

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, August 19, 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 two (2) scheduled Public Hearings and their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

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**

PUBLIC HEARING #1 (Application for 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Funding):

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the Public Hearing by stating the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County with regard to community development and housing needs. He requested Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, to explain the grant.

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, presented the following information to the Board and the audience.

1. The application for this grant is due September 23, 2002.
2. Counties and cities may apply for this grant.
3. This grant entails the following: residential houses, street paving, sewer needs and water lines.
4. The procedure for application for this grant will require two (2) Public Hearings. The first public hearing is to invite the public for their input and answer any questions they may have. In between the first public hearing and the second public hearing, the possible sites need to be reviewed and recommendations are to be brought to the Board of Commissioners. The second public hearing is held for delivering the results and making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.
5. The State of North Carolina will allow a maximum grant request of \$700,000.00 and they have waived the matching funds that is normally required.
6. If funded, this grant must go through a procurement process to hire a program administrator.
7. This grant is for a concentrated site but can be done in two (2) lumps. Each lump must entail at least five (5) houses and must have at least ten (10) houses in between lumps.
8. The requirements of this grant is based on eighty (80%) percent of median income. Mr. Adams provided estimates of the income limits based on family size as follows:

1 person	\$17,000/year
2 people	\$19,000/year
3 people	\$21,000/year
9. The deadline for suggesting potential target areas for this grant will be at the close of business Wednesday, August 21, 2002.

There were no comments from the public

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested the required second public hearing be scheduled for September 16, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. It was the general consensus of the Board to schedule the required second public hearing as recommended by Floyd Adams.

At 7:13 P.M., Commissioner Britt made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant)

At 7:15 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the second Public Hearing by stating the purpose was to notify citizens of the proposed application contents and to receive oral or written comments relative to the proposed application. Chairman McKenzie requested Sheriff Ferguson to stand and explain this grant. Sheriff Ferguson stated this was a grant that was requested by the Sheriff's Department annually. The money received was utilized to buy equipment for the Sheriff's Department that was not in the Budget such as cars, walkie-talkies, etc. This grant does have a match which we have in our budget.

There were no comments from the public.

At 7:17 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to close the Public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Regular Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Sammie Jacobs. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the August 5, 2002 Board Minutes as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to Administration from the Tax Office):
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Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$31.80, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1999, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 2152.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fee (7.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.46). Home is double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$249.27, Value \$7,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 65204.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$233.29, Value \$7,760.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 87620.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Mobile home double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$188.28, Value \$7,990.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 87433.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Mobile home double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$164.60, Value \$8,450.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 6471.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Mobile home double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$167.20, Value \$8,790.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 44840.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee (10.56) and the Columbus Rescue fee (3.52). Property is double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$151.36, Value \$17,600.00, Year 7089, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 7089.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lowery, James F.. Release the value of a double wide, the Cole Service (16.60) Columbus Rescue (3.32). Mobile home was moved to Brunswick County

in 2000. Amount \$314.40, Value \$16,600.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-10411, Bill # 1970.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$32.80, Value \$4,000.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 83009.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Mobile home double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$342.51, Value \$18,640.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 64477.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$31.80, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1998, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 40648.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$31.80, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1997, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 36554.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$35.20, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 38628.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance, Amount \$35.20, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1995, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 93764.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$34.40, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1994, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 22698.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$32.80, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1993, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 63638.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$31.60, Value \$4,000.00, Year 1992, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 66583.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cross, Ollie. Mobile home double listed in the name of James C. Cross. Amount \$299.15, Value \$19,140.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-16888, Bill # 64476.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$132.88, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1998, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 62717.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bromello, Richard. Release the property value and the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (4.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.80). Property is double listed in the name of Mattie Nance. Amount \$36.00, Value \$4,000.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-01555, Bill # 83049.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$132.88, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1999, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 24989.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Michael. Release value of single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$129.54, Value \$7,430.00, Year 1996, Account # 08-13444, Bill # 68053.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$132.88, Value \$17,600.00, Year 1997, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 57723.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property is double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$84.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1996, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 59519.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$84.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1995, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 14255.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property is double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$82.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1994, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 42796.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property is double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$78.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1993, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 83708.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Michael. Release value of single wide home that was traded for a double wide home. Amount \$152.29, Value \$6,840.00, Year 1998, Account # 08-13444, Bill # 61042.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee. Property is double listed in the heirs names. Amount \$137.28, Value \$17,600.00, Year 2000, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 6420.

Release the Property Value in the name of Parker, Stella. Release the property value and the Bolton Fire fee that is double listed in the Heirs names. Amount \$75.00, Value \$10,000.00, Year 1992, Account # 04-12700, Bill # 89684.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Michael. Release the value of a single wide that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$154.89, Value \$7,180.00, Year 1997, Account # 08-13444, Bill # 68054.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Michael. Release the value of a single wide that was traded for a double wide home. Amount \$150.30, Value \$6,580.00, Year 1999, Account # 08-13444, Bill # 23223.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Michael. Release the value of a single wide home that was traded for a double wide. Amount \$174.26, Value \$6,220.00, Year 2000, Account # 18-13444, Bill # 4555.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Michael. Release the value of a single wide home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was traded for a double wide. Amount \$219.92, Value \$6,241.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-13444, Bill # 5193.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles Jack D.. Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Mark A. Turbeville. Amount \$15.84, Value \$2,200.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-30023, Bill # 5522.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nobles, Jack D.. Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Property is double listed in the name of Mark A. Turbeville. Amount \$17.60, Value \$2,200.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-30023, Bill # 6148.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$120.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 35639.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$36.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1993, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 93205.

Release the User Fee in the name of Perry, Willie Mae. Houses are vacant. Amount \$150.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-32500, Bill # 7401.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Virginia B.. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$73.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-27566, Bill # 94764.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Martha L.. Trash can picked up in 2000. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-20001, Bill # 98599.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$36.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1992, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 591.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Martha L.. Trash can picked up in 2000. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-20001, Bill # 76414.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$36.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1994, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 52269.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$72.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1995, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 23884.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$72.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1996, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 69347.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$120.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 73102.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$130.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 17401.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$150.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 18386.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Jimmy. User fee double listed in the same name with a different account number. Amount \$103.20, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-03801, Bill # 69133.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Charles E.. House burned in 1989. Amount \$120.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 13-41840, Bill # 67681.

REFUNDS (as submitted to the Administration Office from the Tax Office):

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Request a refund in the name of Murphy, Shirley, 3844 Tom Sessions Rd., Whiteville,, NC 28472. Refund user fee. No trash can at this address. Please make check payable to Shirley M. Spaulding. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-11480, Bill # 5495.

Request a refund in the name of Long, Dewey Heirs, 309 W. 6th St., Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund user fee. Billed for three trash cans. Only has two. Make check payable to Gertrude Johnson and Columbus County Tax Office. Check to be applied to delinquent tax. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-23380, Bill # 52933.

Request a refund in the name of Long, Dewey Heirs, 309 W. 6th St., Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund user fee. Billed for three trash cans, only has two. Make check payable to Gertrude Johnson and Columbus County Tax Office. Check will be applied to delinquent tax. Amount \$60.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-23380, Bill # 57734.

Request a refund in the name of Long, Dewey Heirs, 309 W. 6th St., Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund user fee. Billed with three trash cans, only has two. Make check payable to Gertrude Johnson and Columbus County Tax Office. Check to be applied to delinquent tax. Amount \$85.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-23380, Bill # 1023.

Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	33-690-0100	Preliminary Engineering Report	\$12,500
	33-690-0200	Capital Improvement Plan	\$7,500
	33-690-0300	Environmental Assessment	\$7,500
	33-690-0400	Sewer Rate Study	\$3,500
	33-690-0500	Preliminary Survey	\$6,500
	33-690-0600	Project Administration	\$2,500
	33-690-0700	Construction Application Prep	\$4,500
Revenue	33-336-0000	Fair Bluff - Wastewater Study	\$1,500
	33-336-0100	Cerro Gordo - Wastewater Study	\$1,500
	33-336-0200	Boardman - Wastewater Study	\$1,500
	33-348-2002	NC Rural Center	\$40,000

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**

Previous
8-02-02

TOTAL HOUSES			491	
Houses Inspected			491	
Replacement		286		286
Repair		205		205
Repair Work		205		
Work Write-up	0			0
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0			0
Board Awarded, No Construction	107			111
Under Construction	23			25
Complete	75			69
Replacement Work		286		
Work Write-up	1			2
Board Awarded, No Construction	160			162
N.O.E. Sent	39			41
Under Construction	68			68
Complete	86			81
Not Visited			0	0
Legal Work				
Total Titles Requested	463			441
Titles Requested, Not Complete		98		137
Preliminary Title Complete		78		106
Prom. Note/Dee of Trust Requested, Not Signed		76		46
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded		211		202

Commissioner Wilson stated he had been told in the House Budget, they plan to take the

money back that had been obligated for the CHAF Program and would this affect Columbus County.

Floyd Adams responded to Mr. Wilson's inquiry by stating this was the SCARF money and Columbus County had already obligated this money and it could not be taken away at this stage.

COLUMBUS COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION

Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Director, stated Dr. Brantley Briley, Chairman and Ivan Wilson, Co-Chairman of the 21st Century Communities Steering Committee, would present the Columbus County 21st Century Economic Development Strategic Plan. This plan was endorsed at the August 7, 2002, 21st Century Communities Steering Committee Meeting. Ms. Owens introduced Steve Yost with the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He informed the Board of the following:

1. This plan was introduced to the Board in the year 2001 and we presented an update in January, 2002.
2. This program was established for the economically depressed counties with low to moderate incomes.
3. There were ten (10) counties in North Carolina selected to participate in this program.
4. There are three (3) steps to this program as listed below:
 - a. First Step: meet with the county selected to see if they interested. The response received was an expression of high interest to participate ;
 - b. Second Step: Reconnaissance Report (situational analysis); **and**
 - c. Third Step: Implementation of the plan.
5. I would like to stress this plan is not a North Carolina Department of Commerce plan. It is indeed a Columbus County plan.

Mr. Ivan Wilson, Co-Chairman of the 21st Century Communities Steering Committee, presented the first four (4) of the five (5) parts of the of the Columbus County 21st Century Economic Development Strategic Plan as follows:

1. Infrastructure Development / Planning / Natural Resources;
2. Job Creation / Development;
3. Workforce Development; **and**
4. Marketing / capitalize on proximity to beaches (location).

Mr. Wilson read the specific objectives and actions/strategies for each part.

Dr. Brantley Briley, Chairman of the 21st Century Communities Steering Committee, presented the last part of the Columbus County 21st Century Economic Development Strategic Plan as follows:

5. Unity in Community & Economic Development.

Dr. Briley emphasized the high importance of a diversified representation from all factions of Columbus County and a unified approach to community and economic development. A copy of this plan will be on file in the Administration Office in the 2002 Economic Development File and in the Columbus County Economic Development Office, both of which are located at 111 Washington Street.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to take this plan under advisement to be voted on at the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to take a vote on this matter at tonight's meeting. A Role Call was conducted with the following results:

5 = Ayes 2 = Nays

The second motion died for a lack of a second. The original motion so carried.

REQUEST to RE-ROUTE TRAFFIC in the MACEDONIA COMMUNITY

Wayne Ivey, spokesperson for the residents of the Macedonia Community, informed the Board of the following information.

1. We have been informed the North Carolina Department of Transportation has scheduled a bridge replacement on Princess Ann Road crossing Cow Branch with a start date of 2004.
2. The construction method that has been planned will result in all the residents of the community traveling twelve to fourteen (12-14) miles out of the way to get to their destinations.
3. The extra mileage being traveled will also include emergency services' vehicles and school buses and due to the high number of elderly residents this could be detrimental.
4. The local church has an enrollment of one hundred ninety-eight (198) and seventy-five (75%) percent reside on the opposite side of the bridge being replaced.
5. This is going to create extreme inconvenience to all the residents affected, as well as creating a possible detrimental situation for the elderly.
6. We are requesting the County Commissioners to help us in getting a single-lane bridge erected to be used by the residents during this construction period.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion that Administration draft a Resolution in support of the request voiced by Wayne Ivey for the residents of the Macedonia Community and forward to Robert Crumpler, District Engineer for the Department of Transportation, and also copies sent to our local legislative delegates. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried. The Resolution approved and adopted is as follows:

**REQUEST for CONSTRUCTION of TEMPORARY
SINGLE-LANE BRIDGE CROSSING COW BRANCH
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has been notified of a bridge replacement on Princess Ann Road with a start date of 2004, which crosses Cow Branch, by a petition containing four hundred sixty-eight (468) names, and also by a live presentation at the August 19, 2002 Board Meeting by numerous concerned local citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, the bridge replacement would cause many hardships for local residents in their daily lifestyles by forcing them to travel several additional miles to reach vital destinations; **and**

WHEREAS, it is understood the emergency services' vehicles would be forced to travel several additional miles in emergencies that may arise, and due to a high percentage of the citizens being elderly this could create a dangerous situation where time is of the essence; **and**

WHEREAS, it is further understood the school children would be traveling several additional miles going to and from school, thus consuming much of their time they could be spending on other tasks; **and**

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of life-threatening situations that may arise with the elderly residents in the Macedonia Community and the hardships that would be incurred for all the residents, especially the school children, the construction of a single-lane bridge crossing Cow Branch would be most advantageous for the entirety of the said community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to construct a temporary single-lane bridge crossing Cow Branch to eliminate hardship for the residents of the Macedonia Community inclusive of the elderly and the school children.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of August, 2002.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman

ATTESTED:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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

At 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried. This information will be recorded in the Minute Book for the said district.

ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING and ENTER into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Authority Board Meeting and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Authority Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried. This information will be recorded in the Minute Book for the said district.

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

At 8:13 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Authority Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

PUBLIC FORUM SET for COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V

Commissioner Dutton requested a Public Forum be set for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V. It was the general consensus of the Board to set a Public Forum for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V on Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 7:00 P.M., at Nakina Alternative School, Nakina, North Carolina.

RE-APPROVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested the Board to re-approve the Transportation Facility Grant Program (Facility Improvement Program Grant Agreement, Supplemental Agreement, Project Number 02-SF-002) due to a decrease in the matching funds. A copy of this agreement will be on file in the Administration Office filed behind Interagency Transportation and a copy will be on file in the Columbus County Public Transportation Office. Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

APPLICATION for STATE AID to PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Morris Pridgen, Columbus County Library Director, requested the Board approve an Application For State Aid to Public Libraries. The State requires all state aid applicants to submit this form annually stating we have met certain requirements. A copy of this executed application will be on file in the Administration Office filed behind Library and also in the Columbus County Library Office. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Larry Moore, Department of Social Services Director, presented the following update to the Board.

1. This department performs many tasks that few people are aware of. We stay extremely busy at all times and do not get the recognition we deserve.
2. In the month of July, 2002, the following statistical information applies:
 - a. Food Stamp Program - 2,841 cases
(In this program, we have managed to get the error rate to zero (0%) percent.)
 - b. Medicaid Program:
 - i. 7,256 Children;

- ii. 329 Nursing Home Patients;
 - iii. 238 Rest Home Patients;
 - iv. 100 CAP Clients;
 - v. 5 Retirement Home Clients; **and**
 - vi. 36% SSI Clients.
3. A total of 13,128 cases for this month of July alone.
 4. One-third (1/3) of Columbus County citizens are receiving some type of social aid.
 5. We have many other programs in this department. Some of which are listed below:
 - a. Child Support;
 - b. Program Integrity (detect fraud cases);
 - c. Income Maintenance;
 - d. Services:
 - i. Child Protective; **and**
 - ii. Elderly.
 - e. Medicaid Transportation
 - f. AFDC; **and**
 - g. Work First.

DECLARATION of ADDITIONAL COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY

Darren Currie, Assistant Administrator, requested the Board declare the following listed items as surplus property and authorize James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, to add these items to the current list to be disposed of.

1. 1985 Chevrolet Serial #: 1GCGC24M5FF392350
2. 1989 Ford Serial #: 1FTDF15Y9KNB28120
3. One (1) Underwood Typewriter (Manual)
4. One (1) IBM Electric Typewriter
5. Four (4) Adding Machines not Functional

Commissioner Memory made a motion to declare the aforementioned items as surplus property and to authorize James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, to add these items the current list for disposal, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES to the CURRENT SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM (CDBG 02-C-0947)

Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following documents as changes to the current scattered site housing program (CDBG 02-C-0947). The adoption of these plans is required to fulfill the purpose of the grant and is required by the Division of Community Assistance. The documents are listed below:

1. Amendment to the Project Ordinance changing the account codes;
2. Adoption of the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan;
3. Adoption of an Equal Employment and Procurement Plan for the grant;
4. Adoption of a Procurement Policy for the Scattered Site Housing Grant;
5. Adoption of an Implementation Schedule for the Grant; **and**
6. Local Economic Benefit for Low and Very Low Income Persons plan.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried. A copy of these documents will be kept on file in the Administration Office filed under CDBG 02-C-0947.

RECOGNITION OF CAPE FEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' PERSONNEL

Chairman McKenzie recognized two (2) employees from the Cape Fear Council of Governments who were present at the meeting for their many attributes and assistance to Columbus County. Ms. Jane Jones, Area Agency of Aging, and Ms. Melissa Richardson, Aging Program Coordinator, were recognized and given a hand of applause.

FIRE INSPECTOR STATUS CHANGE

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval to change the Contract Fire Inspector's position to a part-time inspector's status to be effective September 1, 2002. Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Britt. The motion so carried.

PRIVATE CITIZEN CONCERNS

Ms. Kay King, a concerned citizen of the Pireway Community, addressed the Board with the following facts and concerns:

1. I reside in the Pireway Community and have lived in Columbus County for eighteen (18) years.
2. I have a business located at 5578 James B. White Highway south which is three-tenths (.3) of a mile from the Time Saver on the right.
3. I addressed the Board on August 5, 2002, with some questions relating to the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II and was told I would be contacted with the answers and have not as of this date.
4. I personally conducted a survey of the area where my business is located to determine why the area was not getting access to county water. My findings were that eight (8) residents had signed up and eight (8) more residents would have signed up had they been informed within eight tenths (.8) of a mile.
5. In the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, the two (2) well locations are to be at the Guideway School Site and the Mollie/Bethel area. I am concerned the location at the Guideway School will be in the contaminated soil area.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, informed Ms. King that he was not on board when the initial plans were being laid for Columbus County Water District II but he would do some extensive research and find some answers to her questions.

Commissioner Norris informed Ms. King the well location at Guideway School was located away from the contaminated soil area.

RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board to reschedule the Public Hearing for the Floodplain Ordinance Amendment to September 16, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. This Public Hearing was originally scheduled for September 3, 2002. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing for September 16, 2002, at 7:00 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Norris. It was discovered another public hearing had been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on the same day. Commissioner Dutton amended the motion to schedule the Public Hearing for 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Norris amended his second. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION

At 8:57 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:07 P.M., the Board entered into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION

At 9:59 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and Resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs appointed Harold Rains, 6784 Old Lake Road, Bolton, North Carolina 28423, Telephone: (910) 655-8967, for a two (2) year term with term expiring June 30, 2004, to the Columbus County Housing Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NCDOT TO NAME THE OVERPASS BRIDGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF N.C. 410 AND U.S. 74/76 IN HONOR OF ROBERT H. "BOB" HINSON**RESOLUTION REQUESTING NCDOT TO NAME THE OVERPASS BRIDGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF N.C. 410 AND U.S. 74/76 IN HONOR OF ROBERT H. "BOB" HINSON**

WHEREAS, Corporal Robert H. "Bob" Hinson was an employee with the Columbus County Sheriff's Department; **and**

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinson served with distinguished honor in the Armed Forces in Germany, Korea and Vietnam and retired from military service after twenty-four (24) years; **and**

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinson continued as a public servant in law enforcement in the County of Columbus from December 6, 1982 to June 18, 1991; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County are grateful for individuals who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect their family, friends and neighbors; **and**

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinson made this sacrifice and perished in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of Columbus County on June 18, 1991; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners are indebted to Mr. Hinson for his sacrifice and wish to remember and honor his name.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that NCDOT name the newly constructed overpass at the intersection of N.C. 410 and U.S. 74/76 in honor of Mr. Robert H. "Bob" Hinson for his many years of distinguished military and public service to his country and fellow citizens of Columbus County.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of August, 2002.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

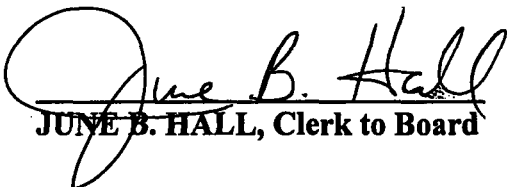
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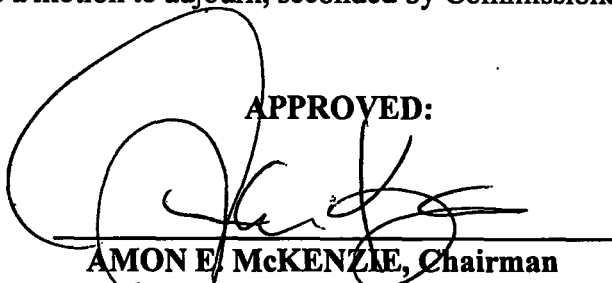
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Dutton made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:01 P.M., Commissioner Britt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

NOTICE ! ! !

The Minutes for the following Meeting

will be located in the

Minute Book Attachments

Book #2:

**PUBLIC FORUM for COLUMBUS COUNTY
WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III
Thursday, August 29, 2002
7:00 P.M.**