

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, October 21, 2002

7:30 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 holding a Public Hearing and holding their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 C.E. "Gene" Wilson, **Vice Chairman**
 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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Spruell R. Britt

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order. He stated the purpose for the Public Hearing was to receive views and comments from the public regarding the granting of a security interest under consideration for the financing of the future purchase of the land and building west of the Columbus County Administration Building.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, made a presentation entitled "Proposed Acquisition of the Hill's Building". The topics discussed are as follows:

1. Purpose of the Acquisition;
2. Facts of the Matter;
3. Proposed Uses;
4. Projected Growth for the Register of Deeds;
5. Projected Growth of Tax Office;
6. Creation of a Purchasing Department
7. Need for Space; **and**
8. Financing.

After the presentation was made, Chairman McKenzie asked if anyone in the audience had any comments they would like to express or any questions they would like to ask. The questions and comments presented to the Board are as follows:

1. **Steve Smith: (Question 1)** How would this play into the County Complex which was originally designed to tentatively house all government offices in Columbus County?

Chairman McKenzie replied stating it would be difficult to relocate all the central government offices at this location.

(Question 2) With this move, do you plan to sell the old offices being vacated?

Chairman McKenzie replied stating the old offices would be considered for sale if profitable, but if not, they would be leased.

2. **Commissioner Gene Wilson** stated one (1) of the major reasons for this purchase was due to the boundary line of this parking lot that goes with this building, comes within three (3") inches of the Administration Building, and if someone else made the purchase and refused to allow Columbus County to use the parking spaces, we would have nowhere for the

personnel and courts to park.

3. **Citizen (did not state name):** Would it be wise to sell the vacated property now owned?

Chairman McKenzie replied stating the property would only be sold if profitable, but at present time would only be leased.

With no further comments, at 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Wilson made a motion for the Public Hearing to close, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:44 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Regular Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Chairman McKenzie. 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 October 7, 2002 Minutes to be approved as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion for the following Consent Agenda Items to be approved, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**Tax Releases (as submitted to Administration Office from the Tax Office):
October 21, 2002**

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, J.P. & Lynda Pope. Release the value of a old house and a portion of the Brunswick Fire fee (5.53) and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee (1.58). The house was torn down years ago. Amount \$245.73, Value \$7,900.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-12295, Bill # 77243.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Jerry W.. Release the value of a jet ski and the Columbus Rescue fee. Jet ski was sold years ago. Amount \$9.12, Value \$1,140.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-31020, Bill # 99100.

Release the Property Value in the name of Barreaa, Bernato. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home double listed in the name of Barrera B. Rodriquez. Amount \$414.60, Value \$29,700.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-01602, Bill # 58349.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackmon, Timothy. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat sold years ago. Amount \$9.81, Value \$1,115.00, Year 2001, Account # 08-01303, Bill # 82049.

Release the Property Value in the name of Blackmon, Timothy. Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat sold years ago. Amount \$8.40, Value \$955.00, Year 2002, Account # 08-01303, Bill # 59559.

Release the Property Value in the name of Community Motor Sales Inc.. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee. The old store on the property was torn down in 2001. Amount \$68.00, Value \$8,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-37188, Bill # 64372.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cox, Kenny. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Welches Creek Fire fee (16.00) and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee (4.00). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption. Amount \$176.00, Value \$20,000.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-07084, Bill # 64845.

Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Gary. Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Roseland Fire Fee (3.30) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (1.10) Acres

corrected by deed. Amount \$47.30, Value \$5,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-04441, Bill # 70627.

Release the Property Value in the name of Grainger, Clinton. Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Billed with the incorrect amount of mobile home hook-ups. Amount \$276.64, Value \$34,580.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-34360, Bill # 71952.

Release the Property Value in the name of King, Mary C.. Release the value of a mobile home that burned prior to 2001. Amount \$110.16, Value \$14,123.00, Year 2001, Account # 10-02325, Bill # 32815.

Release the Property Value in the name of Larrimore, Donald. Release the value of a double wide home and the Yam City fee (53.60) and the Columbus Rescue fee (10.72). Home burned in 2001. Amount \$659.40, Value \$53,600.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-10051, Bill # 78423.

Release the Property Value in the name of Larrimore, Donald. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was sold in 1999. Amount \$179.48, Value \$5,909.00, Year 2000, Account # 07-10051, Bill # 32.

Release the Property Value in the name of Larrimore, Donald. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home sold in 1999. Amount \$224.02, Value \$5,913.00, Year 2001, Account # 07-10051, Bill # 534.

Release the Property Value in the name of Larrimore, Donald. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was burned in 1999. Amount \$234.21, Value \$5,712.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-10051, Bill # 78423.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, Reba. Release the value of a mobile home and the Yam City fee. Home was traded for a double wide and it is listed. Amount \$206.16, Value \$2,945.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-11070, Bill # 79702.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$171.25, Value \$9,320.00, Year 1997, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 81531.

Release the Property Value in the name of Grainger, Clinton. Release a portion of the property value, and a portion of the Whiteville Rescue fee. Billed with the incorrect amount of mobile home hook-ups Amount \$276.64, Value \$34,580.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-34360, Bill # 94227.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Tony. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home moved out of Columbus County in 1999. Amount \$179.96, Value \$1,700.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-28785, Bill # 6546.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$233.29, Value \$7,760.00, Year 2001, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 17632.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$188.28, Value \$7,990.00, Year 2000, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 16676.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$167.20, Value \$8,790.00, Year 1998, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 72422.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fee (7.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.46) Home was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$249.27, Value \$7,300.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 25783.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$149.58, Value \$9,570.00, Year 1996, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 81530.

Release the Property Value in the name of Waldron, Lori. Release the value of a mobile home for the City of Brunswick. Mobile home is not in the city limits of Brunswick. Amount \$105.51, Value \$17,440.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03410, Bill # 4393.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vaught, Sylvia. Release the value of a single wide home, the Yam City fee (21.05) and the Columbus Rescue fee (4.21). Ms. Vaught has never owned a single wide. She lives in a double wide home. Amount \$385.40, Value \$21,050.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-00011, Bill # 95770.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rooks, Emanuel. Release the value of a jet ski, the value of the Brunswick Fire fee (1.40) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.40). Jet ski was sold in 1999 to someone in New Hanover County. Amount \$19.18, Value \$2,005.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-00539, Bill # 88283.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rooks, Emanuel. Release the value of a jet ski and the Columbus Rescue fee. Jet ski sold in 1999 to someone in New Hanover County. Amount \$19.23, Value \$2,185.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-00539, Bill # 10242.

Release the Property Value in the name of Register, Harold. Release the value of a boat and the Brunswick Fire fee. Boat sold in 1998. Amount \$166.18, Value \$19,550.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-19123, Bill # 9480.

Release the Property Value in the name of Reaves, James. Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home is double listed in the name of James & Elizabeth Reaves. Amount \$243.35, Value \$7,540.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-01048, Bill # 87354.

Release the Property Value in the name of Priest, Ray. Release the value of old vehicles and the North Whiteville fee. Vehicles are junked. Amount \$12.00, Value \$1,500.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-00126, Bill # 86753.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vereen, Albert. Release the value of a mobile home that was moved to S.C. in 1990. Amount \$164.60, Value \$8,450.00, Year 1999, Account # 06-40273, Bill # 34928.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Tina. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid the user fee using the old rate (165.00) Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-04029, Bill # 71473.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hines, Carolina. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00). Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-40759, Bill # 74632.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Jefferson. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-16343, Bill # 71751.

Release the User Fee in the name of Haney, Roceda. No trash can at this address. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 16-07333, Bill # 94945.

Release the User Fee in the name of Haney, Roceda. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 16-07333, Bill # 95276.

Release the User Fee in the name of Haney, Roceda. No trash can at this location. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-07333, Bill # 73016.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, W.W.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-12500, Bill # 73100.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Hobson. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-13040, Bill # 76082.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, E.C.. Garage is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00,

Year 1999, Account # 15-25557, Bill # 20365.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, E.C.. Garage is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-25557, Bill # 1635.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, E.C.. Garage is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-25557, Bill # 2195.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, E.C.. Garage is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-25557, Bill # 80117.

Release the User Fee in the name of Martin, Bessie. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00). Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-05106, Bill # 2439.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Gary. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$44.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02809, Bill # 71071.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Tammy S.. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00). Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-04813, Bill # 58183.

Release the User Fee in the name of Martin, Bessie. Overcharge on user fee computer error. Amount \$11.89, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-05106, Bill # 2439.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullock, John A.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-07620, Bill # 61740.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Amanda. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 01-75580, Bill # 9454.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bellamy, Bert. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 06-01320, Bill # 58862.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mason, Lonnie. House is vacant. Amount \$65.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 12-18680, Bill # 2025.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brinkley, Ellis. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-08640, Bill # 60433.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Charles H.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-09158, Bill # 60710.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Edward. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00). Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-01551, Bill # 60789.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bellamy, Mary. Home repossessed. Mortgage prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00). Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 05-03136, Bill # 51917.

Release the User Fee in the name of Buck, John A.. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-01000, Bill # 61376.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Larry. Customer is using a trash dumpster in mobile home park. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-04032, Bill # 70682.

Release the User Fee in the name of Collier, Gary. New construction. No trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-04771, Bill # 64216.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, George. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user

fee using old rate (165.00). Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-01924, Bill # 65078.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dew, William A. House is vacant. Amount \$87.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-07883, Bill # 66101.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dubar, Flescksie. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$44.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-12423, Bill # 66440.

Release the User Fee in the name of Enzor, Grace. No trash can at this location. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 16-04122, Bill # 67487.

Release the User Fee in the name of Faulk, Richard. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$88.50, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-00824, Bill # 68127.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Troy. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-04000, Bill # 61160.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyson, David. 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 # 09-31220, Bill # 95593.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Amanda. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 01-75580, Bill # 27187.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rural Sanitation Service Inc.. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-78305, Bill # 88510.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Katrina. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$132.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-05118, Bill # 90131.

Release the User Fee in the name of Smith, Barry. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-34480, Bill # 90679.

Release the User Fee in the name of Spivey, Donald. Old store is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 09-27820, Bill # 92231.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stanley, Jeffrey. Mobile home vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-16044, Bill # 92613.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rhodes, Joan. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 11-05530, Bill # 9639.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, Clarabel. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-92740, Bill # 94357.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Amanda. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-75580, Bill # 87476.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, John. Old store is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-27099, Bill # 96854.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Lloyd. No trash can at this location. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 11-29221, Bill # 67676.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Wayne. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-03713, Bill # 97208.

Release the User Fee in the name of Whaley, Janis. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 07-18951, Bill # 97948.

Release the User Fee in the name of White, Delilah. House has been moved off property. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 177.00, Account # 05-07480, Bill # 98013.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Shirley. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-44183, Bill # 98794.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Tony. Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-16663, Bill # 93710.

Release the User Fee in the name of Reeves, James. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 15-02057, Bill # 8689.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mason, Lonnie. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 12-18680, Bill # 80531.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCartney, Forest. No trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-01121, Bill # 2774.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCartney, Forest. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$132.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-01121, Bill # 80725.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCray, Carrie. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00) Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03354, Bill # 80852.

Release the User Fee in the name of McFadden, Calvin. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00) Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-01616, Bill # 81054.

Release the User Fee in the name of McKeithan, Henry. Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$44.25, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 03-02821, Bill # 81138.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rhodes, Joan. No trash can at this address. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 11-05530, Bill # 87668.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rabon, E.L.. Garage is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 13-33840, Bill # 87016.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mason, Lonnie. House is vacant. Amount \$75.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 12-18680, Bill # 2589.

Release the User Fee in the name of Reeves, James. House is vacant. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 15-02057, Bill # 9461.

Release the User Fee in the name of Reeves, James. House is vacant. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 15-02057, Bill # 87451.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Amanda. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1997, Account # 01-75580, Bill # 59771.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Amanda. House is vacant. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 01-75580, Bill # 64876.

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, James. Mobile home has never been set-up. No trash can here. Amount \$177.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 01-03619, Bill # 57845.

Release the User Fee in the name of Register, Amanda. House is vacant. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 01-75580, Bill # 8710.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nealy, Mary. Home repossessed. Mortgage Co. prepaid user fee using old rate (165.00) Amount \$12.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 10-03227, Bill # 83825.

**Tax Refunds (as submitted to Administration Office from the Tax Office):
October 21, 2002**

Request a refund in the name of Campbell, Stanley C., 6285 Whitehall Rd., Clarkton, NC 28433. Refund user fee. There is no trash can at this address. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 14-03205, Bill # 84969.

Request a refund in the name of Campbell, Stanley C., 6285 Whitehall Rd., Clarkton,, NC 28433. Refund a portion of the user fee. Customer did not have the trash can for a full year. Amount \$132.75, Value \$0.00, Year 2002, Account # 14-03205, Bill # 62529.

Request a refund in the name of Freeman, Joseph M., 1801 Blacksmith Rd., Bolton,, NC 28423. Refund a portion of the property value that was paid on account # 04-05043 in the same name. Amount \$47.13, Value \$6,042.00, Year 2002, Account # 04-05051, Bill # 69503.

Request a refund in the name of Jones, J.P. & Lynda Pope, P.O. Box 674, Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund user fee. House was torn down years ago. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1998, Account # 03-12295, Bill # 55780.

Request a refund in the name of Jone, J.P. & Lynda Pope, P.O. Box 674, Tabor City,, NC 28463. Refund user fee. House was torn down years ago. Amount \$125.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2000, Account # 03-12295, Bill # 98935.

Request a refund in the name of Jones, J.P. & Lynda Pope, P.O. Box 674, Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund user fee. House was torn down years ago. Amount \$165.00, Value \$0.00, Year 2001, Account # 03-12295, Bill # 99397.

Request a refund in the name of Jones, J.P. & Lynda Pope, P.O. Box 674, Tabor City, NC 28463. Refund user fee. House was torn down years ago. Amount \$100.00, Value \$0.00, Year 1999, Account # 03-12295, Bill # 17748.

Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-700-9600	Specialized Foster Care	\$11,732
Revenue	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$11,732

Capital Project Ordinance:

ORDINANCE: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioner that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statues of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Whiteville Railroad Depot between this unit of government, the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce and North Carolina Department of Transportation. This project is more commonly known as the Railroad Depot.

Section 2. The officer of this unit of government are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents(s), the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

NC Department of Transportation	\$769,156	Account: 26-348-2002
Local Match	<u>\$153,831</u>	Account: 26-335-0000
TOTAL:	\$922,987	

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Administration Cost	\$115,373	Account: 26-690-0400
Engineering/Architect Fees	\$150,000	Account: 26-690-0401
Construction Costs	<u>\$657,614</u>	Account: 26-690-7300
TOTAL:	\$922,987	

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting to the grantor agency required by the Grant Agreement(s) and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Funds for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this Grant Project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 9. Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2000-2002 ANNUAL REPORT:

Dr. Brantley Briley, President of Southeastern Community College, presented the 2000-2002 Annual Report and covered the highlights in the brochure that was given to the Board. He also extended many thanks for the help the Board had given to the College.

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

				<u>Previous</u>	<u>10-07-02</u>
Total Houses				491	
Houses Inspected				491	
Replacement			288		287
Repair			203		204
Repair Work			203		
Work Write-up	0				0
Bids Complete, Not Awarded	0				0
Board Awarded, No Construction	75				81
Title Opinion NOT Requested		2			
Waiting on Title Opinion		23			
Waiting on Prom. Note/D.O.T.		11			
Waiting on Contractor		39			
Under Construction	31				30
Complete	97				93

Replacement Work			288		
Work Write-up	2				3
Board Awarded, No Construction	100				99
Title Opinion NOT Requested		20			
Waiting on Title Opinion		51			
N.O.E. Not Sent		9			
Waiting on Client		20			
Under Construction	70				79
Complete	116				106
Not Visited				0	0
Legal Work					
Total Titles NOT Requested			22		23
Total Titles Requested			469		468
Titles Requested, Not Complete			74		77
Preliminary Title Complete			69		64
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Requested, Not Signed			56		61
Prom. Note/Deed of Trust Recorded			270		266

Commissioner Memory asked Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, if there was a problem with the twenty-two (22) Total Titles NOT Requested. Floyd Adams replied stating this group of houses consisted of people who owned house but did not own the land. They have to locate land to be purchased before the titles can be requested.

Floyd Adams informed the Board there would be a Scattered Site Housing Meeting this week. Out of the many applications received, they have been narrowed down to nineteen (19). At this meeting, the nineteen (19) applications will be ranked from one (1) to nineteen (19) by the level of need for repair. We will proceed with these nineteen (19) houses and go as far as the money goes.

Chairman McKenzie informed Mr. Adams to furnish a list of all this information to the Commissioners.

SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT and DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

Donna Register, Columbus County Soil and Water Conservation Director, presented the Annual Report. She stated there were four (4) out of the five (5) supervisors present, namely, Gilbert Anderson, Brack Williams, Bill Friedman and Bobby Stanley. The highlights of the Annual Report are as follows:

1. Participated in Education-Information Activities;
2. The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program allocated one hundred forty thousand one hundred ninety-two and 00/100 (\$140,192.00) dollars to the District to be used to reduce agricultural pollution into the water courses of the State;
3. One (1) of the major objectives of the District is to provide technical assistance to land users for planning, applying and maintaining soil and water conservation practices;
4. Food Security Activities;
5. Interagency Activities (works with):
 - a. FSA;
 - b. Cooperative Extension Service;
 - c. RECD;
 - d. N.C. Forestry Service;
 - e. Federal Crop Insurance;
 - f. DEM;
 - g. Division of Soil and Water Conservation;
 - h. EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program);
 - i. CRP (Continuous Conservation Reserve Program; and
 - j. FIP (Forestry Incentive Program).
6. RC&D - Resource Conservation and Development;
 - a. Columbus SWCD - No-till Rental Drill;

- b. Evergreen Community Water Management;
 - c. Town of Chadbourn Water Management Project; **and**
 - d. Dunn Swamp Aquatic Weed Management Project; **and**
7. Columbus County Pilot Project Focus Group.

The Annual Report will be on file in the Administration Office with additional information for review to the public.

Brack Williams, Chairman of the Soil and Water Conservation Board, stated that one hundred seventeen thousand and 00/100 (\$117,000.00) dollars had been put in this program by Columbus County. One hundred forty thousand and 00/100 (\$140,000.00) dollars have been given to program in State funds. Our program delivers in excess of twelve hundred (1,200) services to the public.

Bobby Stanley stated Columbus County has been chosen as one (1) out of two (2) areas for the Pilot Program. This program will expedite applications for the Cost Share Programs.

TAX REVALUATION CONTRACTS:

Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, requested Board approval of two (2) revaluation contracts. A copy of these contracts will be on file in the Administration Office and the Tax Office. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

WRIGHT CORPORATION EDA GRANT SUPPORT LETTER:

Phyllis Owens, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following letter of support. Wright Corporation is paying the money but a letter is needed from the County. There is no County money obligated.

October 23, 2002

Pat Dixon, Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration
US Department of Commerce
21 Twin Oaks Drive
PO Box 1707
Lugoff, South Carolina 29078

Re: Columbus County Local Funding Commitment

Dear Ms. Dixon:

This correspondence is to confirm that Columbus County has committed \$257,000 in local funds toward the design, permitting, administration and construction of the wastewater treatment plant described in the pre-application being submitted to the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Sincerely,
/s/ Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman

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

TRANSIT FACILITY - REQUEST for ADDITIONAL BUDGET FUNDS:

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the request for additional budget funds from NCDOT. Due to bids coming in higher than expected, additional funds in the amount of one hundred eleven thousand seven hundred ninety-seven and 00/100 (\$111,797.00)

dollars are needed. There will be no cost to the County. Commissioner Dutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Norris appointed Henry Milligan to the Columbus County Housing Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Burnet Coleman who has resigned.

LAKE WACCAMAW PLANNING BOARD REAPPOINTMENT:

Lloyd Payne, Lake Waccamaw Town Manager, is requesting approval from the County Commissioners for the reappointment of Sue Creech who is the extraterritorial member. Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE CONTRACT:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting Board approval of the U.S. Cellular Contract. The proposal was approved at the October 7, 2002 Meeting. Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried. A copy of this contract will be on file in the Administration Office.

Chairman McKenzie requested Darren Currie, Assistant County Administrator, to have the list of Columbus County cell phone lines and costs involved ready to place in the next Board Packet.

21ST CENTURY INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting the Board appoint a member of the Board to serve on the 21st Century Initiative Executive Steering Committee. Commissioner Norris made a motion to appoint Commissioner Bill Memory to serve, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

HILLCREST PROPERTY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, is requesting Board approval of the Installment Purchase Agreement for the Hillcrest Property with the amendment to #3 of the "Conditions" Section on Page 3 Stating: "Bank Counsel fees are not to exceed \$1,250.00". Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried. A copy of this Installment Purchase Agreement will be on file in the Administration Office entitled "Hillcrest Property".

COLUMBUS COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested the Board adopt the amendment entitled: North Carolina Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Changes to Incorporate Requirements of Session Law 2000-150, Senate Bill 1341, An Act to Prevent Inappropriate Development in the One Hundred-Year Floodplain and to Reduce Flood Hazards to the now existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. After discussion was held, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. A split vote was taken with five (5) yeas and one (1) nay with one (1) absent.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:09 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 8:44 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

OTHER:

Chris Batten, Sheriff Elect, stated he had attended a Democratic Rally and Congressman Mike McIntyre announced that Columbus County had received an additional two million dollars for their jail expansion.

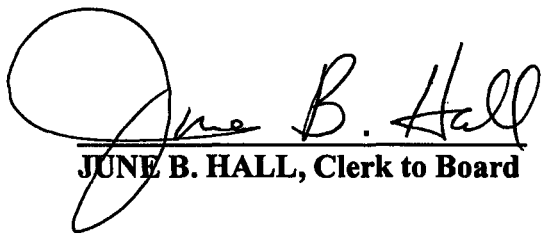
Commissioner Wilson stated Mike McIntyre will be attending an event held at the North Whiteville Fire Department on November 1, 2002 at 12:30 P.M. and he would be presenting an eighty thousand and 00/100 (\$80,000.00) dollars check to the North Whiteville Fire Department for their new pumper truck. He invited all the County Commissioners who would to please attend.

Commissioner Memory stated anyone who wanted to could vote now and not have to wait in line on November 5, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, at 9:01 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board


AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman