

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, June 17, 2002

7:00 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 to hear public comments regarding the continuation of the one-half (½) cent Local Option Sales Tax as a Columbus County revenue source.

There were no comments.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:05 P.M., the Public Hearing was adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:30P.M., Chairman Amon McKenzie called Regular Session to order, it being the third Monday. The invocation was delivered by Chairman McKenzie. All in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to approve the May 15, 2002 (Budgetary Workshop), June 3, 2002 and June 6, 2002 (Budgetary Workshop) minutes as recorded, seconded Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Dutton to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. The motion so carried.

REFUNDS (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office): June 17, 2002

Request a refund in the name of Henry, Karen Marie, 341 Mill Quarters Rd., Hallsboro,, N.C. 28442. Refund one of two user fees. Old house on property does not have a trash can. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 11-12780, Bill # 95912.

Request a refund in the name of Henry, Karen Marie, 341 Mill Quarters Rd., Hallsboro, N.C. 28442. Refund one of two user fees. Old house on property does not have a trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-12780, Bill # 96274.

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
June 17, 2002

Release the Property Value in the name of Andrews, Empire O.. Release the value of a mobile home that is not livable. Owner died in 1994. Amount \$173.85, Value \$9,660.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-00168, Bill # 37727.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$85.49, Value \$2,971.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 37190.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$87.63, Value \$3,221.00, Year 1995, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 92349.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release value of mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$55.99, Value \$3,420.00, Year 1994, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 21309.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Joan B.. Release the value of a boat and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Boat was junked in 2000. Amount \$11.08, Value \$1,384.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-02033, Bill # 18649.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Peggy. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee that should be tax exempt. Amount \$171.40, Value \$800.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-01083, Bill # 80957.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Peggy. Release the property value that should be exempt. Amount \$105.56, Value \$800.00, Year 1999, Account # 12-01083, Bill # 144.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Ulysses G.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue Fee. Home burned in 2000. Amount \$203.21, Value \$4,342.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-00648, Bill # 80491.

Release the Property Value in the name of Andrews, Empire O.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is not livable. Owner died in 1994. Amount \$239.18, Value \$8,429.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-00168, Bill # 79896.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$122.70, Value \$2,970.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 35082.

Release the Property Value in the name of Andrews, Empire O.. Release the value of a mobile home that is not livable. Owner died in 1994. Amount \$170.26, Value \$9,190.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-00168, Bill # 99154.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$19.37, Value \$2,690.00, Year 1993, Account # 1302024, Bill # 62241.

Release the Property Value in the name of Andrews, Empire O.. Release the value of a mobile home that is not livable. Owner died in 1994. Amount \$178.29, Value \$10,240.00, Year 1997, Account # 03-00168, Bill # 61473.

Release the Property Value in the name of Andrews, Empire O.. Release value of m/h that is not livable. Owner died in 1994. Amount \$158.18, Value \$10,490.00, Year 1996, Account # 03-00168, Bill # 61472.

Release the Property Value in the name of Affordable Housing. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home does not exist. Amount \$97.35, Value \$2,450.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-00201, Bill # 79562.

Release the Property Value in the name of Affordable Housing. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home does not exist. Amount \$84.58, Value \$2,406.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00201, Bill # 79602.

Release the Property Value in the name of Affordable Housing. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home does not exist. Amount \$67.87, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-00201, Bill # 98851.

Release the Property Value in the name of Affordable Housing. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$67.87, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-00201, Bill # 27438.

Release the Property Value in the name of Affordable Housing. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$67.87, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-00201, Bill # 61441.

Release the Property Value in the name of Affordable Housing. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. This mobile home does not exist. Amount \$9.60, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-00201, Bill # 61440.

Release the Property Value in the name of Andrews, Empire O.. Release value of a mobile home that is not livable. Owner died in 1994. Amount \$193.75, Value \$8,681.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-00168, Bill # 7991.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Valerie D.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$191.66, Value \$11,990.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-35654, Bill # 30845.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sutphin, Christy. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$258.83, Value \$20,890.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-91569, Bill # 15888.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Spencer T.. Release a portion of the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property was billed with incorrect acreage rate. Amount \$927.20, Value \$115,900.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-00571, Bill # 14040.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Spencer T.. Release a portion of the property value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property was billed with incorrect acreage rate. Amount \$857.66, Value \$115,900.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-00571, Bill # 13146.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Peggy. Release the property value that should be tax exempt. Amount \$130.76, Value \$800.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-01083, Bill # 80949.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Valerie D.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$214.34, Value \$11,280.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-35654, Bill # 12446.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$122.70, Value \$2,970.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 39077.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Valerie D.. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$198.01, Value \$12,820.00, Year 1998, Account # 15-35654, Bill # 68389.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Valerie D.. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$205.66, Value \$13,820.00, Year 1997, Account # 15-35654, Bill # 68401.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Valerie D.. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$191.70, Value \$14,070.00, Year 1996, Account # 15-35654, Bill # 68400.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ling, Leslie S.. Release the value of a boat that was sold in 2000. Amount \$8.79, Value \$1,127.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-02338, Bill # 1321.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$122.70, Value \$2,970.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 544.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Lunita. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Oneil Jacobs. Amount \$174.26, Value \$6,219.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-08511, Bill # 98154.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Regina N.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee that is double listed in the name of Billy L. Cartrette. Amount \$218.08, Value \$9,526.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-08528, Bill # 88866.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Regina. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee that is double listed in the name of Billy L. Cartrette. Amount \$195.93, Value \$10,589.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-08528, Bill # 7870.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Regina. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee that is double listed in the name of Billy L. Cartrette. Amount \$202.06, Value \$11,671.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-08528, Bill # 46196.

Release the Property Value in the name of Carter, David M.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Mr Carter has never owned this boat. Amount \$4.20, Value \$477.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-00526, Bill # 85307.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$203.07, Value \$4,326.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 81368.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bellamy, Carl. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$159.80, Value \$3,494.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-02024, Bill # 81353.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Lunita. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of Oneil Jacobs. Amount \$219.92, Value \$6,241.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-08511, Bill # 98588.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Valerie D.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$260.83, Value \$10,890.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-35654, Bill # 13343.

Release the User Fee in the name of Coleman, Tammy D.. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-09966, Bill # 86608.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hilburn, Brack L.. Overcharge on user fee due to computer error. Amount \$160.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-08400, Bill # 96237.

Release the User Fee in the name of McNeil, Perry (Heirs). Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-57367, Bill # 54698.

Release the User Fee in the name of McNeil, Perry (Heirs). Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-57367, Bill # 59575.

Release the User Fee in the name of McNeil, Perry (Heirs). Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-57367, Bill # 3577.

Release the User Fee in the name of Monce, Julie A.. No trash can. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-04344, Bill # 4947.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shelley, Charles W.. Release user fee. This property is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-81937, Bill # 11627.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stackhouse, Judy F.. Release user fee. House is vacant. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 10-15937, Bill # 31784.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stackhouse, Judy F.. Release user fee on house that is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-15937, Bill # 14287.

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, Ulysses G.. Release two of three user fees. Two of the mobile homes are vacant. Amount \$330.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00622, Bill # 80492.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stackhouse, Judy F.. Release user fee on vacant house. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-15937, Bill # 13402.

Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-581-0200	Salaries	\$14,000
	10-590-0200	Salaries	(\$14,000)
Revenue		No Change	
Expenditure	10-590-0200	Salaries	(\$50,000)
	10-506-7200	Public Bldgs (Animal Control)	
Revenue		No Change	
Expenditure	10-611-6400	Adult Daycare	\$6,799
	10-611-1900	Special Asst. for the Blind	(\$850)
	10-611-6400	Adult Daycare	\$850
Revenue	10-348-1700	Aid to DSS	\$6,799
Expenditure	10-610-6025	Jobs Transportation	(\$20,000)
	10-611-0100	Daycare Federal	\$20,000
Revenue		None Listed	
Expenditure	10-480-901	Supp. Pension Plan	\$5,135
	10-480-9100	Children's Trust Fund	\$1,000
	10-480-9200	Conveyance Tax NC Dept. of Revenue	\$12,000
Revenue	10-325-0200	Excise	\$15,085
	10-325-0300	Marriages	\$3,050
Expenditure	37-700-9200	Remittance to District (Evergreen)	\$3,680
Revenue	37-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$3,920
	37-312-0000	Refunds	(\$50)
	37-313-0000	Releases	(\$190)
Expenditure	38-700-9200	Remittance to District (St. James)	\$555
Revenue	38-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$555
Expenditure	39-700-9200	Remittance to District (N. Whiteville)	\$7,500
Revenue	39-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$7,500
Expenditure	41-700-9200	Remittance to District (Old Dock)	\$800
Revenue	41-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$940
	41-312-0000	Refunds	(\$20)

	41-313-0000	Releases	(\$120)
Expenditure	42-310-0000	Remittance to District (Hillsboro)	\$3,000
Revenue	42-310-000	Special District Tax	\$3,000
Expenditure	43-700-9200	Remittance to District (Roseland)	\$3,000
Revenue	43-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$3,000
Expenditure	44-700-9200	Remittance to District (Yam City)	\$7,600
Revenue	44-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$8,200
	44-312-0000	Refunds	(\$100)
	44-313-0000	Releases	(\$500)
Expenditure	45-700-9200	Remittance to District (Acme Delco)	\$6,350
Revenue	45-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$6,350
Expenditure	46-700-9200	Remittance to District	\$10,900
Revenue	46-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$10,900
Expenditure	47-700-9200	Remittance to District (Coles Service)	\$600
Revenue	47-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$600
Expenditure	48-700-9200	Remittance to District (Cerro Gordo)	\$5,450
Revenue	48-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$5,450
Expenditure	49-700-9200	Remittance to District (Williams Township)	\$7,900
Revenue	49-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$7,900
Expenditure	51-700-9200	Remittance to District (White Marsh - Welches Creek)	\$2,000
Revenue	51-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$2,000
Expenditure	52-700-9200	Remittance To District (Whiteville Rescue)	\$9,500
Revenue	52-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$10,150
	52-313-0000	Releases	(\$650)
Expenditures	56-700-9200	Remittance to District (Brunswick)	\$6,000
Revenue	56-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$6,000
Expenditure	58-700-9200	Remittance to District (Bolton)	\$600
Revenue	58-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$600
Expenditure	59-700-9200	Remittance to District (Buckhead)	\$400
Revenue	59-310-0000	Special District Tax	\$400
Expenditure	35-580-2100	Rent	(\$2,500)
	35-580-3100	Automotive Supplies	(\$4,000)
	35-580-3300	Dept. Supplies	(\$1,500)
	35-580-5400	Insurance	(\$1,157)
	35-580-5700	Miscellaneous Expense	\$3,000
	35-580-7400	Capital Outlay	(\$10,000)

	35-580-4500	Contract Services	(\$250,000)
	35-580-1400	Travel	(\$1,000)
Revenue	35-312-0000	Refunds	(\$4,000)
	35-329-0000	Interest	7,000
	35-359-0000	Landfill User Fees	(\$495,000)
	35-359-0300	Tipping Fees	\$127,800
	35-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$77,043
	35-359-0100	Solid Waste Permit Fees	\$20,000
Expenditure	31-660-1500	M/R - Buildings and Grounds	\$10,000
	31-660-3200	Office Supplies	\$5,000
Revenue	31-340-0000	Signup Fees	\$15,000
Expenditure	36-650-1500	M/R - Buildings and Grounds	\$10,000
	36-650-3200	Office Supplies	\$5,000
Revenue	36-340-0000	Signup Fees	\$15,000

CHAF PROGRAM UPDATE

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, presented the following update on the Columbus County CHAF Program.

COLUMBUS COUNTY SUMMARY SHEET

CHAF Program

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TOTAL HOUSES			491	
Houses Inspected			489	
Replacement		283		282
Repair		206		207
Repair Work		206		
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	0			0
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0			0
Board Awarded, No Construction	126			134
Under construction	26			20
Complete	54			53
Replacement Work		283		
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	3			2
Board Awarded, No Construction	117			127
N.O.E. Sent, Under Construction	104			95
Complete	59			58
Not Visited			2	2
Legal Work				
Total Titles Requested	441			441
Titles Requested, Not Complete		137		142
Preliminary Title Complete		97		96
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed		47		45
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded		160		158

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, informed the Board of the following facts:

1. We have been informed our Legislation has took one hundred fifty million (\$150,000,000) dollars from somewhere as of last Wednesday. At this time, we do not know how much has been taken from the CHAF Program, if any.
2. It has been recommended that we get signed contracts on everything and secure the money needed.
3. In the CHAF Program, the money allocated for repairs can be made secure and the money allocated for the placements cannot be secure.

Commissioner Dutton asked how much had been spent so far of the twenty-five million (\$25,000,000) dollars allocated to Columbus County. Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, stated that seven million one hundred eighty-seven thousand and 00/100 (\$7,187,000.00) dollars had been spent through June 13, 2002.

DEPARTMENT of AGING REQUEST for APPROVAL

Ed Worley, Director of the Columbus County Department of Aging, requested the Board to approve the following items:

- A The Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee recommends the following:
1. Appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging as the Receiver Service Provider;
 2. Allow all programs with Home and Community Care Block Grant to remain as presently provided; **and**
 3. Accept the proposed allocations of \$489,994.00, local match of 10% of \$54,444.00 for a grant total of \$544,438.00.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

- B Title III-D Health Promotion funding \$7,149.00, plus 10%, County match of \$794.00 for a total of \$7,943.00; **and**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

- C Acceptance of the rebidding process for all congregate and home-delivered meals, involving our six (6) nutrition sites.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Commissioner Wilson asked why local companies were not bidding on the congregate and home-delivered meals. Ed Worley, Director of Columbus County Department of Aging, replied by stating it was very difficult for local companies to compete and to furnish meals at two and 69/100 (\$2.69) dollars each.

APPROVAL of ADVERTISING POLICY for COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested the Board approve the following Advertising Policy for the Columbus County transportation vans.

ADVERTISING POLICY on COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION VANS

Columbus County Transportation will not accept advertising that promotes the following themes:

- ALCOHOL
- EROTIC
- POLITICAL
- RELIGIOUS (or any Religious Affiliate)

Columbus County Interagency Transportation, Inc. (an advisory board to the Columbus County Commissioners) will have an Advertisement Approval Committee that approves or declines each advertising proposal.

The contracted advertiser(s) will send the proposed advertisement to the director of Columbus County Transportation. There will be four (4) people on the Advertisement Approval Committee. The advertisement will be taken to each member of the committee for their approval. There will be an official approval sheet for each advertisement. In case one (1) member is unreachable, then only three (3) of the four (4) members are needed for approval.

Columbus County Interagency Transportation, Inc. has the final say on the approval or disapproval of each submitted advertisement and its decision is final.

BOARD of ELECTIONS DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Annie Ruth Buffkin, Elections Supervisor, presented the Board with the following update on the Columbus County Board of Elections.

1. We have been doing List Maintenance.
2. We have to discontinue the List Maintenance ninety (90) days before any election is held.
3. At present, Columbus County has thirty-four thousand (34,000) active voters and two thousand (2,000) inactive voters.
4. This department needs physical addresses on various voters in lieu of post office boxes and rural addresses.
5. We have been performing mock elections which involves testing software and computers. One (1) mock election was performed on the 11th and another one (1) is scheduled again for the 25th.
6. Our voting machines have been checked and out of thirty-one and only two (2) were malfunctioning.

Commissioner Wilson asked how many deceased voters were still on the voter registration list. Ms. Buffkin stated there were not many left on the list.

7. We have provisional voting which is derived from the inactive voters. When they come into to vote, they must fill out new paperwork with all the related statistical information.
8. We will have early - no excuse voting this year. The deadline will be on Saturday at 1:00 P.M. before the actual election.
9. There will be curbside voting.
10. We will have three (3) offsite voting places which are listed as follows:
 - a. West Columbus High School Gyn;
 - b. Tabor City Library; and
 - c. Bolton Senior Center.
11. We presently have six (6) voting sites that are non-accessible to the handicapped.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Ms. Buffkin if there was any way the Board could help with these sites that were not accessible to the handicapped. Ms. Buffkin stated the Board could help them locate a central location for the voting precincts.

Commissioner Memory asked Ms. Buffkin if a citizen turned eighteen (18) years of age in between the registration deadline and the scheduled election day, would they be eligible to vote. Ms. Buffkin replied no they would not be eligible. They must be eighteen (18) years of age thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled election day.

APPROVAL of CONTRACT with MAXIMUS

Gayle B. Godwin, Columbus County Finance Officer, requested the Board's approval on a three (3)

year contract with Maximus for the preparation of the county's Indirect Cost Plan. A copy of which will be on file in the Columbus County Finance Office and the Columbus County Administration Office. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

APPROVAL and ADOPTION of DESIGNATION of APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION

Darren L. Currie, Columbus County Assistant County Administrator, requested the Board approve and adopt the following Resolution authorizing the people listed as agents of the County for the Scattered Site Housing Grant (No. 02-C-0947).

**DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has received a Scattered Site Housing Grant (No. 02-C-0947) from the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Community Assistance, and

WHEREAS, Columbus County wishes to authorize certain individuals to sign the Requisition for Funds forms and act as the County's Agent;

WHEREAS, Columbus County is required to adopt this resolution in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Scattered Site Housing Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the following people be authorized to sign the **Requisition for Funds** forms and act as the County's Agent:

Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman
C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman
Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator
Gayle B. Godwin, Finance Director

ADOPTED this the 17th day of June, 2002.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. MCKENZIE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RESOLUTION to SUPPORT CONTINUATION of EXISTING SCRAP TIRE ADVANCE DISPOSAL FEE

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, requested the Board to approve and adopt the following Resolution urging the continuation of the existing scrap tire advance disposal fee of two (2%) percent.

**RESOLUTION to SUPPORT CONTINUATION of
EXISTING SCRAP TIRE ADVANCE DISPOSAL FEE**

WHEREAS, the two (2%) percent Advance Disposal Fee is the central component of the North Carolina State Scrap Tire Program; and

WHEREAS, this is one (1) of the few areas in recycling and in promotion of solid waste reduction where the State of North Carolina has actively demonstrated leadership and vision; **and**

WHEREAS, the program has been highly effective here in Columbus County and throughout the State; **and**

WHEREAS, the fee has previously been one (1%) percent and was found to be inadequate to fund the essential programs related to managing scrap tires; **and**

WHEREAS, the fee supports abatement of nuisance tire collection sites and has been utilized here in Columbus county for that very purpose; **and**

WHEREAS, the fee supports and encourages scrap tire recycling activities; **and**

WHEREAS, the fee directly contributes to the significant reduction in illegal dumping of scrap tires across the State by providing and fully funding a program that efficiently and effectively manages this waste material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners that the Board fully supports the continuation of the two (2%) percent advance disposal fee and urges the legislature to make the existing Scrap Tire Disposal Program permanent.

ADOPTED, this the 17th day of June, 2002.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Wilson asked if there was any cost to Columbus County to dispose of these tires. Chuck Stanley, Columbus County Solid Waste Officer, replied and stated that there was cost involved. Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Resolution Levying the Third One-Half (½¢) Cent Local Government Sales and Use Tax and Prescribing the Method of Distribution of the Proceeds within Columbus County

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, requested the Board to approve and adopt the following Resolution.

**Resolution Levying the Third One-Half Cent (1/2¢)
Local Government Sales and Use Tax and Prescribing the Method
of Distribution of the Proceeds within Columbus County**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has authorized the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to levy a one-half percent (1/2%) local sales and use tax by enacting N.C.G.S. 105-517(b) in section 34.14(a) of Session Law 2001-424; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners held the public hearing on the issue of adopting this resolution on June 17, 2002, as required by N.C.G.S. 105-517(b) and proper public notice of the Board's intent to consider this resolution was provided by N.C.G.S. 105-517(b); **and**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly levied a one half percent (1/2%) state sales tax effective October 16, 2001 by enacting Section 34.14(a) of Session Law 2001-424, and this tax expires July 1, 2003, the same day the sales and use tax levied hereby becomes effective, and as a result the Board's action herein will not result in an increased sales and use tax for the consumer; and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2003, Columbus County will lose approximately \$1.7 million in funds made available by the State of North Carolina to replace revenue lost because of legislative action: (1) to repeal sales taxes imposed on purchases made with Food Stamps; (2) to repeal property taxes imposed on inventories held by manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers; (3) to repeal taxes on intangible personal property; and, (4) to reduce taxes levied on residential property owned by low-income elderly taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby finds that, particularly in light of the circumstances cited herein, the levy of the Third One-Half Cent (1/2¢) Local Government Sales and Use Tax is necessary to adequately finance the operations of the county and the cities and towns herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners:

- (1) There is hereby imposed and levied within Columbus County the Third One-Half Cent (1/2¢) Local Government Sales and Use Tax authorized by Section 34.14(a) Session Law and codified as Article 44 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The tax hereby imposed and levied shall apply to the same extent and be subject to the same limitations as are set forth in said Session Law 2001-424.
- (2) Collections of the tax by the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue, and liability therefore, shall begin and continue on and after the first day of July, 2003.
- (3) The net proceeds of the tax levied herein shall be distributed by the Secretary of Revenue on a quarterly basis to Columbus County as prescribed by N.C.G.S. 105-520. The amount distributed to Columbus County shall be divided among the county and the municipalities herein in accordance with the method by which the one percent (1%) sales and use taxes levied in Columbus County pursuant to Article 39 of General Statutes Chapter 105 are distributed.
- (4) This Resolution is effective upon its adoption, and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of June, 2002.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, CLERK

Commissioner Britt made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

WAIVER of FEE for NORTH WOOD ASSEMBLY CHURCH of WHITEVILLE

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator is requesting the Board to waive the one hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars fee for the fireworks display at the North Wood Assembly Church of Whiteville on June 29, 2002. Commissioner Memory made a motion for this fee to be waived, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

SUPPORT of CURRENTLY INTRODUCED STATE BILLS

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, is requesting the Board go on record as supporting the following two (2) bills and direct that a letter be sent to Columbus County's legislative delegation requesting their support of such bills and copies sent to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

- A. HB 1490/SB 1124; and
- B. HB 1491/SB 1122.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion the Board go on record as supporting these two (2) bills, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 7:50 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board Meeting and resume regular session, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

ESTON HINSON PRESENTATION to BOARD

Mr. Eston Hinson informed the Board of Commissioners he had a problem and needed some assistance with it. He presented the following information:

1. I own a business which I sold in the year of 1996;
2. The people I sold my business to kept it for three (3) years and then gave it back to me;
3. When the business was returned to me, it was in a wreck;
4. I attempted to obtain a permit to renovate the building and failed;
5. Within the building the business is housed in, there was enough space for two (2) apartments which I decided to build. At the present time, in one (1) apartment, a family consisting of a man, his wife and two (2) babies reside and in the other apartment, a family consisting of a man and his daughter reside;
6. I own my own water system and based on records maintained, there are two hundred fifty (250) gallons of water being used per week from the business and the two (2) apartments which are housed in the building;
7. Within the last several months, I have had visits from various Columbus County departments (i.e.: Health Department, Building Inspections Department and the Columbus County Fire Marshall);
8. I feel like I am being harassed and would like to know why.

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie asked if Bill Horne, a Columbus County Sanitation Inspector, could enlighten the Board about this situation. Bill Horne, presented the following facts to the Board:

1. I have prepared a list of chronological events regarding the Eston Hinson property at 260 Charlie Williamson Road. They are listed below.

#	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	09-15-1989	Application for septic tank system received for 15 employee cabinet shop

2	09-28-1989	Site evaluation done
3	01-12-1990	Neil Floyd and Mr. Hinson met on property to discuss system
4	01-17-1990	Neil, Bill Horne and Mr. Hinson met on property to discuss that system needed to be in front left corner of property
5	04-06-1990	Neil and District Soil Scientist, Bob Uebler looked at property
6	10-11-1990	Letter to Mr. Hinson from Bill Horne stating that a chemical or portable toilet was needed on the site while the building was under construction
7	01-02-1991	Letter from W.R. Hayes (BEMC) about temporary service pole
8	01-10-1991	Letter to Mr. Hinson from Neil Floyd stating that he was in violation of State Law for occupying the building and having no sewage system
9	01-18-91	Septic tanks buried
10	02-07-92	Neil talked to Mr. Hinson about having system completed
11	06-17-1993	Letter to Mr. Hinson from Mr. Floyd to install remainder of system
12	03-04-1996	Drain lines installed and checked
13	09-15-2000	Application for apartment received by CCHD
14	09-20-2000	Evaluation made by Brandon Grigsby
15	09-21-2000	Denial letter sent by CCHD
16	09-23-2000	Denial letter signed for by Eston Hinson
17	10-02-2000	Second opinion visit made at property by Dr. David McCloy, District Soil Scientist at Eston Hinson's request. Mr. Hinson told site was unsuitable.
18	12-03-2001	Complaint from neighbor about people living in apartments that were built in the cabinet shop. They questioned does he have permits?
19	12-10-2001	Brandon met with Mr. Hinson on property to follow up on complaint (to verify that apartments had been built). Noticed sewage entering a ditch through a pipe and Mr. Hinson was told this was not legal.
20	01-02-2002	Complaint #2 - system failing - people living in un-permitted apartments.
21	01-02-2002	Brandon visited property with Robert Strickland, also with CCHD. Drain line removed from ditch to pond.
22	02-11-2002	Brandon met with Mr. Hinson on property. Plumber had re-routed wash water to enter septic tank.
23	02-20-2002	Brandon met with Mr. Hinson - drain field around distribution box wet with sewage.
24	02-21-2002	Gene Inman fixed problem. New distribution box on supply line at drain field; dosing cycle too high, it is reset to pump around 60-80 gallons.
25	04-02-2002	Brandon visited property, no failures. Ms. Myrtle Hammonds from adjacent lot made complaints about situation.
26	05-16-2002	No failures, Brandon let Mr. Hinson know that even though the system was not failing, there were still issues that had to be dealt with, no permits, system not large enough.

2. Mr. Eston Hinson's business was originally permitted for a business with fifteen (15) employees. By the State's standards the sewage system would need to accommodate

three hundred seventy-five (375) gallons of water disposal daily. There are presently two (2) each, two (2) bedroom apartments located inside the building housing the business. According to State guidelines, each apartment would require a two hundred forty (240) gallons wastewater disposal rating a day which would equate to four hundred eighty (480) gallons of wastewater disposal daily.

3. I have been informed by Mr. Hinson he has dropped his employee number from fifteen (15) to five (5). This would require wastewater disposal rating of one hundred twenty-five (125) gallons per day and the four hundred eighty (480) gallons per day for the two (2) apartments which would equate to six hundred five (605) gallons of wastewater disposal daily. The present system only accommodates three hundred seventy-five (375). Even if Mr. Hinson dropped the number of employees to four (4), the wastewater disposal would be four hundred eighty (480) gallons daily.

- *** 4. We have been informed by the State, Mr. Hinson cannot expand his sewage system due to bad soil conditions. He needs to repair land and install two hundred (200') feet of additional drainage lines. ***See Correction made at the July 15, 2002 Meeting.***

Chairman McKenzie asked Mr. Walter Batten, Columbus County Building Inspector, if he could enlighten the Board with any information he had relating to this issue. Mr. Batten informed the Board Mr. Eston Hinson had yet, to his knowledge, obtained an electrical permit for permanent connection. He did obtain a temporary electrical permit for construction. In addition, Mr. Hinson did not apply or receive a building permit and did not have a certificate of occupancy. These certificates cannot be issued until Mr. Hinson has received the sanitation permit and this cannot be accomplished until his present situation is corrected or expanded.

Chairman McKenzie informed Mr. Eston Hinson he must conform to policies that have been established by Columbus County based on the North Carolina State Guidelines.

Mr. Eston Hinson wanted to know how much dirt was he suppose to place on property as was stated on the original permit, bearing date of July 26, 1990.

William Horne, Columbus County Sanitarian, requested that Brandon Grigsby reply to Mr. Hinson regarding the above question. Brandon Grigsby, Columbus County Sanitarian located the original permit in the file and stated there needed to be two (2') feet of sandy loamy soil added to the property.

Mr. Eston Hinson replied that only ten (10") inches of soil had been added at a cost to him of two thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars and it had passed the inspection. I would like for a non-interested party to go and check this out. All of the property has not been checked.

Chairman Dutton asked what recourse did Mr. Eston Hinson have, if any. James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, replied that Mr. Eston Hinson has administrative rights to appeal to the State if the time has not run out.

Commissioner Bill Memory suggested Mr. Eston Hinson to have one (1) apartment and four (4) employees and this would allow him to be within the legal limits and still operate.

Chairman McKenzie informed Mr. Eston Hinson he needed to follow the guidelines established by Columbus County as they had been established strictly by the State guidelines and must be adhered to.

RESOLUTION of ENDORSEMENT for the NCDOT ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Ms. Kim Neisler, Project Manager for the Whiteville Depot Project, is requesting the Board to adopt the following Resolution of Endorsement for the NCDOT Enhancement Funding.

RESOLUTION of ENDORSEMENT for the NCDOT ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Whiteville, North Carolina, endorses the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce in their application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Enhancement Funding; **and**

WHEREAS, this funding will further enhance the renovation of the Whiteville (Vineland) Train Station Depot by aiding in the cost of refurbishing rail cars to be received by Carolina Southern Railroad that will be utilized for storage and display at the renovated depot; **and**

WHEREAS, it is our understanding the addition of these rail cars will add to the development of the project and help promote tourism in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, it is further understood there will be no monetary cost to Columbus County but will allow the depot project to be further improved for the residents and visitors of Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce in their application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Enhancement Funding.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of June, 2002.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVAL of JULY 4TH FIREWORKS for TABOR CITY

Commissioner Lynwood Norris stated there would be a fireworks display sponsored by the Town of Tabor City on July 4, 2002 and the Board of Commissioners granted approval annually. Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the July 4, 2002 fireworks display sponsored by the Town of Tabor City, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

RECESS MEETING

At 8:55 P.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess the meeting until **Monday, June 24, 2002, at 7:00 P.M.**, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.
