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING COMMENCED

Immediately, thereafter, Chairman Britt called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Jacobs gave the invocation.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to approve the January 2, 2001 Board Minutes, as recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as follows.

Refunds:

Release the Refund in the name of Cartrette, Roy Gene. Paid user fee on vacant mobile home. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-03839, Bill # 85566.

Release the Refund in the name of Clarida, Joe Robert. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$153.80, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-02947, Bill # 85919.

Release the Refund in the name of Barnhardt, Charles. Paid taxes and Acme Delco fee on mobile home that is double listed in the name of Worth and Margaret Barnhardt. Amount \$45.57, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-02215, Bill # 80736.

Release the Refund in the name of Berry, Staley & Miriam. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-01330, Bill # 81690.

Release the Refund in the name of Moore, Herman Clyde, Jr. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 07-12180, Bill # 56051.

Release the Refund in the name of Fields, Derrick L. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-13593, Bill # 90321.

Release the Refund in the name of Fowler, David Earl. Paid user fee on vacant garage.

Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 09-08600, Bill # 10060.

Release the Refund in the name of Gray, Dial. Paid taxes and Klondyke Fire fee on mobile home that he never bought. He purchased permit but decided not to buy home.

Amount \$369.29, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05544, Bill # 94068.

Release the Refund in the name of Moore, Herman Clyde, Jr. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 07-12180, Bill # 60973.

Release the Refund in the name of Moore, Herman Clyde, Jr. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 07-12180, Bill # 23150.

Releases:

Release the User Fee in the name of Allen, Carol. No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-04136, Bill # 79672.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Tommy R. & Jonathan. House torn down in 1999. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-00748, Bill # 80723.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Charles E. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-01542, Bill # 80992.

Release the User Fee in the name of Beck, Sterling D. No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-01724, Bill # 81273.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bowens, Cliney E. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-03560, Bill # 82592.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bright, James A. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-03820, Bill # 82835.

Release the User Fee in the name of Burroughs, Willis. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-02240, Bill # 84330.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles & Eloise. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04800, Bill #

84520.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles & Eloise. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04800, Bill # 84524.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles & Eloise. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04800, Bill # 84528.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles & Sons, (Inc). House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04796, Bill # 84542.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles. All mobile homes vacant. Amount \$375.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04823, Bill # 84506.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Edgar D., Jr. Customer uses a commercial hauler. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-06341, Bill # 84653.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Edgar D., Jr. Computer error. This is vacant land. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-06341, Bill # 84655.

Release the User Fee in the name of Caines, Edgar D., Jr. Customer uses commercial hauler. Amount \$410.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-06343, Bill # 84658.

Release the User Fee in the name of Clewis, William E., Jr. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-14766, Bill # 86107.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, Phillip E. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-04000, Bill # 87227.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dorsey, James P., Jr. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-10550, Bill # 88515.

Release the User Fee in the name of Enzor, Shane. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-03421, Bill # 89650.

Release the User Fee in the name of E & H Rentals. Four rental units located inside city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-01741, Bill # 88969.

Release the User Fee in the name of Formyduval, Charles B. House located in city. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05213, Bill # 90936.

Release the User Fee in the name of Formyduval, Kermit G. No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-07760, Bill # 91007.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Joseph P. House vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-11443, Bill # 93193.

Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Clempson. No trash can at this location. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-05940, Bill # 94118.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, Meta. No trash can here. Customer in rest home. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-18040, Bill # 49060.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, Pamela. Release one user fee on mobile home that is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-10446, Bill # 95381.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Deborah. Mobile home used for storage. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-01811, Bill # 96549.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Larry D. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-11403, Bill # 96638.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Harold. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-08160, Bill # 98080.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, William K. House vacant and trash can picked up. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-12419, Bill # 99095.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Thelton S. Release one user fee on vacant mobile home. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-14864, Bill # 1303.

Release the User Fee in the name of McClary David G. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-16800, Bill # 2226.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKoy, Deborah C. There is no building on this property. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-25003, Bill # 2759.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Howard. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-16043, Bill # 3186.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mangum, Laurin. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-18280, Bill # 1738.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, Herman C., Jr. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-12180, Bill # 4479.

Release the User Fee in the name of Murrell, Elmer, Jr. & Harold Fipps. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$340.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-28529, Bill # 4887.

Release the User Fee in the name of Murrell, Elmer, Jr. & Harold Fipps. Rental units located inside city. Amount \$20.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-28531, Bill # 4888.

Release the User Fee in the name of Murrell, Elmer, Jr. & Harold Fipps. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-05956, Bill # 4886.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nobles, Timmie. Computer error. There are no buildings on this property. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-12000, Bill # 5619.

Release the User Fee in the name of Robbins, William. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-76719, Bill # 9122.

Release the User Fee in the name of Robinson, David L. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-22860, Bill # 9206.

Release the User Fee in the name of Royals, Elizabeth P. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25140, Bill # 9598.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Douglas V. Mobile home is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-80320, Bill # 10312.

Release the User Fee in the name of Sellers, Graham. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25600, Bill # 10347.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Walter E. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$285.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-25323, Bill # 12466.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Donald Ray. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-00329, Bill # 17467.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Donald Ray. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$590.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-28880, Bill # 17470.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Mary Sue. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-27863, Bill # 17753.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wilder, Bennett A. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-42992, Bill # 19131.

Release the User Fee in the name of Wray, J.C. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-19500, Bill # 20564.

Release the User Fee in the name of Yoder, Cecil R., III. Old store vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-09717, Bill # 20903.

Release the Property Value in the name of Butler, Erwin. Failed to receive full senior citizens exemption. Amount \$96.00, Value \$13,334.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-11163, Bill # 84391.

Release the Special District in the name of Carroll, Thomas E. Release Acme Delco fee. Property not in that area. Amount \$10.47, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-08990,

Bill # 85173.

Release the Special District in the name of Shaw, James W. Release Evergreen fire fee. There are no home or buildings on this property. Amount \$55.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-24400, Bill # 10688.

Release the Property Value in the name of Thompson, Ronald H. Late list fee added in error. Amount \$27.05, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-25320, Bill # 15634.

Release the Property Value in the name of Todd, Kim Ray. Late list added in error. Amount \$21.43, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-30483, Bill # 15936.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, Rebecca W. Release a portion of the property value and 39.69 Brunswick Fire and 11.34 Whiteville Rescue fee that should be in the land use program. Amount \$459.27, Value \$56,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 02-00527, Bill # 80517.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bullock, Marilyn W. Release value of house and Klondyke fire fee that burned. Amount \$459.96, Value \$42,400.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-05627, Bill # 84148.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cooke, John W., III. Release value of mobile home and Acme Delco fee that is double listed in the name of Jimmy Thomas who lives in Brunswick County. Amount \$175.67, Value \$6,032.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-10030, Bill # 86785.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dudley, Gerald R. Release value of single wide mobile home and Roseland Fire fee. Customer has never owned a single wide home. He lives in a double wide and it is listed. Amount \$149.39, Value \$3,126.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-06680, Bill # 88626.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edge Grain Market. Release value of equipment and Whiteville Rescue fee that is double listed in the name of Ricky L. Edge. Amount \$454.06, Value \$61,360.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-22661, Bill # 89408.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fisher, Jeffery & Betsy. Release value of house and Roseland fire fee (108.18) and Whiteville Rescue fee (12.78) that is double listed in the name of Jeffery, Jr. & Monique Fisher. Amount \$1,494.60, Value \$151,200.00, Year

2000, Account # 01-26720, Bill # 90502.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release land value and Cerro Gordo fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin L. Boone. Amount \$9.48, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1991, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 95768.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release property value and Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin L. Boone. Amount \$9.48, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1992, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 74277.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release property value and Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin L. Boone. Amount \$9.84, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1993, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 70372.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin L. Boone. Amount \$10.32, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1994, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 29483.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release the property value and Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin Boone. Amount \$10.56, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1995, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 668.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin Boone. Amount \$10.56, Value \$1,200.00, Year 1996, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 45663.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin Boone. Amount \$21.47, Value \$2,700.00, Year 1997, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 43708.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin Boone. Amount \$21.47, Value \$2,700.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 48103.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin Boone. Amount \$21.47, Value \$2,700.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 9835.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ford, Franklin. Release the property value

and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Franklin Boone. Amount \$22.14, Value \$2,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-04720, Bill # 90879.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, James A. Release value of house and Buckhead Fire fee that burned in March of 1999. Amount \$558.00, Value \$35,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-06297, Bill # 91540.

Release the Property Value in the name of Fowler, David E. Release a portion of the property value and the Williams Fire fee that is double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$62.40, Value \$8,000.00, Year 2000, User fees \$250.00, Account # 09-08600, Bill # 91098.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ivey, Coot. Release value of mobile home that was junked years ago. Amount \$16.06, Value \$2,230.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-12980, Bill # 97848.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Timothy K. Release the value of old dwelling and the Welches Creek fire fee that is no longer on this property. Amount \$131.56, Value \$800.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-04012, Bill # 99080.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, James E. Release a portion of the building value and the Williams Fire fee that was priced as a cold storage instead of a garage. Amount \$169.26, Value \$21,700.00, User fee \$125.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-16865, Bill # 1105.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mann, J.S. Release a portion of the building value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that burned in 1999. Amount \$82.88, Value \$11,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-58902, Bill # 1742.

Release the Property Value in the name of Miley, Harmon L. Release value of boat that was valued incorrectly. Amount \$105.78, Value \$14,691.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-17288, Bill # 3811.

Release the Property Value in the name of Reeves, J. W. Release deferred taxes on property that did not sell. Amount \$73.67, Value \$10,834.00, Year 1996, Account # 03-18660, Bill # 58006.

Release the Property Value in the name of Reeves, J.W. Release deferred taxes on

property that did not sell. Amount \$73.67, Value \$10,600.00, Year 1997, Account # 03-18660, Bill # 58007.

Release the Property Value in the name of Reeves, J.W. Release the deferred taxes on property that did not sell. Amount \$92.04, Value \$13,243.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-18660, Bill # 58010.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Graham. Release the value of a house that was moved off the property prior to 2000. Amount \$281.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25600, Bill # 10348.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Stevie L. Release value of single wide home and the Roseland Fire fee that was double listed as real and personal property. Amount \$145.63, Value \$2,645.00, Year 2000, Account # 09-25910, Bill # 10490.

Release the Property Value in the name of Shaw, James W. Release value of a double wide home that is not located on the parcel of land. Amount \$481.40, Value \$49,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-24400, Bill # 10686.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stanley, John M. Release value of green house that was destroyed by hurricane in 1999. Amount \$166.32, Value \$23,100.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-16043, Bill # 13571.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Emma L. Release a portion of the house value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was damaged during hurricane in 1999. House condemned. Amount \$139.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-99276, Bill # 17009.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Willie W. Release a portion of the house value and the Whiteville Rescue fee that was damaged by hurricane in 1999. Home condemned. Amount \$377.78, Value \$24,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-99980, Bill # 17102.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Sherry. Release value of single wide home that was traded for double wide and listed in 2000. Amount \$108.41, Value \$5,480.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-41341, Bill # 17915.

Budget Amendments:

Appropriate 10-399-0000	Fund Balance (Forestry Museum Funds)	\$ 90,901
Expend 10-690-9600	NC Forestry Museum	\$ 90,901
Accept 10-348-0701	Rural OB Care State Funds	\$ 30,000
Expend 10-592-4500	Rural OB Care	\$ 30,000
Increase 40-348-0800	SBA Funds Returned	\$493,784
Decrease 40-399-0000	SBA Funds Balance at 6/30/00	(\$547,300)
Expend 40-612-0101	SBA Housing	\$ 53,516

AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) - SPECIAL RECOGNITION LUCILLE GARRELL

Chairman Britt presented a "Special Recognition Plaque" to Kenneth and Michael Garrell, sons of Lucille Garrell, as follows:

**IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION
 OF
 LUCILLE GARRELL
 FOR HER SERVICE AS A
 COUNTY EMPLOYEE
 3-30-1980 - 12-11-2000

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF HEALTH

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to reappoint W. Clyde Burns, DVM to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Health as an at-large appointment.

Commissioner Lynwood Norris reappointed Stephen D. Grubb, MD, to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Health to represent Zone 5.

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs reappointed George Floyd, to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Health to represent Zone 3.

Chairman Britt requested Commissioner Wilson, who serves on the Board of Health in the commissioner capacity, to confer with the Board of Health to assist in soliciting a livestock producer to serve on the Board of Health as a member-at-large when the next vacancy occurs as this would help to improve communications with the livestock producers to have a representative on the Board of Health.

SHERIFF - REQUEST AND APPROVAL OF PART-TIME COURT OFFICERS

Jimmy P. Ferguson, Sheriff, requested the Board approve the employment of three (3) part-time retired law enforcement officers to work a maximum of twenty-four hours per week to work courts at a total cost of fifteen thousand, five hundred two and no/100 dollars (\$15,502.00) for the balance of fiscal year 2000-2001.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve the Sheriff to employ three (3) part-time law enforcement officers and appropriate a one time allocation of fifteen thousand, five hundred two and no/100 dollars (\$15,502.00) for the balance of fiscal year 2000-2001 and approve the following budget amendment.

Appropriate	10-660-9999 Non-Departmental Contingency	(\$15,502)
Expend	10-510-0200 Sheriff - Salaries	14,400
Expend	10-510-0500 Sheriff - FICA	1,102

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CURRENT EXPENSE

Chairman Britt reported that he along with Commissioners Dutton and Wilson and Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator had visited Southeastern Community College to evaluate their request for additional funding in the amount of sixty-six thousand, four hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$66,459.00) and concluded it is necessary to appropriate funding to assist with the employment of two (2) custodial positions and for aesthetic purposes of buildings to prepare them for accreditation at the end of March 2001.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously to approve a one time allocation of funds in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) from Non-Departmental Contingency (10-660-9999) to be expended in Southeastern Community College Current Expense (10-680-9300).

AUDIT (1999-2000) - BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE

Alan Thompson, CPA, representing Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Company, P.A., presented the Board with the highlights of the 1999-2000 Columbus County Audit Report and requested the Board's acceptance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to accept the 1999-2000 Audit Report as presented.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Dempsey B. Herring, County Administrator, advised the Board of the following items:

1. The 1999-2000 Audit Report revealed that we have a 14% fund balance. Although we are in good financial status, one emergency could deplete the fund balance.
2. We have been using \$1,000,000.00 of fund balance for the past two (2) years to balance the Solid Waste Budget.
3. In the future, we will have additional debt service due the renovation of the Detention Center.
4. Medicaid increases annually approximately \$500,000.00.
5. Health insurance increases annually.
6. According to the 1999-2000 Audit Report, tax collections are 91.9% which needs to be increased.

RECESSED BOARD MEETING - WATER & SEWER DISTRICT IV AUTHORITY MEETING

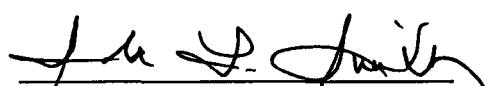
At 8:05 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Dutton and passed unanimously to recess the Board Meeting and enter into a Water and Sewer District IV Authority Meeting.

RESUME REGULAR BOARD MEETING

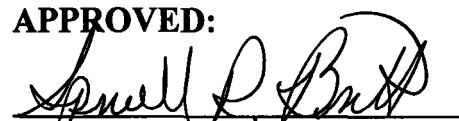
At 8:08 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Norris and passed unanimously to adjourn the Water and Sewer District IV Authority Meeting and resume the regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately, thereafter, a motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.


 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


 Spruell R. Britt, Chairman