

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING with COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of EDUCATION
Monday, August 02, 2004
5:30 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 an informal meeting with the Columbus County Board of Education.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bill Memory, **Chairman**
 Kipling Godwin
 Sammie Jacobs
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Lynwood Norris
 C.E. "Gene" Wilson

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

David L. Dutton, Jr., **Vice Chairman**

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Administrator**
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Administrator**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
 Gayle B. Godwin, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 5:39 P.M., Chairman Memory called the meeting to order and Commissioner Kipling Godwin delivered the invocation.

Chairman Memory stated this informal meeting was established as a get together with the Columbus County Board of Education with a dialog relative to Williams Township School. In addition, Chairman Memory stated the following:

1. We would like to contribute as much as possible toward the replacement of Williams Township School;
2. We are presently faced with many requests from other sources that are badly needed;
3. What we actually need from the Columbus County Board of Education is the bottom-line figure of the amount that is being requested from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners toward this project; **and**
4. We are meeting with the Local Government Commission on August 29, 2004 to determine if Columbus County will be able to seek funds through bonds to allow us to be able to finance some of the Capital Projects that are needed.

PRESENTATION by COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. **Ricky Bullard, Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Education:** stated the following:
 - A. I wish to thank you for the invitation to this meeting;
 - B. The schematics for the Williams Township School and auditorium are finished;
 - C. We have gone as far as we can until some funds have been received from the Columbus County Commissioners; **and**
 - D. Time of the essence in this situation due to the rising cost of steel and other building material.

Chairman Memory: what we need to know is a ballpark figure of the amount that is needed to enable us to include this monetary amount when we meet with the Local Government Commission on August 29, 2004 on the bonds we are trying to obtain.

2. **Tommy Nance, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools:** distributed the following information.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Columbus County Board of Commissioners
 FROM: Thomas A. Nance, Superintendent
 DATE: August 2, 2004
 SUBJECT: Construction funds needed for Williams Township School

Attached please find Columbus County Schools financial needs to rebuild Williams Township School. We have started with the total insurance settlement from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Insurance Division and have then taken our expenditures to date from that total allocation to arrive at a current balance of the insurance settlement funds. We have factored in the estimated classroom buildings and auditorium costs to be \$9,894,056.00. When the remaining insurance settlement is placed toward the new construction, a need of \$5,740,366.00 remains for the needed classrooms/auditorium and a need of \$2,345,366.00 is needed to build only the classrooms portion.

Time is our worst enemy in this process. The cost to maintain the module classrooms is \$8,229.00 per month. At this point in time, we are in need of a commitment from the County Commissioners to fund this project. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

INSURANCE SETTLEMENT:	\$5,389,757.00
Less Expenditures:	
Fire Adjusters	(\$161,988.00)
Teachers, Students Property Loss	(\$ 50,000.00)
Demolition/Debris Removal	(\$ 150,000.00)
Mobile Units:	
Set up -Electrical, Plumbing, Communication	
Connection - Lease Payments	(\$ 565,480.00)
Furniture - Equipment - Computers	(\$ 120,661.00)
Supplies - Textbooks - Teaching Materials	(\$ 53,273.00)
Restoration of Property and Records	<u>(\$ 64,665.00)</u>
Balance (Revenue less Expenditures):	<u>\$4,223,690.00</u>

PLANNED NEW CONSTRUCTION:	
Classroom Building (Estimated Cost)	\$6,569,056.00
Auditorium (Estimated Cost)	<u>\$3,295,000.00</u>
Total Cost for Planned New Construction:	<u>\$9,864,056.00</u>
Balance of Insurance Settlement Less Expenditures	<u>(\$4,223,690.00)</u>

Balance Needed for Classrooms/Auditorium	\$5,640,366.00
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<u>Balance Needed for Classrooms Only</u>	<u>\$2,345,366.00</u>
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LITTLE and ASSOCIATES PRESENTATION: Gary Hubler, Architect, presented a display model of the proposed replacement of Williams Township School and the auditorium and stated the following:

1. This model represents thirty-two (32) classrooms built according to the state guidelines that are in effect today;
2. The proposed auditorium is a full-working auditorium for an elementary grade school, provides the capabilities of making productions and performances within, has a sloped floor and a raised stage.
3. This design is in a three (3) building circular form which is supposed to be more economical

to operate.

DAVID LEE McPHERSON PRESENTATION: stated the following:

1. In the previous meeting held in Williams Township School Cafeteria on July 27, 2004, our Legislators stated there may be some funds for a cultural arts center, but in order to qualify for these funds, if available, the name of the proposed auditorium would need to be changed to Williams Township Cultural Arts Building;
2. I do like the proposed design, but I feel sure this school and auditorium could be replaced at a cheaper price if the design was simplified to be more straight and not in sections;
3. The community people have raised money for the replacement of the auditorium and we will continue to do so;
4. The proposed auditorium could be utilized by the school, community and anyone that has a need for it, if available at the time; **and**
5. There is a great need to replace what was destroyed for our children and the generations to come.

MARGIE GORE PRESENTATION: stated the following:

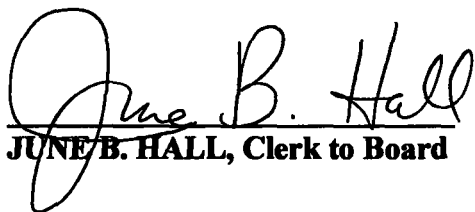
1. I would like to reiterate the great need for the name of this auditorium to be changed to the Williams Township Cultural Arts Building;
2. Columbus County does not have the adequate cultural arts centers it needs; **and**
3. The Community will continue to raise as much revenue as possible toward this project.

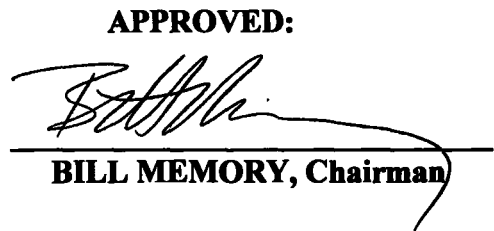
VERNON GURGANOUS PRESENTATION:

1. The community pooled together their resources and paid for the original auditorium when Williams Township School was first built; **and**
2. It is very important that we replace what was destroyed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:37 P.M., Chairman Memory stated this information would be taken under consideration but the reply to the request that has been made could not be made until after the meeting with the Local Government Commission.


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

BILL MEMORY, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, August 2, 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 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**

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

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Memory called the 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.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

1. July 6, 2004 Regular Session Board Minutes;
2. July 12, 2004 Public Hearing Minutes;
3. July 13, 2004 Special/Emergency Meeting Minutes; **and**
4. July 23, 2004 Special/Emergency Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item #4: LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY: (Tabled)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to table this item until a later date, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #5: PURCHASING - APPROVAL of PURCHASING CARD SYSTEM PROPOSAL:

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, requested approval of a Purchasing Card Program as per the bound information distributed to each Board member. A copy of which will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office and the Purchasing Office for review.

Mr. Carroll stated the following:

1. This program is established for small purchases;
2. One (1) person from each department needs to be designated as the official person to make these purchases;
3. Any misuse of these cards needs to be handled by the Department head;
4. Will eliminate a tremendous amount of paperwork; **and**
5. The payment process should be quicker and will avoid interest charges.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve the Purchasing Card Program, as parented to the Board, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #6: PURCHASING - APPROVAL of LOWEST BID for the ADAPTIVE REUSE of the HILL BUILDING:

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, requested Board approval of the lowest bid for the Adaptive Reuse of the Hill Building.

Lee D. Dixon, Jr., EDA, presented the following list of bids that were received on July 28,

2004, for the Adaptive Reuse of Hill Grocery Store for Columbus County Offices, EDA Project #2003413.00.

Ellis-Walker Builders, Inc. \$1,075,000.00
Fayetteville, NC

Pro Construction, Inc. \$1,116,455.00
Jacksonville, NC

Graka Builders, Inc. \$ 918,000.00
Whiteville, NC

Commissioner Wilson asked Mr. Dixon if there was a time limit on this construction, and if so, how long. Mr. Dixon replied stating yes, and it was two hundred twenty (220) days which is nine (9) months.

Chairman Memory asked Mr. Dixon if this low bid price could be negotiated and what caused the difference in price between the bids. Mr. Dixon replied stating yes, the price could be negotiated, and the difference in bid amounts was due to the construction business is in a flux right now and the price of steel has increased tremendously.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to accept low bid price and to authorize Administration to enter into negotiations with Graka Builders, Incorporated on the bid amount, to see if this amount could be lowered, and to bring back the final monetary amount to the Board for approval. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #7: SOCIAL SERVICES - 2005-2007 WORK FIRST PLAN:

Mary B. Thompson, Program Manager, requested Board approval of the following:

A. Appoint recommended committee members for the 2005-2007 Work First Plan as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Alicia Campbell	219 West Princess Street Chadbourn, NC 28431	
Amon E. McKenzie Columbus County Commissioner	P.O. Box 1884 Whiteville, NC 28472	642-7141 (W)
Billy Rushing, Chief Probation & Parole Officer	110 ½ W. Smith Street Whiteville, NC 28742	642-6531 (W)
Brenda Troy Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	106-Q Memory Plaza Whiteville, NC 28472	642-5406
Caletta Faulk Mens and Ladies Den	1008 S. Madison Street Whiteville, NC 28472	642-5612 (W)
Carolina Staton, Interim Director Southeastern Regional Columbus Center	306 Jefferson Street Whiteville, NC 28472	642-6585 (W)
Charles Garrett, Manager Employment Security Commission	630 S. Madison Street Whiteville, NC 28472	642-0146 (W)
Charles Patton, Director Columbus County Transportation	290 Legion Drive Whiteville, NC 28472	641-3929 (W)
Danny McPherson, Superintendent Whiteville City Schools	P.O. Box 609 Whiteville, NC 28472	642-8054 (W)
Jim Hinkle, Director Columbus County Economic Development	P.O. Box 456 Whiteville, NC 28472	640-6608 (W)
Marian Duncan, Director Columbus County Health Department	P.O. Box 810 Whiteville, NC 28472	640-6614 (W)

Maxine Lennon, Project Director Work Incentive Grant	P.O. Box 151 Whiteville, NC 28472	642-7141 (W)
Rev. Shirley Hunt CM Hunt Ministries, Inc.	P.O. Box 443 Chadbourn, NC 28431	
Rev. Paul Woodall First Presbyterian Church	511 N. Thompson Street Whiteville, NC 28472	
Sarah Shipman Four County Community Services	P.O. Box 337 Whiteville, NC 28472	
Shelba Hemingway Family Champions Resource Center	P.O. Box 694 Tabor city, NC 28462	653-9200 (W)
Tommy Nance, Superintendent Columbus County Schools	P.O. Box 729 Whiteville, NC 28742	642-5168 (W)
Vinita Vann	P.O. Box 280 Evergreen NC 28438	

B. Approve Columbus County to remain as a Standard County Status.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the recommended committee members for the 2005-2007 Work First Plan and for Columbus County to remain as a Standard County status, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #8: EMERGENCY SERVICES - ACCEPTANCE of NCDENR GRANT:

Ronnie Hayes, Director, requested Board approval and acceptance of a North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) Grant in the amount of seven thousand two hundred and 00/100 (\$7,200.00) dollars for the purchase and installation of six (6) "dry hydrants" in certain locations within Columbus County. This grant will have an "in-kind" match of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 (\$1,800.00) dollars and was applied for one (1) year ago. Mr. Hayes stated this grant was applied for one (1) year ago.

Commissioner Godwin made a motion to approve and accept the NCDENR Grant in the amount of seven thousand two hundred and 00/100 (\$7,200.00) dollars, with an "in-kind" match of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 (\$1,800.00) dollars, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #9: EMERGENCY SERVICES - SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW FIRE DISTRICTS' BOUNDARIES and SIX MILE FIRE DISTRICT MAPS:

Ronnie Hayes, Director, requested the Board to establish a date, place and time for a Public Hearing for the new Fire Districts' boundaries and the six (6) mile fire district maps which have been updated to new state standards.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to establish August 16, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 as the Public Hearing date for new Fire Districts' boundaries and the new (6) mile fire district maps, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF - DISPOSE of SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Sheriff Batten requested Board approval to dispose of items of surplus property that did not receive a bid when these items were offered for sale (such as furniture, chairs, computer monitors and other small items) through the landfill.

Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to approve Sheriff Batten to dispose of items of surplus property that did not receive a bid when these items were offered for sale, through the landfill, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #11: CDBG GRANT #03-C-1089 CONCENTRATED NEEDS - APPROVAL of LOW BIDDER:

Darren L. Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval to award Contract #03-06 to Tom Holland in the amount of fifty-eight thousand six hundred and 00/100 (\$58,670.00) dollars as the low bidder.

**2003 Columbus County CDBG
 Bid Date: June 30, 2004 - 2:00 P.M.
 Summary of Low Bid and Recommendation of Award**

Unit	Contractor	Bid Price
03-06	Tom Holland	\$58,670.00

Recommendation

Notes:

1. Award Contract 03-06 as stated above contingent on the State's approval to allow substantial rehabilitation.

Approved: /s/ BILLY JOE FARMER
 Columbus County

Approved: /s/ BILL MEMORY
 Columbus County

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the award of Contact #03-06 to Tom Holland in the amount of fifty-eight thousand six hundred and 00/100 (\$58,670.00) dollars as the low bidder, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #12: APPROVAL of FEE SCHEDULE for MAPS:

Darren L. Currie, Assistant County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following Columbus County Map Fee Schedule and Order Form.

COLUMBUS COUNTY MAP FEE SCHEDULE AND ORDER FORM

STANDARD LAYERS:

- _____ Centerlines
- _____ County Boundary
- _____ Municipalities
- _____ Hydrograph
- _____ Fire Districts
- _____ Law Enforcement Areas
- _____ Rescue Response
- _____ Ortho-photography
- _____ Satellite Annexations
- _____ Parcels
- _____ Townships

STANDARD LAYER MAPS

A.	8 ½ x 11	=	\$ 1.00
B.	11 x 17	=	\$ 2.00
C.	17 x 22	=	\$ 5.00
D.	18 x 18	=	\$ 5.00
E.	18 x 36	=	\$ 7.00
F.	22 x 34	=	\$10.00
G.	34 x 44	=	\$20.00
H.	36 x 50	=	\$20.00
I.	28 x 40	=	\$20.00

Price of map includes ortho-photography layer as well as any layer listed as standard layers.

Countywide cadastral =\$100.00
 Countywide Ortho's =\$100.00
 Additional analysis and custom maps will be charged at a rate of \$20.00/hour plus the costs of map and materials as listed above. Fees will be billed per 15 minutes of analysis.

CUSTOM LAYERS:

- _____ Flood Plain Zones
- _____ School Districts

Lamination of maps is available at a cost of: \$1.00 per linear foot.

Political Districts
(Including Commissioners, city
Council, Senatorial and House of
Representatives)

NOTE: All standard layers are in linear format. Any changes are considered to be custom and will be charged accordingly.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the Columbus County Map Fee Schedule and Order Form, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #13: RESOLUTION - I-74 / I-20 RESOLUTION of SUPPORT:

Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, requested Board approval of the following Resolution based on Congressman McIntyre's recommendation.

I-74/I-20 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, interstate highways are critical to the economic development of the County of Columbus and all southeastern North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, the construction of new highways and the improvement of existing infrastructure would provide for many economic benefits, such as increased tourism and commercial shipping; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed interstates would provide for safe and more efficient evacuation in the event of natural disasters, such as hurricanes and flooding; **and**

WHEREAS, significant federal resources have been invested in both the Wilmington Port and the southeastern North Carolina Beaches, and interstate highways are critical to maximize the economic benefits of this investment through easier and quicker passenger and freight travel; **and**

WHEREAS, portions of U.S. Highway 74, the future Interstate Highway 74 corridor, have been the scene of many fatal accidents, further underscoring the need to improve U.S. 74 by enhancing public safety and meeting interstate standards; **and**

WHEREAS, the extension of Interstate Highway 20 from Florence, South Carolina to Whiteville, North Carolina would serve as a major economic catalyst for several economically-challenged counties and would allow for both freight and passengers to travel on interstate highways all the way from Wilmington, North Carolina to Los Angeles, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County does fully support any and all efforts to further the construction, extension and improvement of Interstate Highway 74 and Interstate Highway 20 through southeastern North Carolina.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of August, A.D., 2004.

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

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the I-74 / I-20 Resolution of Support, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #14: WATER - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Leroy Sellers, Director, presented the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. In the past year, the Public Utilities Office has completed over one thousand two hundred

- ninety (1,290) work orders which included the installation of new services, emergency calls, broken water mains, hydrants and service lines;
2. The Utilities Office currently has four (4) men taking care of these work orders with the fifth person reading all the water meter approximately two and one-half (2 ½) weeks per month;
 3. We maintain, service and repair for Water Districts I, II and III, or approximately three hundred (300) miles of the water line;
 4. In October of 2003, we took over the wells and water lines of Deerfield Estates and Lakeland Village;
 5. A new system in the Acme area is awaiting final approval from the Department of Natural Resources Office and will be on line soon;
 6. By law, the Water Department must log the water at each well and test the water in each district every day seven (7) days per week;
 7. The Water Department does its own locates. This is where we go out and mark the water mains and service lines with flags or paint so other utilities, such as cablevision, electrical and telephone companies will not cut out lines. By law, we only have forty-eight (48) hours to perform this task;
 8. Since October, we have located, marked and exercised most of the valves and hydrants in water District II and are currently working on District III;
 9. In the Utilities Office, we currently have two (2) full-time employees and one (1) part-time employee;
 10. In the month of June alone, the Water Office generated over five thousand (5,000) letters due to the rule changes in the billing process and CCR reports. The five thousand (5,000) letter were hand typed, copied and then place into envelopes manually. These letters did not include the regular monthly water billing process;
 11. In addition, one (1) person in the office staff serves as a secretary and pay all the water bills created by the department. She also does time sheets and helps with the counter;
 12. Our Counter Clerk waits on customers with payments and puts new accounts in the computer;
 13. The Office Manager maintains regular operation of the office, talks with customers about accounts and payments that call or come into the office; **and**
 14. The Public Utilities Department is a new entity to the County Government. It is experiencing growing pains, which we are trying to relieve one (1) day at a time.

PERSONNEL - LEROY SELLERS APPOINTED as WATER SUPERINTENDENT:

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, made a motion to officially appoint Leroy Sellers as the Water Superintendent and to relieve him of all previous duties from the Maintenance Department, with the appropriate increase in salary. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #15: APPOINTMENTS for COMMITTEES:

A. Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to reappoint the following two (2) people to the Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term, with term expiring August 31, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Lenora Callihan, 1591 Garland Cox Road, Tabor City, NC 28474, Telephone: (910) 653-3462

JoAnn Hinson, 56545 J.B. White Highway South, Whiteville, NC 28472, Telephone: (910) 642-3723

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

Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to appoint Robert Adams, 233 Mount Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433, Telephone: (910) 648-6355, to serve on the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council, for a three (3) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2004. This will fill the vacancy in District IV. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

C. Library Board of Trustees:

Commissioner Godwin appointed Jeanne B. Ivey, P.O. Box 630, Chadbourn, NC 28431-

0630, Telephone: (910) 654-5242, to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2008, to replace Anne Powell in Zone VI.

Commissioner Jacobs reappointed Jean Jacobs, P.O. Box 188, Bolton, NC 28423, Telephone: (910) 655-8581, to the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2008.

Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman Dutton. The motion so carried.

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-430-5701	HAVA Accessibility Grant	\$15,619
Revenue	10-399-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$15,619

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

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

AGENDA ADD-ON (1):

RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION REQUESTING the ADDITION of "DEPUTY" to the SIGNAGE for the R. H. BOB HINSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE:

Lieutenant Billy Hammond and former Sheriff Jimmy P. Ferguson requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING the ADDITION of "DEPUTY"
to the SIGNAGE for the R. H. BOB HINSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners the title "Deputy" was not listed on the signage for R. H. Bob Hinson Memorial Bridge at the NC 410/US 74 interchange in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners approved and adopted a Resolution entitled "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; **and**

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2004, a dedication ceremony was held to present the signage to the family, friends, co-workers, etc. in memoriam of Mr. Hinson; **and**

WHEREAS, upon review of the signage, it was detected the title of "Deputy" was not listed; **and**

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Hinson's many years of public service to his country and fellow citizens of Columbus County, it is only fitting and proper to list the title of "Deputy" to this signage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the North Carolina Department of Transportation add the title "Deputy" to the signage for the R. H. Bob Hinson Memorial Bridge at the NC 410/US 74 interchange in Columbus County.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of August, 2004.

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

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

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting the Addition of "Deputy" to the Signage for the R. H. Bob Hinson Memorial Bridge, seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

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

A. Public:

Lofton Cox: I would like to discuss the following two (2) items:

- A. I would like to know the status of the C & D Debris Landfill issue that was discussed during the recent Public Hearing. Chairman Memory replied stating that was a dead issue.
- B. Provisional votes: during the July, 2004 elections, the number of provisional votes was very high, in fact, the highest ever, and I think this should be checked into. In addition, the voting precinct boundaries that have been established, for whatever reason, seem to be far off course. In my precinct, we have citizens who reside within one (1) mile of a voting precinct, but had to travel at least seven (7) miles to vote at another assigned precinct. This matter should be checked into and changed.

Chairman Memory stated this matter was not up to the Board of County Commissioners. This decision was made by the Board of Elections and possibly from the State level. This matter needs to be brought to the attention of the Columbus County Board of Elections.

2 Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs: I have two (2) items for tonight, and they are as follows:

- A. **Appointment of Roxanne Coleman as Columbus County Finance Officer:** as Chairman of the Finance Committee, I am recommending that Roxanne Coleman be appointed as the Columbus County Finance Officer, effective as of August 3, 2004, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.
- B. **Mileage Reimbursement for Travel:** we have received correspondence from Ed Worley, Aging Director, regarding the mileage reimbursement for travel from several of the in-home caretakers that do a large amount of traveling in order to take care of the clients. In the correspondence, it states the present rate of mileage reimbursement which is thirty (\$.30) cents per mile is not adequate to cover their expenses due to the tremendous increase in the price of gasoline. I am recommending the mileage reimbursement for travel be increased from thirty (\$.30) cents per mile to the IRS rate and adjusted accordingly as the IRS rate changes.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to change the mileage reimbursement for travel from thirty (\$.30) cents per mile to the IRS rate and adjusted accordingly as the IRS rate changes, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:25 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(4) and (6), seconded by Commissioner Godwin. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:39 P.M., Vice Chairman Dutton made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

OTHER:

Columbus County Board of Education:

Discussion was conducted regarding the presentation made by the Columbus County Board of education beginning at 5:30 P.M., August 2, 2004, previous to this meeting. It was the general consensus of the Board for Billy Joe Farmer, County Administrator, to meet with Tommy Nance, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, relative to the utilization of the needed funds for the start of this project being derived from the insurance proceeds that are already in hand, and not waiting for Columbus County to get their funds in order.

TAX REFUNDS AND RELEASES (See Agenda Item #16.B.):

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
August 2, 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	Brooks, Benjamin		Refund the property value and the Whiteville				
			Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of Bennie Bowen Heirs. Total refund should be \$17.76 which includes \$5.18 interest.				
		\$12.24	\$1,700.00	2000	01-0906	8301	\$12.58
	<i>c/o Cheryl Akuma, 14 Philly St. Burlington NJ 08016</i>						
Refunds	Brooks, Benjamin		Refund the property value and the Whiteville				
			Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of Bennie Bowen Heirs. Total refund should be \$17.43 which includes \$3.83 interest.				
		\$13.26	\$1,700.00	2001	01-0906	8305	\$13.60
	<i>c/o Cheryl Akuma, 14 Philly St. Burlington NJ 08016</i>						
Refunds	Brooks, Benjamin		Refund the property value and the Whiteville				
			Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of Bennie Bowen Heirs. Total refund should be \$19.04 with includes \$5.44 interest.				
		\$13.26	\$1,700.00	2002	01-0906	6058	\$13.60
	<i>c/o Cheryl Akuma, 14 Philly St. Burlington NJ 08016</i>						
Refunds	Brooks, Benjamin		Refund the property value and the Whiteville				
			Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of Bennie Bowen Heirs. Refund total should be \$17.55 which includes \$3.95 interest.				
		\$13.26	\$1,700.00	2003	01-0906	3081	\$13.60
	<i>c/o Cheryl Akuma, 14 Philly St. Burlington NJ 08016</i>						

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
August 2, 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	Cartret, F.M.		Release the value of a old house, the Columbus				
			Rescue fee (2.30) and the Williams Fire fee (6.90). The old house does not exist. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$89.70	\$11,500.0	2003	09-0272	33266	\$275.90
Property	Cartret, F.M.		Release the value of a old house, the Columbus				


				Rescue fee (2.30) and the Williams Fire (6.90). The old house does not exist. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Cartret, Gary	\$89.70	\$11,500.0	2002 09-0272 62988	\$275.90			
				Release the value of a house, the Columbus				
Property	Cartret, Gary	\$141.96	\$18,200.0	2003 09-0015 33278	\$333.52			
				Rescue fee (2.64) and the Williams Fire fee (10.92). The house is double listed in the name of W&W Homes. Release of user fee approved by				
				Release the value of a home, the Columbus				
Property	Culbertson, Bryan	\$149.76	\$19,200.0	2003 09-0015 33277	\$342.12			
				Rescue fee (3.84) and the Williams Fire fee (11.52). The house is double listed in the name of W&W Homes. Release of user fee approved by				
				Release the property value, the Williams Fire (6.79)				
				and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.26). The property is double listed in the name of Sarah and Leon Manning. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Culbertson, Bryan	\$88.30	\$11,320.0	2003 09-0641 35549	\$284.09			
				Release the property value and the Columbus				
				Rescue fee. The house is double listed in the name of Sarah Lee & Leon Manning. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Culbertson, Bryan	\$94.85	\$12,160.0	2002 09-0641 65241	\$284.01			
				Release the property value and the Columbus				
				Rescue fee. The property is double listed in the name of Sarah Lee & Leon Manning. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Culbertson, Bryan	\$101.48	\$13,010.0	2001 09-0641 87658	\$269.08			
				Release the property value that is double listed in				
				the name of Sarah Lee & Leon Manning. Release of user fee approved by Solid Waste.				
Property	Edwards, Anthony	\$96.98	\$13,470.0	2000 09-0641 87470	\$221.98			
				Release the value of a jet ski and the Whiteville				
				Rescue fee. The jet ski was sold years ago.				
Property	Edwards, Anthony B.	\$14.39	\$1,849.00	2003 01-0114 37308	\$16.24			
				Release the value of a jet ski and the Whiteville				
				Rescue fee. The jet ski was sold years ago.				
Property	Ivey, John H.	\$15.64	\$2,005.00	2002 01-0114 67002	\$17.64			
				Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Release of user fee				
Property	Ivey, John H.	\$442.26	\$56,700.0	2003 14-0375 46542	\$630.60			
				Release the value of a double wide home and the				
				Columbus Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Release of user fee				
Property	Ivey, John H.	\$442.26	\$56,700.0	2001 14-0375 98291	\$618.60			
				Release the value of a double wide and the				
				Columbus Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Release of user fee				
User Fee	Allen, Nancy	\$442.26	\$56,700.0	2002 14-0375 76090	\$630.60			
				Release a portion of the user fee. Customer did not have the trash can for a full year. Approved by Solid Waste.				
User Fee	Baker, Arnold	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 03-0004 27345	\$88.50			
				Release user fee on house that is vacant.				
				Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 13-0070 27943	\$177.00			

User Fee	Baker, Arnold	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 13-0070 57727	\$177.00
User Fee	Cartret, F.M.	Release user fee on house that does not exist. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2001 09-0272 85430	\$165.00
User Fee	Cartret, Gary	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 09-0015 63000	\$177.00
User Fee	Cartret, Gary	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 09-0015 62999	\$177.00
User Fee	Ellis, Ernest	Release user fee on house that is vacant with no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 14-0364 37629	\$177.00
User Fee	Ellis, Ernest	Release user fee on house that is vacant with no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 14-0364 67312	\$177.00
User Fee	Ellis, Ernest	Release user fee on house that is vacant with no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2001 14-0364 89682	\$165.00
User Fee	Ivey, Sylvester	Release user fee on house that is vacant with no electricity or trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 03-1177 76103	\$177.00
User Fee	Ivey, Sylvester	Release user fee on house that is vacant with no electricity or trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2001 03-1177 98300	\$156.38
User Fee	Long, Benjamin	Release user fee on house that is unlivable, with no electricity or water. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 09-1679 49930	\$177.00
User Fee	Long, Benjamin	Release user fee on house that is unlivable, no electricity or water. Approved by Solid Waste.				
			\$0.00	\$0.00	2002 09-1679 79396	\$177.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:51 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board


BILL MEMORY, Chairman