

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

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 duly advertised and scheduled Public Hearing and for their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bill Memory, **Chairman**
 David L. Dutton, Jr., **Vice Chairman**
 Kipling Godwin
 Sammie Jacobs
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Lynwood Norris
 C.E. "Gene" Wilson

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**
 Gayle B. Godwin, **Finance Officer**

7:15 P.M.: Public Hearing - Entrepreneurship Assistance Grant for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present to the public the application that has been submitted by Columbus County regarding this grant which will provide assistance for new or existing micro-enterprises. This is the second of the two (2) required Public Hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:15 P.M., Chairman Memory called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive input from the public regarding the application that has been submitted for the Entrepreneurship Assistance Grant for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which will provide assistance for new or existing micro-enterprises. Chairman Memory asked Ms. Beverlee Nance, Southeastern Community College, if she would like to say anything on behalf of this grant. Ms. Nance stated the following:

1. Home Grown Jobs through Entrepreneurship Development: Community Demonstration Projects;
2. Sponsored by the North Carolina Rural Center and the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance;
3. Primary source of funds is the Community Development Block Grant under the Small Cities Program in the amount of sixty thousand and 00/100 (\$60,000.00) dollars;
4. Brief synopsis of proposal:
 - A. Stimulating the Mom and Pop Economy is the title;
 - B. Small Business development with the following plan:
 - Asset mapping emphasizing entrepreneurial development that will identify resources and needs of targeted population LMI (Low to Moderate Income) folks.
 - Entrepreneurship forum - discuss needs and identify opportunities.
 - Develop a resource guide for business start up that will be marketed to targeted population.
 - Sponsorship of business plan competition with supporting counseling, classes, seminars and workshops.
 - Entrepreneurial networking, coaching and mentoring program.
5. Budget: salary for entrepreneurial coach/facilitator, marketing, lap tops, overhead data projector and publish the electronic and printed versions of Small Business Resource Guide.
6. Columbus County Government submitted grant with Southeastern Community College's Continuing Education Division, with particular emphasis from the Small Business Center, will serve as the lead facilitator; **and**
7. Partners in grant to include: Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Commissioner, Duke Endowment for Rural Carolinas - Discover Columbus County and 21st Century Communities Initiative.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Ms. Nance what the time frame was on this grant. Ms. Nance replied stating the grant must be completed within one (1) year, by June, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 7:20 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

7:30 P.M.: REGULAR SESSION

Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED to ORDER and INVOCATION:

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Memory called the meeting to order and the invocation was delivered by Commissioner McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the June 15, 2004 Budget Workshop Minutes and the June 21, 2004 Regular Session Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #4: DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION - REQUEST for ABANDONMENT of SR 1580, LADY THOMPSON ROAD:

Robert Crumpler, District Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, requested Board approval and agreement, by means of the following Resolution, to abandon State Road 1580, Lady Thompson Road, from the State System.

**RESOLUTION of AGREEMENT for the
ABANDONMENT of STATE ROAD 1580, LADY THOMPSON ROAD
from STATE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has been informed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation of a request being received to abandon State Road 1580, Lady Thompson Road; **and**

WHEREAS, the following facts have been presented to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners relative to State Road 1580, Lady Thompson Road, as follows:

1. Serves no homes, only farmland;
2. Trash is being illegally dumped at the end of the road; **and**
3. The Division of Highways has no objection to the road being abandoned from the State System; **and**

WHEREAS, the description of the said road would be: **SR 1580 from SR 1562 to dead-end - 0.2 mile; and**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be deleted from the State System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the deletion of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that we are in agreement of the abandonment of State Road 1580, Lady Thompson Road from the State System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of State Highways of the Department of Transportation for the deletion of roads to the System.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of July, 2004.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ BILL MEMORY, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the Resolution of Agreement for the Abandonment of State Road 1580, Lady Thompson Road, from State System, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #5: CDBG # 03-C-1089 - RECOMMENDATION of AWARD for ASBESTOS ABATEMENT:

Floyd Adams, The Adams, Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval to award a contract to the lowest bidder, Environmental Concerns, for the asbestos abatement for the CDBG # 03-C-1089 Concentrated Site Grant.

**2003 Columbus Country CDBG
Summary of Bids and Recommendation of Award
Asbestos Abatement
Bid Date: June 23, 2004 - 4:00 P.M.**

Summary of Bids

CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
Hunter Sales Company, Incorporated	\$5,175.00
Environmental Concerns	\$3,000.00
Eastern Environmental	\$5,725.00
T & T Trucking	\$7,325.00
Quantum Environmental	\$4,075.00

Recommendation of Award

It is my recommendation that the contract be awarded to the Low Bidder, Environmental Concerns, at \$3,000.00.

/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: July 6, 2004

Commissioner Godwin asked Tammy Jones, The Adams Company, Incorporated, filling in for Floyd Adams, if a Bid Bond or Surety Bond was required. Ms. Jones replied stating no, but they had done business with this company before and they were reputable.

Agenda Item #6: CDBG # 03-C-1089 - RECOMMENDATION of AWARD for DEMOLITION BIDS:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated requested Board approval to award contracts for the demolition of seven (7) units to the lowest bidder.

**2003 Columbus County CDBG
Group #1
Bid Date: June 23, 2004 - 10:00 A.M.**

Summary of Low Bids

UNIT	CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
03-01	Larry Hinson	\$1,600.00
03-02	Larry Hinson	\$1,600.00
03-03	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,935.00
03-04	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,295.00
03-08	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,145.00

03-09	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,225.00
03-11	Cleo Buffkin	\$1,950.00

Recommendation of Awards

UNIT	CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE
03-01	Larry Hinson	\$1,600.00
03-02	Larry Hinson	\$1,600.00
03-03	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,395.00
03-04	Larry Hinson	\$3,200.00
03-08	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,145.00
03-09	Ronnie Simmons	\$2,225.00
03-11	Cleo Buffkin	\$1,950.00

Recommendation

Notes: Award contracts to low bidder except for Unite 03-04. This unit to be awarded to second low bidder. Low bidder for Unit 03-04 withdrew bid immediately following bid opening.

Approved: /s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the award of the contracts for the demolition of seven (7) units for the CDBG # 03-C-1089 Concentrated Site Grant to the lowest bidder, with the exception of Unit 03-04 which will be awarded to the second lowest bidder. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #7: TAX DEPARTMENT - APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY and TOWN of CHADBOURN for the TAX BILLING and COLLECTION:

Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, requested Board approval of the following Agreement.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY
AND TOWN OF CHADBOURN
FOR TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION**

**NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this the first day of July, 2004, by and between the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, North Carolina, party of the first part, herein referred to as County, and th e Town of Chadbourn, North Carolina, party of the second part, herein referred to as Town:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, both parties feel that it would be mutually advantageous to cooperate in billing the Town of Chadbourn's ad-valorem taxes within the County, to be reimbursed on a fee basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants of the parties hereto and for the purpose aforesaid, it is hereby agreed by and between County and Town as follows:

1. County will bill ad-valorem taxes due Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and subsequent years so long as this agreement shall continue in force.
2. Town shall pay County one dollar and fifty-one cents per account serviced by it on behalf of Town as reimbursement for County's services rendered under the terms of

this Agreement. County shall bill Town annually for services performed under this contract.

3. The parties agree that Town and County taxes may be billed on the same tax notice which will be mailed by the County or on a separate tax notice, whichever is more convenient to the County.
4. The Town agrees that the County shall not be liable to any taxpayer for any mistake or omission in any tax bill sent to the taxpayer by the County on behalf of the Town. The Town further agrees to execute a Release Agreement on an individual case basis should any mistake or omission occur.

THIS RESOLUTION may be rescinded by a resolution adopted by majority vote of either the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County or the governing body of the Town of Chadbourn and upon 120 days written notice given by either party.

THIS AGREEMENT is separate and apart from the billing and collection of taxes on classified motor vehicles.

THIS AGREEMENT bears an effective date of July 1, 2004.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Columbus County and the Town of Chadbourn have caused this instrument to be signed by their proper officials, by authority of the resolution of the governing body of each tax unit, duly adopted.

COLUMBUS COUNTY
/s/ BILL MEMORY, Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk

(SEAL)

TOWN OF CHADBOURN
/s/ LEO MERCER, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ BOBBIE JORDAN, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the Agreement Between Columbus County and Town of Chadbourn for Tax Billing and Collection, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #8: WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL RESOLUTION:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for the
PRODUCTION of SCHEMATICS for the
RECONSTRUCTION of WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Williams Township Committee submitted a Resolution to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners relative to the production of schematics for the reconstruction of the burned out portions of Williams Township School; **and**

WHEREAS, in January, 2004, portions of the Williams Township School were destroyed by fire, thus, resulting in students being transported to other locations for classes and eventually attending classes in mobile units brought on campus for that purpose; **and**

WHEREAS, the need to educate our youth and to provide adequate facilities for this purpose is highly recognized by the Board; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County entails two (2) major school systems which are comprised of multiple schools within, and each system receives the maximum support allowed within the

Columbus County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Township Committee has requested support from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for the production of the schematics, with the auditorium included, at an estimated cost of approximately forty-four thousand and 00/100 (\$44,000.00) dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners supports the production of the schematics for the reconstruction of the burned out portions of Williams Township School, with the auditorium included, at an estimated cost of approximately forty-four thousand and 00/10 (\$44,000.00) dollars, with the understanding this action does not bind Columbus County to construction.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of July, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman**

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Williams Township Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #9: WRIGHT CHEMICAL CORPORATION WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - APPROVAL of O'BRIEN and GERE as the ENGINEER:

Natalie Carroll, Project Manager, requested Board approval of O'Brien and Gere as the Engineer for the Wright Chemical Corporation Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Ms. Carroll stated the original engineering firm, TRC, notified Columbus County by letter received on June 1, 2004, they no longer had the capabilities to complete this project.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve O'Brien and Gere as the engineer for the Wright Chemical Corporation Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #10: VETERANS DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Sherri Blackman, Director of Veterans Services, presented the following Departmental Update:

1. We have a new employee in this department, namely Kim Sellers, who had sixteen (16) years experience as an office manager previously, and she is doing very well;
2. At the end of 2003, we are servicing four thousand six hundred seventy-two (4,672) veterans;
3. At the end of 2001, our figures show that we generated eight million forty-nine thousand and 00/100 (\$8,049,000.00) dollars in Columbus County through our program, and at the end of 2003, we generated fourteen million five hundred eighteen thousand and 00/100 (\$14,518,000.00) dollars in Columbus County;
4. We are supplying six million and 00/100 (\$6,000,000.00) dollars in healthcare benefits;
5. We are in the process of changing computer systems;
6. There is a federal grant now that allows ninety (90) counties in the State the access to the Veterans' computer information with claims. Columbus County has been chosen to be one (1) of those ninety (90) counties to participate due to the excellence of our service.

Commissioner McKenzie extended a warm thank-you to Ms. Blackman for all of her hard work and condolence for the recent death in her family, and stated all he had heard were compliments about Ms. Blackman and her professional way of her work and accomplishments.

Ms. Blackman stated her department getting prepared for the active-duty service people in the Middle East. Through State conventions, Ms. Blackman has been informed that her department would not be ready for the active duty service people in the Middle East when they reached the veteran status. She stated by attending all the necessary workshops, she is getting as prepared for this as possible.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Ms. Blackman what percentage of the four thousand six hundred seventy-two (4,672) veterans were Vietnam veterans who were Aging Orange. Ms. Blackman replied stating approximately one-half (½).

Agenda Item #11: ADMINISTRATION - DISCUSSION of DELINQUENT WATER BILLS due to MANDATORY WATER HOOKUP:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board discussion on the delinquent water bills that have resulted from the mandatory water hookup.

Mr. Farmer stated the revenue amount in Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III was approximately three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars for each district. We have approximately one hundred ten to one hundred fifteen (110 - 115) customers who are not paying their bills.

Commissioner Wilson suggested once the customer is hooked up to the water system, we should forgive the past water bills.

Commissioner McKenzie requested to know the percentage of the customers who paid the four hundred and 00/100 (\$400.00) dollars hookup fee verses the one hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars hookup fee. Something should be put into place for those customers who were forced to pay the greater hookup fee. This will not be fair to the customers who had to pay the four hundred and 00/100 (\$400.00) dollars hookup fee.

Commissioner Norris requested to know the number of the customers who paid the four hundred and 00/100 (\$400.00) dollars hookup fee. Mr. Farmer replied stating he did not have that information at this time.

Commissioner Godwin stated he looked at this situation comparative to a sale that is conducted at certain times. If a person misses the time frame of the sale, they cannot come at a later date and demand the sale price. I think we should leave everything previous to July 1, 2004 as is.

After additional discussion was conducted by the Board, Commissioner Godwin made a motion to wipe the slate clean as of July 1, 2004, and no more bills would be sent out to customers not utilizing the water as a result of the mandatory water hookup, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #12: ADMINISTRATION - TOWN of BOARDMAN'S REQUEST to PURCHASE WATER FROM the COUNTY of COLUMBUS:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board discussion on the request that has been made from the Town of Boardman regarding the purchase of water from the County of Columbus.

Mr. Farmer stated due to some final details being worked out and finalized, I am requesting the Board to table this matter until the next meeting.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to table the matter until the next scheduled Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #13: APPOINTMENTS:

A. Equalization and Review Board:

Chairman Bill Memory appointed Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Wilson to the Equalization and Review Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jean Frink, for an indefinite term of office.

B. Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council:

Commissioner Godwin reappointed Lester Drew to the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council for a three (3) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2007.

Agenda Item #14: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Tax Refunds and Releases:

*****NOTE: This information can be found at the very end of these minutes due to the incompatibility of the computer program between the Tax Office and the Governing Body Office.**

AGENDA ADD-ONS (3):

Item #1: Voting Delegate for the NCACC 97th Annual Conference, August 19-22, 2004:

Each county is required to select a voting delegate to represent the county in the business session, which will take place Saturday, August 21, 2004, from 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Commissioner Norris appointed Commissioner Sammie Jacobs to be the voting delegate at the NCACC 97th Annual Conference, August 19-22, 2004, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

Item #2: Connection of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and Columbus County Water and Sewer District II:

Angie Mettlen, engineer for Hobbs, UpChurch and Associates, presented the following information regarding the connection of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I and Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

- 1. We will be filing a four hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars grant application with the North Carolina Rural Center by September 30, 2004.
- 2. We are presently looking at two (2) hydraulic models.
- 3. The biggest determination to be made, at this time, is whether we will need booster pumps and elevated storage to supply the necessary pressure.

Chairman Memory asked Ms. Mettlen how long this process is between the time the process begins and water will be supplied from Columbus County Water and Sewer District I to Columbus County Water and Sewer District II. Ms. Mettlen replied stating the following:

- 1. We will not hear from the North Carolina Rural Center until March, 2005;
- 2. The County match is generally the cost of the engineering firm;
- 3. If this four hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars grant is approved, Columbus County will not have any debt service; **and**
- 4. If the grant is approved, and all components run as planned, the operative date is predicted to be September, 2005.

Agenda Item #15: COMMENTS:

Chairman Memory stated he had received one (1) request from the Public who wished to make comments.

A. Public:

1. Marva Scott: stated the following:

- A. I am here tonight to speak as a private citizen who is a taxpayer and as the Director of Columbus County Department of Social Services;
- B. I would like to address the Board in reference to the Pay Plan Study that was conducted by Chris May with the Cape Fear Council of Governments;
- C. There are only a few positions for the Department of Social Services listed on this Pay Plan Study;
- D. Mr. May discussed this matter with me before this meeting started and stated he did not have access to this information for this study, and I have been able to locate this information on the Internet;

- E. All the positions at Social Services are the same for all one hundred (100) counties across the State;
- F. It would appear that the old Pay Plan Study, which is now ten (10) years old has been used to calculate the mid point for the employees at the Department of Social Services;
- G. I find this Pay Plan Study to be incomplete and cannot understand why this plan was ever adopted by the Board;
- H. Each County department was asked to pay five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars toward this study which cost eight thousand and 00/100 (\$8,000.00) dollars, and I fail to see why.
- I. I agree with the concept of bringing all employees to their midpoint, but this study is very incomplete and I do not think the employees of Social Services have been treated fairly; **and**
- J. A good name is far more than money.

Commissioner Godwin stated that he had two (2) questions to ask Ms. Scott and they are as follows:

- 1. What is your feeling on the basic concept of bringing the employees up to their midpoint? Ms. Scott replied stating this is a wonderful idea, but the scale that has been used for Social Services is outdated.
- 2. What do you anticipate out of Pay Plan Study? Ms. Scott replied stating I would like for all the related information regarding Social Services to be included in this study and an updated pay scale to be used for the employees when determining what their midpoint should be.

Chris May, Cape Fear Council of Governments, responded to Ms. Scott's presentation as follows:

- 1. I would like to furnish everyone my cell phone number which is (910) 470-6609 and they can feel free to call me at any time they would like;
- 2. The positions for the Social Services have been included by category, but they have not been listed by individual job title due to the fact I did not have that information at the time this was released. I do not feel comfortable releasing information I am not sure about;
- 3. The Institute of Government and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners have done a study for all one hundred (100) counties on pay plans and I obtained a large portion of my information from that study;
- 4. I will agree the bulk of this study has not been done yet;
- 5. I gave the best estimate I could with the available information I had at that time; **and**
- 6. I recommend moving forward with the partial pay raises that may have to be amended later.

Billy Joe Farmer requested Mr. May to emphasize that the pay scale changes. Mr. May replied stating the pay scale completely shifted to fit the new Pay Plan.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. May how much time he would need to complete this study. Mr. May replied stating he would need another month to finish the grid and another month to finish up the job descriptions. The position classification and Pay Plan is the biggest part of this study. Hopefully, by the end of August, this study will be completed and will be a thick book nicely bound.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to proceed with the Budget as is relative to salary increases, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to hold off on salary increases until the study is complete with salary increases being retroactive as of July 1, 2004, leaving salaries the same as of June 30, 2004, seconded by Commissioner Godwin.

Commissioner Wilson withdrew the original motion to proceed with the Budget as is relative to salary increases and Vice Chairman Dutton withdrew his second.

After additional discussion was conducted among the Board members, a straw poll vote was taken on the motion made by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Godwin with the following results:

AYES: Vice Chairman Dutton, Commissioners McKenzie, Jacobs, Norris, Wilson and Godwin

NAYS: Chairman Memory.

The motion to hold off on salary increases until the study is complete with salary increases being retroactive as of July 1, 2004, leaving salaries the same as of June 30, 2004 passed with a five (5) to one (1) vote.

A. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Commissioner Wilson:** I recommend that we cancel the July 19, 2004 Board Meeting since three (3) of our Board members will be at a conference by adopting the following Resolution.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING
of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 6th day of July, 2004, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 7:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in July, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for July 19, 2004, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, August 2, 2004.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July, 2004.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **BILL MEMORY, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to cancel the July 19, 2004 Columbus County Board of Commissioners' Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

- 2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** I have two (2) items I would like to present and they are as follows:
 - A. We have been made aware by a participant in the Prescription Program being offered at the Department of Aging of how grateful and appreciative she is and it has greatly benefitted her and her husband.
 - B. I think we owe Ms. Marva Scott, Director of Social Services, an apology. Discussion was conducted by the Board regarding this matter.
- 3. **Commissioner Godwin:** I have two (2) motions I would like to make. It has been brought to the attention of the Board that the Columbus County Public Utilities Office and the Town of Tabor City have been caught off guard regarding the ceasing of the operations of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I by the Town of Tabor City. There needs to

be a transition period of ninety (90) days for the details to be worked out.

Motion 1: Commissioner Godwin made a motion to grant a ninety (90) days extension to the date of July 1, 2004 to cease operations of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I by the Town of Tabor City, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Motion 2: Commissioner Godwin made a motion that a pay station remain in the Tabor City area, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

AGENDA ADD-ONS:

Item #3: Closed Session:

At 8:55 P.M., Commissioner Wilson made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(3), seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:29 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

TAX REFUNDS and RELEASES (See Agenda Item #14):

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
July 6, 2004**

The Tax Administrator's Office recommends that the values listed below be refunded to the following citizens:

Type	First Name	Amount Released	Property	Year	Account #	Bill #	Total
Refunds	Gibbs, Vernelle		Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	10-0588	4079	\$87.00
		\$0.00					
	P.O. Box 414 Fair Bluff						
	NC 28439						
Refunds	Robinson, Paul		Refund user fee. Customer billed with two trash cans. Only has one. Approved by Solid Waste.	2002	04-1378	8806	\$177.00
		\$0.00					
	881 Spearman Rd. Bolton,						
	NC 28423						
Refunds	Smith, Kelly N.		Refund user fee on house that is vacant with no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	13-0160	6182	\$87.00
		\$0.00					
	526 Garland Duncan Rd. Chadbourn						
	NC 28431						
Refunds	Baldwin, Ulysess G.		Refund the value of a double wide, the Yam City Fire fee (6.72) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.34). The home burned prior to 2002. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste. Make check payable to Estate of Ulysses G. Baldwin, Stacy Baldwin Administrator.	2002	06-0062	5795	\$243.53
		\$52.42					
	303 Pecan St. 5C Bladenboro						
	NC 28320						
Refunds	Baldwin, Ulysess G.		Refund the value of a double wide, the Yam City Fire fee (6.44) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.29). The home burned prior to 2--2. Make check payable to Uylsness Baldwin Estate, Stacy Baldwin , Administrator. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	06-0062	2816	\$240.79
		\$50.26					
	303 Pecan St. 5C						

Bladenboro NC 28320
 Refunds Gibbs, Vernelle

Refund user fee that was paid on vacant house.

Approved by Solid Waste.

\$0.00 \$0.00 2002 10-0588 7042 \$87.00

P.O. Box 414
 Fair Bluff NC 28439

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
 July 6, 2004**

The Tax Administrator's Office recommends that the values listed below be released to the following citizens:

Type of Release	First Name	Amount Released	Property	Year	Account #	Bill #	Total
Property	Bracey, John C.		Release the value of a mobile home and the Acme Delco Fire fee. The home is double listed in the name of Jonathan Benson. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2003	15-0390	30456	\$235.75
Property	Bracey, John C.	\$45.28	Release the value of a mobile home, and the Acme Delco Fire fee. The home is double listed in the name of Jonathan Benson. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2002	15-0390	60231	\$238.20
Property	Edge, Georgia Y.	\$47.17	Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cole Service district (21.85) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue fee (4.37). Customer failed to get the senior citizens exemption. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2003	10-0356	37204	\$196.65
Property	Faircloth, Kathy	\$129.80	Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (2.95) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.59). The home does not exist. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2002	16-0274	82975	\$208.81
Property	Faircloth, Kathy	\$22.97	Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire fee (3.00) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.60). The home does not exist. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2003	16-0274	82976	\$206.70
Property	Lovett, Jacqueline	\$23.40	Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service fee (5.24) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.04) on property that was sold to a family member.	2003	16-1018	83087	\$47.16
Property	Lovett, Jacqueline	\$40.88	Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service fee (5.24) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.04) on property that was sold to a family member.	2002	16-1018	83088	\$47.16
Property	Lovett, Jacqueline	\$40.88	Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service fee (5.24) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.04) on property that was sold to a family member.	2001	16-1018	83089	\$47.16
Property	Lovett, Jacqueline	\$40.88	Release the deferred tax and the Cole Service fee on property that was sold to a family member.	2000	16-1018	83090	\$42.98
Property	Singletary, Roger	\$37.74	Release the value of a camper and the Nakina Fire fee. The camper was sold years ago. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.	2003	07-1480	61134	\$185.64
Property	Waddell, J.B.	\$8.42	Release a portion of the mobile home value and a				

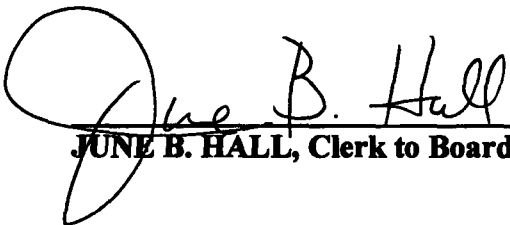
				portion of the Bolton Fire fee. The home is in poor condition and user for storage only.		
Property	Waddell, J.B.	\$12.48	\$1,600.00	2002 04-1593 96012	\$14.62	
				Release a portion of the mobile home value and a		
				portion of the Bolton Fire fee. The home is in poor condition and used for storage only.		
Property	Williams, Jason	\$15.09	\$1,935.00	2003 04-1593 66772	\$17.69	
				Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams		
				Fire fee (16.67) and the Columbus Rescue fee (5.56). The home is double listed in the name of Jason Williamson. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Arnold, Crystal	\$216.76	\$27,790.0	2003 09-0505 69407	\$439.89	
				Release the user fee. This is vacant land.		
				Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Bethea, James	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 10-0226 27714	\$177.00	
				Release user fee on mobile home that is vacant		
				and has no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Bradley, Washington	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 12-0168 29572	\$177.00	
				Release two user fees on mobile home's that are		
				vacant with no electricity. Approved by Solid		
User Fee	Bradley, Washington	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 12-0212 30494	\$354.00	
				Release two user fees on mobile home's that are		
				vacant with no electricity. Approved by Solid		
User Fee	Dowless, Eugene	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 12-0212 60266	\$354.00	
				Release one of two user fees. Customer only has		
				one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Fisher, Henry	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 11-0808 36695	\$177.00	
				Release user fee. There is no trash can a pond		
				house. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Keaton, Lara	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 13-1304 38752	\$177.00	
				Release user fee on house that is vacant and has		
				no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Keaton, Lara	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 15-2174 77615	\$177.00	
				Release user fee on house that is vacant with no		
				electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Perozzi, Robert	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 15-2174 48105	\$177.00	
				Release user fee on mobile home that is vacant		
				and is being moved out of the county. Approved		
				by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Pierce, James	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 01-0504 55956	\$87.00	
				Release user fee on house that is vacant.		
				Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Powell, Robert L.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 11-1986 56227	\$177.00	
				Release user fee. There is no trash can at this		
				address. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Robinson, Paul	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 15-3062 56904	\$177.00	
				Release one of two user fee. Customer only has		
				one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Sellers, Brenda	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 04-1378 58777	\$177.00	
				Release half of the user fee. Customer had trash		
				can for six month only. Approved by Solid Waste.		
User Fee	Smith, Kevin	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 01-0034 59870	\$88.50	
				Release a portion of the user fee. Customer had		
				the trash can for nine month only. Approved by		
				Solid Waste.		

User Fee	Turner, Robert	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	09-0511	61839	\$132.75
							Release user fee on vacant house with no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Turner, Robert F.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	06-4002	95440	\$177.00
							Release user fee on vacant house that has no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Wilson, Crystal	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	06-0382	66191	\$177.00
							Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	10-0422	99378	\$177.00

Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:30 P.M., Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board


BILL MEMORY, Chairman