

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, July 1, 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 their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday of the Month.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the Public Hearing. He stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was for discussion of the County of Columbus adopting a Resolution establishing goals for participation of minority businesses in building construction contracts. There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

At 7:03 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion for the Public Hearing to be closed, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

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:

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

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the regular meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Fredricca Steele. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Norris made a motion for the June 17, 2002 and June 24, 2002 Board Minutes be approved as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
July 1, 2002**

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$129.54, Value \$7,429.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 61558.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Rita. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-01720, Bill # 2641.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Rita. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-01720, Bill # 41122.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Rita. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$107.65, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 16-01720, Bill # 61606.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Rita. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$9.36, Value \$1,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 16-01720, Bill # 61605.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brooks, Jessie D.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned in 1981. Amount \$187.35, Value \$2,540.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-09101, Bill # 83066.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Ginger K.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue that was sold in 1992. Amount \$227.83, Value \$7,140.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-26681, Bill # 18553.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brooks, Jessie D.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned in 1981. Amount \$118.88, Value \$2,400.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-09101, Bill # 2169.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brooks, Jessie D.. Home burned in 1981. Amount \$121.64, Value \$2,830.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-09101, Bill # 61571.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brooks, Jessie D.. Release the value of a mobile home that burned in 1981. Amount \$88.82, Value \$3,079.00, Year 1996, Account # 01-09101, Bill # 61570.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home does not exist. Amount \$219.92, Value \$6,241.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 82918.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$174.26, Value \$6,219.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 82874.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$150.30, Value \$6,580.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 2016.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Rita. Mobile home does not exist. Amount \$138.22, Value \$1,669.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-01720, Bill # 83509.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$154.89, Value \$7,180.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 61559.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brooks, Jessie D.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned in 1981. Amount \$146.53, Value \$2,644.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-09101, Bill # 83025.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$13.52, Value \$1,878.00, Year 1993, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 63520.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, James A.. Release value of mobile home and Columbus Rescue fee. Home was moved to Clinton in 1995. Amount \$219.92, Value \$6,241.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-01315, Bill # 82829.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, James A.. Home moved to Clinton in 1995. Amount \$174.26, Value \$6,219.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-01315, Bill # 82794.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, James A.. Mobile home moved to Clinton in 1995. Amount \$150.30, Value \$6,580.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-01315, Bill # 1939.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, James A.. Mobile home moved to Clinton in 1995. Amount \$152.29, Value \$6,840.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-01315, Bill # 40437.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, James A.. Mobile home moved to Clinton

in 1995. Amount \$154.89, Value \$7,180.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-01315, Bill # 61553.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewington, James A.. Mobile home moved to Clinton in 1995. Amount \$129.54, Value \$7,429.00, Year 1996, Account # 04-01315, Bill # 61552.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Marvin Jr.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland Fire (8.00) and the Columbus Rescue (2.67). Home is double listed in the name of Marvin Laverne Bass. Amount \$291.07, Value \$13,325.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-00549, Bill # 80952.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Leverne. Release the value of a mobile home and the Roseland Fire (8.40) and the Columbus Rescue (2.80). Home is double listed in the name of M. Leverne Bass & Bonnie. Amount \$285.40, Value \$14,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-00827, Bill # 80950.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bass, Leverne. Release value of mobile home that is double listed in the name of M. Leverne Bass & Bonnie. Amount \$234.20, Value \$14,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-00827, Bill # 80942.

Release the Property Value in the name of Apple, Iona. Release the value of a single wide and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. Amount \$201.79, Value \$4,599.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-00197, Bill # 79961.

Release the Property Value in the name of Apple, Iona. Release value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$158.59, Value \$4,665.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-00197, Bill # 79973.

Release the Property Value in the name of Adams, Jerry E.. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat was sold in 2000. Amount \$39.16, Value \$4,450.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-00024, Bill # 87831.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brinston, Mary A.. Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist. Amount \$152.29, Value \$6,840.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-02422, Bill # 40512.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brooks, Jessie D.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home burned in 1981. Amount \$119.73, Value \$2,509.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-09101, Bill # 40664.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Naomi. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Property was billed with incorrect lot size. Amount \$122.40, Value \$15,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-03843, Bill # 5203.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Linda. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$332.36, Value \$28,800.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-00841, Bill # 6398.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Linda. 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 \$395.40, Value \$28,800.00, Year 2001, Account # 04-00841, Bill # 7069.

Release the Property Value in the name of Quattlebaum, Nina. Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the same name in a different township. Amount \$225.19, Value \$6,840.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-05643, Bill # 8986.

Release the Property Value in the name of Troy, Maxwell. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek fee (16.85) and the Whiteville Rescue (4.21). Home was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$284.17, Value \$21,060.00, Year 1997, Account # 14-17036, Bill # 67629.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincy, Bobby. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mark Carter King. Amount \$194.34, Value \$15,300.00, Year 2001,

Account # 10-12403, Bill # 4706.

Release the Property Value in the name of Troy, Maxwell. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek (13.98) and the Whiteville Rescue (3.50). Home was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$252.87, Value \$17,480.00, Year 1999, Account # 14-17036, Bill # 34447.

Release the Property Value in the name of Troy, Maxwell. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek (15.21) and the Columbus Rescue (3.80). Home was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$266.24, Value \$19,010.00, Year 1998, Account # 14-17036, Bill # 71951.

Release the Property Value in the name of Troy, Maxwell. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek (12.50) and the Whiteville Rescue (3.13). Home was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$316.29, Value \$15,630.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-17036, Bill # 17122.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Ginger K.. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1992. Amount \$141.71, Value \$8,730.00, Year 1996, Account # 03-26681, Bill # 81558.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Ginger K.. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1992. Amount \$164.83, Value \$8,480.00, Year 1997, Account # 03-26681, Bill # 81559.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Ginger K.. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1992. Amount \$161.85, Value \$8,090.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-26681, Bill # 73247.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Ginger K.. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1992. Amount \$159.40, Value \$7,770.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-26681, Bill # 35787.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ward, Ginger K.. Release the value of a mobile home that was sold in 1992. Amount \$183.21, Value \$7,350.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-26681, Bill # 17557.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Rita. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home does not exist. Amount \$180.58, Value \$1,770.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-01720, Bill # 83569.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Brenda W.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was sold in 1992. Amount \$237.60, Value \$8,250.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-03031, Bill # 83867.

Release the Property Value in the name of Troy, Maxwell. Release the value of a mobile home and the Welches Creek (13.01) and the Whiteville Rescue (3.25). Home was repossessed in 1996. Amount \$271.66, Value \$16,260.00, Year 2000, Account # 14-17036, Bill # 16177.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mincy, Bobby. Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Mark Carter King. Amount \$175.16, Value \$15,300.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-12403, Bill # 4074.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Brenda W.. Mobile home sold in 1992. Amount \$162.84, Value \$8,220.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-03031, Bill # 37258.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Brenda W.. Mobile home sold in 1992. Amount \$192.24, Value \$8,490.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-03031, Bill # 83796.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Brenda W.. Mobile home sold in 1992. Amount \$130.53, Value \$8,221.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-03031, Bill # 39320.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bullock Rodney. Mobile home repossessed in 1999. Amount \$238.77, Value \$21,940.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-04711, Bill # 84162.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bullock, Rodney. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$257.60, Value \$22,479.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-04711, Bill # 84237.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bullock, Rodney. Mobile home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$379.64, Value \$43,700.00, Year 2000, Account # 10-03020, Bill # 84161.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bullock, Rodney. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was repossessed in 1999. Amount \$424.60, Value \$43,700.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-03020, Bill # 84236.

Release the Property Value in the name of Burns, Marjorie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams Fire (24.18) and the Columbus Rescue (8.06). Home was repossessed in 2000. Amount \$511.58, Value \$40,300.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-02166, Bill # 84357.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, William W.. Release the value of a mobile home and the Klondyke Fire (23.24) and the Columbus Rescue (6.64). Home is double listed in the name of William & Rhonda Godwin. Amount \$453.84, Value \$33,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-04181, Bill # 93035.

Release the Property Value in the name of Herring, Danny J.. Release value of house that was torn down in 1999. Amount \$82.80, Value \$11,500.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-08533, Bill # 95934.

Release the Property Value in the name of Herring Danny J.. Release value of house that was torn down in 1999. Amount \$89.70, Value \$11,500.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-08533, Bill # 96303.

Release the Property Value in the name of Buffkin, Brenda W.. Mobile home sold in 1992. Amount \$162.84, Value \$8,220.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-03031, Bill # 41381.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, E. Milton. Trash can picked up in 2000. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-06032, Bill # 93286.

Release the User Fee in the name of Herring, Danny J.. House is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-08533, Bill # 96303.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Daniel M.. House vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-07020, Bill # 93929.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Junie. User fee double listed in the name of Junie & Carley Graham. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-07264, Bill # 94046.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Kevin. No trash can at this address. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 15-00537, Bill # 12707.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Kevin. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-00537, Bill # 94053.

Release the User Fee in the name of Herring, Danny J.. House vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 08-08533, Bill # 95934.

Release the User Fee in the name of James, William. Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Teinne James. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 09-15560, Bill # 98712.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Terry. Release a portion of the user fee. House is inside the city limits. Amount \$40.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-26910, Bill # 23846.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Terry. Release a portion of the user fee. House is inside the city limits. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-26910, Bill # 5196.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealey, Terry. Release a portion of the user fee. House is inside the city limits. Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-26910, Bill # 5836.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nobles, Willa D.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$82.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 05-04732, Bill

6268.

Release the User Fee in the name of Quinn, Delores F.. Release a portion of the user fee. House inside city limits. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-33765, Bill # 8260.

Release the User Fee in the name of Turner, Robert F.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have trash can for a full year. Amount \$82.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-40024, Bill # 17294.

Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, Melvin. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-12761, Bill # 90449.

Release the User Fee in the name of Quinn, Delores F.. Release a portion of the user fee. House inside the city limits. Amount \$90.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-33765, Bill # 8989.

Commissioner Wilson asked why the statement was listed on the Tax Releases as follows: "No trash can at this location"? Chuck Stanley, Solid Waste Officer, was scheduled to check this out. I want to know why this has not been done.

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, stated the solid waste fee was made up of two (2) parts which are: 1) trash pickup; and 2) livable residence.

Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman, requested Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to check out the full refund amount that was being refunded and from which part. We need a distinction made between the two (2) parts.

Commissioner Memory stated he wanted this matter to be checked out in the next two (2) weeks and the results to be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

Chairman McKenzie informed Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator to determine what we are doing and what is in our best interest to do.

It was unanimously voted on for Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to proceed to determine this distinction on the Tax Releases and the best method for Columbus County to utilize.

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

Previous
6-14-02

TOTAL HOUSES			491	
Houses Inspected			491	
Replacement		285		283
Repair		206		206
Repair Work		206		
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	0			0
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0			0
Board Awarded, No Construction	121			126
Under Construction	27			26
Complete	58			54

Replacement Work		285	
Work Write-up/Lawyer Processing	3		3
Board Awarded, No Construction	112		117
N.O.E. Sent, Under Construction	96		104
Complete	74		59
Not Visited			0
			2
Legal Work			
Total Titles Requested	440		441
Titles Requested, Not complete		124	137
Preliminary Title Complete		92	97
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed		48	47
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded		176	160

Gerald Holleman, State liaison for the CHAF Program informed the Board the Governor wanted this program substantially complete by December, 2002 and Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, is bringing a person on board to help push this program at his expense.

SCATTERED SITE HOUSING GRANT (CDBG 02-C-0947)

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following three (3) documents for the Scattered Site Housing Grant (CDBG 02-C-0947). The original executed documents will be kept on file in the Administration Office.

1. Resolution Approving the Selection of Grant Administrator and Execution of Administration Contract for the CDBG 2002 Scattered Site Housing Program Grant and Authorizing a Purchase Order: \$40,000.00;

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

2. Project Ordinance: North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2002 Scattered Site Housing Program: \$400,000.00; and

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

3. Columbus County North Carolina 2002 Scattered Site Housing Grant Administration Contract.

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

REGIONAL LOCAL MANAGEMENT for MENTAL HEALTH

Discussion was held concerning Columbus County participating in the LME for the Southeastern Regional Mental Health. Commissioner Wilson stated Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, and Steve Ramey, Area Director for Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, should set down and discuss a few items relating to this. Commissioner Wilson stated their budget should be broken down by department to allow disclosure as to how the money is expended. Commissioner Britt made a motion for the following Resolution to be adopted, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

RESOLUTION

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at its regular meeting held on July 1, 2002, adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the 1999 General Assembly, Regular Session 2000, established the Joint Legislative

Oversight Committee ("Committee") on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; and

WHEREAS, said Committee reviewed the governance, structure, and financing of the current mental health system and reported its recommendations to the 2001 General Assembly for legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 General Assembly enacted Session Law 2001-437, House Bill 381 based upon these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, said Session Law 2001-437, House Bill 381, Section 1.4 (§ 122C-10I) provides that within the public system of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services, there are area, county, and State facilities. An area authority or county program is the locus of coordination among public services for clients of its catchment area;" and

WHEREAS, it is further provided therein at Section 1.8 (§ 122C-1 15) that a "county shall provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services through an area authority or through a county program established pursuant to G.S. 122C-1 15.1;" and

WHEREAS, the several counties of Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, and Scotland, currently operate as a multi-county area authority collectively known as Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services ("SRMHIDD/SAS"); and

WHEREAS, Columbus County has been a member of SRMH/DD/SAS since July 1, 1967 and desires to continue its affiliation with this multi-county area authority; and

WHEREAS, SRMH/DD/SAS has expressed a desire to expand its current catchment area to include at least one additional county in this multi-county area authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissions of Columbus County, North Carolina, that a Resolution be, and the same is hereby unanimously adopted, that Columbus County will continue its affiliation with SRMH/DD/SAS as a multi-county area authority.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Columbus County, as a member of SRMH/DD/SAS, will encourage expansion of the current four county catchment area to include at least one additional county within this multi-county area authority.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED at its regularly scheduled meeting, this 1st day of July, 2002.

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

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

AGING-APPROVAL of FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Ed Worley, Columbus County Department of Aging Director, requested Board approval of the Family Caregiver Support Program. This grant is in the amount of \$25,451.00 with a twenty (20%) percent match of \$6,363.00 for a total amount of \$31,814.00. Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

FINANCE - UTILITY and SALES TAX RE-ALLOCATION AUDIT PROPOSALS

Gayle Godwin, Columbus County Finance Director, requested Board approval of the Utility and Sales Tax Re-Allocation Audit Proposals as presented to Columbus County by Utilities Reduction Specialists. The payment to this company is contingent on the amount of savings found and agreed upon by Columbus County. This was originally presented at the June 3, 2002 Meeting and was taken under advisement at that time. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

PARKS and RECREATION - SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION

Carroll Worrell, Columbus County Parks and Recreation Director, requested Board approval to declare the following two (2) items surplus property and permission to dispose of these items:

<u>CONTROL #</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>
4002	RC 48 Kubota Mower #30344
7398	K412436 74" Flail Mower.

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

Commissioner Wilson suggested to the Board the fifty (50') feet and one hundred fifty (150') feet parcel of land located in front of the Sheriff's Department be declared surplus property.

Commissioner Memory stated each County department should list any items they have that needed to be declared as surplus property and turn this list into the Administration Office. This list of all items would be advertised for public auction. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the list of items be advertised for public auction, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

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

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Dutton made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

At 7:56 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Authority Board Meeting and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Authority Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

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

At 7:57 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Authority Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

SOUTHEAST INDUSTRIAL PARK-DEDICATION of SEWER LINES

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, requested Board approval of a Deed of Easement for the Southeast Industrial Park sewer line to the City of Whiteville. The Deed of Easement is as follows:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

DEED of EASEMENT

This Deed, made this the _____ day of May, 2002, by and between **Columbus**, a body politic, duly formed, organizing and existing under and by virtue of the General Assemble of the State of North Carolina, and the **City of Whiteville**, North Carolina, a municipal corporation, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina,

WITNESS:

WHEREAS, Columbus County is the owner of a certain sewer line which is located between the Columbus County Industrial Park located along North Carolina Highway 130, approximately one-half the distance between the City of Whiteville and the Town of Chadbourn; and

WHEREAS, all these industrial sewer lines (inside of and outside of industrial park and which are owned by the County of Columbus), including the lift stations were intended to be dedicated to the City of Whiteville, who shall thereafter be entirely and completely responsible for the obligations of ownership, maintenance and upkeep of the same; and

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus is desirous of the continuous development of the Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whiteville has agreed to allow all of the tenants (present and future of the said Industrial Park to tap on and use the non-hazardous waste sewage lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor, the County of Columbus, for and in consideration of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and other good and valuable consideration to it in hand paid, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the City of Whiteville and the City of Whiteville does hereby accept a perpetual right and easement to the sewer lines and the lift stations located within and outside of the Columbus County Industrial Park and the maintenance thereof. These lines and lift stations which are located between the Columbus County Industrial Park and the city limits of Whiteville, North Carolina.

By acceptance of this Deed of Easement, the City of Whiteville also agrees to accept all future owners and tenants within in the Columbus County Industrial Park as users of the non-hazardous sewer disposal system in the City of Whiteville up to 100,000 gallons per day pending the results of the sewer capacity study. The allowance of future owners and tenants to tap onto the sewer system of the City of Whiteville is for the sole purpose of disposing of non-hazardous waste sewage within the City of Whiteville's sewage system.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said right and ownership of the sewage lines and the pump station, to the said City of Whiteville, its successors and assigns in title; it being agreed that the rights and easement herein, granted are appurtenant to and runs with the land. The County of Columbus does not warrant or certify as to ownership of the real estate where the sewer line run, as the same is located on the highway right of ways and permission has previously been granted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties of the first part, the County of Columbus, have caused this instrument to be executed in its name, by its Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, attested by its Clerk, and the county seal to be affixed thereto, all by the authority of the Board of County Commissioners duly given; and the parties of the second part, the City of Whiteville, agrees to accept the same and has caused this instrument to be executed in its name, by its Mayor of the City of Whiteville, attested by its Clerk, and the city seal to be affixed thereto, all by the authority of the City of Whiteville duly given.

(SEAL)

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

COLUMBUS COUNTY
/s/ Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

CITY OF WHITEVILLE
/s/ Anne W. Jones, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Susan D. Rhodes, City clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

This the ___ day of _____, 2002, personally came before me, _____, a Notary Public, **JUNE B. HALL**, who being by me duly sworn, says that she knows the official seal of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County and is acquainted with **Amon E. McKenzie**, who is Chairman of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and that she, the said

JUNE B. HALL, is the Clerk of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and saw the said official seal of said Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County affixed to the said instrument in the presence of said Chairman of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, all by order of said Board.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2002.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

/s/ _____

My Commission Expires: _____.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that Susan D. Rhodes with whom I am personally acquainted, personally appeared before me, and being by me duly sworn, says that she is the City Clerk of the City of Whiteville and that she knows the common seal of the City of Whiteville, and that she saw the said Mayor sign the foregoing instrument and saw the common seal of the said City of Whiteville affixed to said instrument by said Mayor and that she as City Clerk signed her name in attestation of the execution of said instrument by said Mayor.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2002.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

/s/ _____

My Commission Expires: _____.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
County of Columbus

The foregoing or annexed certificates of _____ Notary(ies) Public of Columbus County, State of North Carolina, are certified to be correct. This instrument and certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the book and page shown on the first page hereof.

/s/ KANDANCE H.. WHITEHEAD
REGISTER OF DEEDS

BY: _____

Delivered To: Jim Hill.

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve the Deed of Easement for the sewer line at the Southeast Industrial Park, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

VOTING DELEGATE for NCACC - AUGUST 23-25,2002

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, requested the Board to designate a voting delegate to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' 95th Annual Conference. Commissioner Wilson nominated Commissioner Sammie Jacobs to be the voting delegate, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

NCACC 95TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Administrator, requested the Board to inform Administration of the number of attendees who were going to the NCACC 95th Annual Conference. The response was as follows:

YES: Chairman Amon E. McKenzie, Gene Wilson, Sammie Jacobs and County Administrator Billy Joe Farmer.

NO: David L. Dutton, Jr., Lynwood Norris and Randy Britt.

UNDECIDED: Bill Memory.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G. S. §143-318.11, seconded by Commissioner Norris.

The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT - NURSING/ADULT CARE HOME JOINT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLUMBUS COUNTY)

Commissioner Gene Wilson appointed Catherine Cook, 507 Oliver Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, telephone: (910) 640-2957, to fill the unexpired term of Annie Hayes, on this committee.

COMMENDATION for SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Jacobs commended the Columbus County's Sheriff's Department for the recent bust they made in conjunction with the Columbus County Department of Social Services on the Medicaid fraud cases.

MOMENT OF PRAYER for MARY THOMPSON

Chairman McKenzie requested everyone to please stand in a moment of prayer for Mary Thompson, a Department of Social Services employee who lost her husband. Everyone in attendance stood in reverence of this observance.

A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING INDEPENDENCE DAY and EXPRESSING SUPPORT of the RECITAL of the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dutton requested the Board approve a Resolution in support of the Pledge of Allegiance and keeping the original wording as is. Commissioner Norris made a motion that this Resolution in support of the Pledge of Allegiance be approved, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried. The Resolution is listed below.

A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING INDEPENDENCE DAY and EXPRESSING SUPPORT of the RECITAL of the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WHEREAS, Independence Day is our country's most important national holiday; **and**
WHEREAS, On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence, declaring freedom of thirteen (13) American colonies from British rule at a meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; **and**

WHEREAS, the fifty-six (56) signers of the Declaration of Independence included three (3) men from North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes and John Penn; **and**

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1783, the General Assembly, : *"Resolved, that the fourth day of July be and is hereby appointed a day of General Thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for the gracious Interposition of Divine Providence in behalf of this nation..."*; **and**

WHEREAS, this country was founded on religious freedom and our Founding Fathers deeply believed that the freedom to worship as one chooses was a fundamental right; **and**

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance has for almost fifty (50) years included references to our country having been established as a union **"under God"** and to this country being dedicated to securing **"liberty and justice for all"**; **and**

WHEREAS, on July 4th, which is the 226th birthday of our nation, the General Assembly and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners support reciting the Pledge of Allegiance across our nation and observing our nation's patriotic traditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners concurring:

SECTION 1: The General Assembly commemorates July 4th, our Day of Independence, and urges the people of Columbus County to participate in activities celebrating our nation's freedom.

SECTION 2: The General Assembly supports the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance as we recommit ourselves to the principles and traditions that motivated our Founding Fathers and guaranteed to us the blessings of liberty.

SECTION 3: This resolution is effective upon ratification.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of July, 2002.

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

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

INVITATION to JULY 3, 2002 EVENT

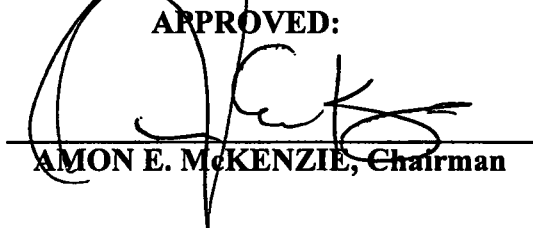
Carroll Worrell, Parks and Recreation Director, invited the Board and anyone who would like to attend the July 3, 2002 event being held in downtown Whiteville in observance of July 4th. She stated Ms. Heather Farmer had worked diligently in preparing the music for this event. The event is free of charge.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 P.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Britt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.



JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:


AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman