

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 18, 2005****6:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of a presentation by Tom King, North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, and Tyler Bray, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Planning Division, and their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
 Kipling Godwin, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 James E. Prevatte
 Bill Memory
 Lynwood Norris
 David L. Dutton, Jr.

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Manager**
 James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Manager**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Roxanne Coleman, **Finance Officer**

6:00 P.M.**PRESENTATION - Discussion on Countywide Land Use Plan and Countywide Thoroughfare Plan**

Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, introduced Tom King, North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, and stated Mr. King would be delivering a presentation on a Countywide Land Use Plan.

Mr. King stated the following:

1. A Land Use Plan has certain game rules that involve the Government, interests, market and a good Land Planner;
2. It is not a regulatory document;
3. A Land Use Plan should involve the formulation of a Land Use Plan Steering Committee made up of thirteen (13) members for the purpose of receiving citizen input;
4. This plan will let you know where you are not and where you would like to be in twenty (20) years from now; **and**
5. In my research, I discovered that Columbus County does have a Land Use Plan that was implemented in 1976 but was not very definitive.

Mr. King asked if anyone had questions they would like to ask. The following questions were asked and addressed.

Commissioner Memory: Can Columbus County develop a good Land Use Plan without zoning?

Tom King: This is a policy document, it could take another avenue and accomplish the same goal.

Commissioner Memory: Is the Land Use Plan what the Planning Board needs?

Tom King: The Land Use Plan will be their main implementation tool.

Commissioner Dutton: In order to sell any property, will the citizens have to go through certain avenues to do so?

Tom King: No.

Commissioner Dutton: If the citizens in Columbus County wish to sell their property and the Land Use Plan entails extra expenses to be incurred before they can sell, then many of our citizens would not be able to sell, due to the extra expenses. This situation would not fit their pocketbook.

Commissioner Prevatte: From the presentation you have just delivered, is the Land Use Plan a part of the Subdivision Plan, and if not, is it an umbrella for the Subdivision Plan?

Darren Currie: The Countywide Land Use Plan will tell us where we are now and where we want to be in twenty (20) years. Columbus County must have a Subdivision Ordinance in place before a Land Use Plan can be developed.

Commissioner McKenzie: I applaud the idea of a Countywide Land Use Plan. I think it is something Columbus County needs as long as it does not place a heavy burden on our citizens.

Vice Chairman Godwin: I understood you to say that Columbus County does have a Land Use Plan that was done in 1976 by the Cape Fear Council of Governments. Do Robeson and Brunswick County have a Land Use Plan?

Tom King: Yes they do.

Darren Currie: stated the following:

1. At the April 04, 2005 Board Meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Columbus County and the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, was approved for the purpose of obtaining a Countywide Land Use Plan;
2. Tom King agreed to help Columbus County develop a Land Use Plan;
3. The Land Use Plan does not need to be confused with zoning;
4. This plan will be beneficial to Columbus County in the future due to the dwindling of the farm setting and the decline in industry we are experiencing;
5. Columbus County needs a Land Use Plan in place before a Countywide Thoroughfare Plan can be done;
6. There will be a formal presentation made to the Board for the Subdivision Ordinance which must be in place before the Countywide Land Use Plan can be done;
7. We do not need to confuse this plan with zoning; **and**
8. The Countywide Land Use Plan can be very beneficial to the landowners of Columbus County.

Darren Currie introduced Tyler Bray, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Planning Division and stated Mr. Bray would deliver the presentation on the Countywide Thoroughfare Plan.

Mr. Bray stated the following:

1. The areas within Columbus County that have thoroughfare plans are Whiteville/Brunswick, Lake Waccamaw, Tabor City and Chadbourn;
2. The areas within Columbus County that do not have thoroughfare plans are Boardman, Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo, and in addition, Columbus County overall;
3. A Thoroughfare Plan results in a Comprehensive Transportation Plan;
4. The purpose of long-range transportation planning is to generate information decision makers can use to guide future transportation decisions;
5. The product of long-range transportation planning is a Comprehensive Transportation Plan;
6. Long-range transportation planning involves the following process:
 - A. Where are we now?
 - B. Where do we want to go? **and**
 - C. How will we get there?
7. The benefits of long-range transportation planning are:
 - A. Integration with land use planning and the development process;
 - B. Minimum disruption for citizens; **and**
 - C. Cost savings.
8. The Transportation Planning Process is as follows:
 - A. Hold initial meetings;
 - B. Establish plan schedule;
 - C. Establish public involvement plan;
 - D. Establish community vision;
 - E. Conduct goals and objectives survey;
 - F. Establish tools and data needs;
 - G. Assign responsibilities;
 - H. Collect data;
 - I. Endorse data;
 - J. Project data;
 - K. Endorse projections;
 - L. Analyze deficiencies;
 - M. Develop alternatives;
 - N. Recommend plan;
 - O. Adopt plan;
 - P. Technical report;
 - Q. Corridor protection; **and**
 - R. Programming.
9. A Comprehensive Transportation Plan is a twenty-five to thirty (25-30) year plan and a TIP Plan is a seven (7) year plan;
10. A Comprehensive Transportation Plan involves making decisions on multitmodal,

- recommendations and highway categories; **and**
11. What you can do is to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan that addresses the current and future needs of the areas within Columbus County.
 12. Mr. Bray asked if anyone had any questions they would like to ask.

The following questions were presented to Mr. Bray:

Commissioner Memory: Will this plan have any bearing on the roads to be upgraded in the existing Transportation Improvement Plan?

Tyler Bray: No.

Darren Currie: The time line of completion of this plan is eighteen to twenty-four (18-24) months.

Mike Helm: Will this become a part of the Department of Transportation Funding Process?

Tyler Bray: Not specifically, it should have no bearing.

Mike Helm: Is this plan seen as a local tool to make decisions with?

Tyler Bray: Yes.

Comments by Mayor J.B. Evans:

The Honorable J.B. Evans, Mayor of Fair Bluff and member of the Columbus County Planning Board, stated the following:

1. If this plan is approved and adopted, Columbus County will need a good planner on board to put the plan in place;
2. This plan does not need to take another eighteen to twenty-four (18-24) months after it is adopted to be put into place;
3. I strongly encourage Columbus County to have a good Planner on board before this plan is finished; **and**
4. The Planning Board has been working very hard on developing the Subdivision Ordinance.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Memory. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner David L. Dutton, Jr.

Agenda Item #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the April 04, 2005 Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #4: HEALTH DEPARTMENT - INTRODUCTION OF NEW HEALTH DIRECTOR, KIMBERLY SMITH:

Dr. Darryl Diefus, Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Health, stated the Search Committee that was formed to locate a new Health Director for the Columbus County Health Department, took the task very serious of finding the best qualified person for this position. I would like to introduce Kimberly Smith as the candidate we chose for the Director of the Columbus County Health Department.

Ms. Kimberly Smith stated the following:

1. I realize that I have some very big shoes to fit; **and**
2. With Marian Duncan's help, I can fill these shoes.

Dr. Diefus stated that things were running very smoothly at the Health Department since Ms. Smith came on board.

Agenda Item #5: AGING - APPROVAL OF HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ed Worley, Columbus County Aging Director, requested Board approval of the following recommendations:

- A. To appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging as the receiver provider and continue as the Lead Agent for Columbus County;
- B. To allow all programs to remain as presently provided; **and**
- C. On behalf of the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee, request to accept the proposed budget from the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee of the proposed allocations of \$507,051.00, with a local match of \$56,339.00, for a grand total of \$563,390.00.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to approve the recommendations made by Ed Worley, Columbus County Aging Director, as listed above, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #6: SOCIAL SERVICES - REVISIONS/CLARIFICATIONS TO WORK FIRST PLAN:

Mary B. Thompson, Program Manager, requested Board approval of two (2) revisions/clarifications to the Work First Plan as follows:

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- Sanction/~~Terminate~~ those participants who fail to show good cause for not participating satisfactorily.

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Clarification -

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COORDINATOR

----- ~~Drug testing is required of individuals whose assessments indicates substance abuse.~~ If there is a score of 8 or more on the AUDIT, moderate level on the DAST-10 or if behavioral indicators are detected the individual will be referred to the substance abuse coordinator. -----

Ms. Thompson stated this plan was developed and submitted to the State for approval and the State asked for these two (2) changes that need to be approved by the Board.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the two (2) changes, as listed above, to the Work First Plan, as recommended by Mary B. Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #7: SOIL AND WATER - REQUEST FOR BEAVER/DRAINAGE MONIES:

Donna G. Register, District Conservationist, requested beaver/drainage monies to assist with the Red Store Road drainage problem. Ms. Register stated the following:

1. The Red Store Road is a Department of Transportation project;
2. The Pleasant Plains Road is a Department of Transportation project;
3. With the help o f Milton McLean, on the Airport Road, twenty-two (22) beavers were caught;
4. Commissioner McKenzie has stated snagging needs to be done in the Red Store area,
5. If snagging is done, the County should have the ability to maintain areas like this years later;
6. In these type projects, we need the landowners to sign easements that will allow access in the future; **and**
7. James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, needs to draft up a Maintenance Agreement for these projects that will allow Columbus County to revisit these sites for future maintenance.

Vice Chairman Godwin asked Ms. Register if she had a model policy to use for the creation of a Maintenance Agreement for Columbus County the Board could approve, and have in place for projects of this nature. Ms. Register replied stating no, but Mr. Hill had drafted a Maintenance Agreement allowing Columbus County to revisit these projects in the future.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion for the District Conservationist and James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, to draft a copy of a Maintenance Agreement to include easements

from the property owners for these drainage/beaver projects to allow for future maintenance, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

Ms. Register stated the Simmons Bay Project was a Corps of Engineers Project. Columbus County told the Corps they had easements from the property owners. The past minutes have been checked by June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, and the former Clerk to the Board, Ida L. Smith, and these easements could not be located. They must have been verbal easements and never recorded.

Vice Chairman Godwin asked Ms. Register who dug the canal on Red Store Road. Ms. Register replied stating from the information she had been able to obtain, it must have been ASCS funds.

Item #8: PERSONNEL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Virginia Taylor, Personnel Director, presented the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. The Personnel Department is extremely busy;
2. Columbus County employs seven hundred fifty-two (752) employees, with approximately five hundred two (502) full-time employees and two hundred fifty (250) contract and part-time employees;
3. From February, 2004 until the present, Columbus County has experienced an employee turnover rate of twenty-four (24%) percent, and of this percentage fourteen (14%) percent was full-time employees;
4. Four (4) employees have retired, two (2) with thirty (30) years and two (2) with twenty (20) years;
5. Mr. Farmer, Darren and myself are in the process of going through the new County Personnel Policy information that was provided to us by Chris May, Cape Fear Council of Governments. This new Personnel Policy will clear up some of the existing policy pitfalls and put in place a more defined and detailed Personnel Policy. When the scrutinizing process is finished, this new Columbus County Personnel Policy will be presented to the Board for approval and adoption.
6. Open enrollment for county benefits will be in June, 2005, and I am presently trying to set dates, locations and times for the open enrollment to be held; **and**
7. Performance skills seminars are being continued through Southeastern Community College.

Chairman Jacobs asked Ms. Taylor which department had the highest turnover in employees and which department had the lowest turnover. Ms. Taylor replied stating it was a mixture.

Vice Chairman asked Ms. Taylor where the seminars that would boost employee morale being taught. Ms. Taylor replied stating some were in Virginia and some were being taught at Southeastern Community College. Vice Chairman Godwin asked if it was the standard procedure to award the retirees with a plaque and a pin. Ms. Taylor stated the Clerk to the Board was running behind on the plaques and she was in the process of checking on a pin she deemed suitable for the occasion.

Commissioner Memory asked Ms. Taylor why Columbus County was experiencing such a high turnover of employees. Ms. Taylor replied stating it was due to termination, retirement and moving out of the county.

Vice Chairman Godwin asked Ms. Taylor if she was performing exit interviews. Ms. Taylor replied stating yes. Vice Chairman Godwin stated it would be a good idea for Ms. Taylor to prepare a list and identify the departments where the employee turnover was occurring and the reason for the turnover.

Agenda Item #9: ADMINISTRATION - FORMAL REQUEST A CHANGE IN MEETING TIME FOR THE MAY 16, 2005 BOARD MEETING BY RESOLUTION:

Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, requested a formal change in the meeting time for the May 16, 2005 Board Meeting to be set at 7:00 P.M., by Resolution, to allow additional time for a formal presentation of the Subdivision Regulations. The Resolution is as follows.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CHANGE MEETING TIME

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 18th day of April, 2005, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

W I T N E S S E T H :

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 changing the meeting **time** scheduled for the first second Monday in May, 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 change the regular meeting time of the said Board scheduled for May 16, 2005 be, and the same is hereby changed for the regularly scheduled meeting, of the said Board, to 7:00 P.M., May 16, 2005, and shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina,,

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 18th day of April, 2005.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 /s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Notice and Resolution to Change Meeting Time of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

Agenda Item #10: ADMINISTRATION - APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT AGENT FORM:

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Agenda Item #11: RESOLUTION - AMENDED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMERCE FINANCE CENTER, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION:

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following **Amended** Resolution for the Wright Corporation Project.

**AMENDED Department of Commerce, Commerce Finance Center, Industrial
 Development Fund Grant Acceptance Resolution
 RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that a grant from the Department of Commerce to the County of Columbus be made for the benefit of Wright Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Columbus County will administer this grant in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will administer this grant through the County Finance Office and other appropriate designees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant will be monitored quarterly to assure

compliance with this proposal and the Department of Commerce regulations. Also, creation and/or retention of new jobs will be monitored in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wright Corporation will create 4 new jobs in a period of two years from January 30, 2005 to January 30, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the creation of 4 jobs, the amount of the grant application will be \$500,000.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2005.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, stated the reason for the amended Resolution was the verbiage in paragraph one.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Amended Department of Commerce, Commerce Finance Center, Industrial Development Fund Grant Acceptance Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I BOARD MEETING:

At 8:00 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Godwin. The motion so carried.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book I for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

At 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried.

OTHER:

DISTRIBUTION OF TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Chairman Jacobs acknowledged the information that was distributed to the Board by Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, and stated the tax collection rate had increased to .9161%.

Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, stated the credit card setup for the Tax Office would be ready in fifteen (15) days.

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:

Chairman Jacobs recognized the department heads that were in attendance at the meeting and asked if any of them wanted to speak. There were no comments made.

Agenda Item #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-535-3301	Homeland Security Grant	\$78,949.44
Revenue	10-348-0002	NC CCPS - Homeland Security	\$78,949.44
Expenditure	54-511-4300	DEA Federal Buy Money	\$10,000
	10-510-4300	Special Services	(\$10,000)
Expenditure	10-535-3302	Hazardous Material Planning	\$5,000
Revenue	10-348-0001	NC CCPS - Hazardous Material Planning Grant	\$5,000

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 Item #14: COMMENTS:

Chairman Jacobs opened the floor for any comments anyone would like to make. The following people spoke.

A. Public:

Terry Daniels: stated the following:

1. I live on Paul Willoughby Road;
2. We do not have any accessibility to county water;
3. There are four thousand and 00/100 (\$4,000.00) dollars worth of taxes being paid for this road to allow for water;
4. There are hog farms and greenhouses located on this road and it would be cost prohibitive to use county water; **and**
5. I would like to know why we are being taxed for county water that we do not have or never will have.

Commissioner McKenzie requested that James E. Hill, Jr., Columbus County Attorney, deliver an explanation as to why the citizens on this road are being taxed.

Mr. Hill delivered the following explanation:

1. When this water district was voted on by the citizens, and passed, the ballot stated the sitting Board was legally allowed to levy taxes to pay debt service;
2. The Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I and II Boards tried to add this to the users only;
3. The only legal way that is available to use is to tax everyone in the districts;
4. We have submitted a recommendation for our legislators to change the bill to allow for assessment fees for hookups; **and**
5. This is a procedural problem in the law itself.

Commissioner McKenzie asked if the Board needed to adopt a Resolution to make the necessary change to allow for assessments.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated we do need a Resolution because our hands are tied the way it reads now.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members, Chairman Jacobs stated the Board would take this matter under consideration.

A. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Norris:** stated he recommends the Board Meetings be started at 6:30 P.M. during the length of the Daylight Savings Time and submitted the following motion.

MOTION:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to start the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meetings, by approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution to Change Meeting Time of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, at 6:30 P.M. during the length of the Daylight Saving Time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

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of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

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

- 2 **Commissioner McKenzie:** I understand the water hookup fees for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and III have gone back to the original price. I would like to make the following motion for an extension for the reduced water hookup fees.

MOTION:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to extend the reduced water hookup fee of one hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars that was to end on April 8, 2005 to July 1, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte.

Commissioner Memory stated the following regarding this matter:

1. We have extended this deadline before and it has not made a lot of difference in the number of hookups;
2. We need to get serious about this issue to let the citizens know they cannot keep waiting;
and
3. I do not think another extension will make a lot of difference.

Commissioner McKenzie stated there had been twenty-three (23) hookups during the last

extension and the main purpose of the reduced fee is to encourage the number of people using county water and every additional hookup will help.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated the extensions had lost their effectiveness.

Commissioner Prevatte stated he had made a previous motion for an extension of ninety (90) days, and, as I understand, the purpose of this is to encourage people to hook up, and it is gradually working.

After additional discussion was conducted among the Board members, a poll vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Jacobs, Vice Chairman Godwin, Commissioners McKenzie, Norris, Prevatte and Dutton; **and**

NAYS: Commissioner Memory.

The motion passed on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

A. County Manager:

Billy Joe Farmer: Ms. Martha McLean, with Congressman Mike McIntyre's Fayetteville Office, has provided much help on the POTW Project for Wright Chemical, and without her assistance, this project may not have materialized. I have been informed that Ms. McLean is leaving Congressman McIntyre's Fayetteville Office to enter into a seminary. I would like for a nice Proclamation of Appreciation be prepared and presented to Ms. McLean for all of her valuable help.

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion for Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, and June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, to prepare a Proclamation of Appreciation for Ms. Martha McLean, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

OTHER:

RESCIND: ADMINISTRATION - FORMAL REQUEST A CHANGE IN MEETING TIME FOR THE MAY 16, 2005 BOARD MEETING BY RESOLUTION:

Vice Chairman Godwin made a motion to rescind the Notice and Resolution to Change Meeting Time of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina that was approved earlier in Agenda Item #9, to accommodate a formal presentation of the Subdivision Regulations. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (3) and (6):

Agenda Item #15: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (3) AND (6):

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (3) and (6), seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION

At 9:21 P.M., Commissioner Dutton made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion so carried.

TAX REFUNDS and RELEASES (see Agenda Item #13.B.):

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
April 18, 2005**

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	Shipman, Jerome		Refund a portion of the user fee. Customer did not have the trash can for a full year. Approved by Solid Waste.	2003	01-0353	6052	\$103.25
	1510 Hart Circle Goldsboro						
	NC 27530						
Refunds	Strickland, James T.		Refund user fee. House vacant and trash can has been picked up. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	09-0492	2058	\$177.00
	1935 E. Lake Shore Dr. Wilmington						
	NC 28401						
Refunds	Thompson, Mario		Refund a portion of the double wide value and a portion of the Cerro Gordo fire. House was billed with incorrect size.	2000	16-1596	4914	\$80.61
	PO Box 82 Cerro Gordo						
	NC 28430						
Refunds	Thompson, Mario		Refund a portion of the double wide value and a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home was billed with the incorrect size.	2001	16-1596	1652	\$88.48
	PO Box 82 Cerro Gordo						
	NC 28430						
Refunds	Thompson, Mario		Release a portion of the double wide value and a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire fee and the Columbus Rescue fee. Home billed with the	2002	16-1596	9465	\$88.48
	PO Box 82 Cerro Gordo						
	NC 28430						
Refunds	Carquest Auto Parts		Refund the business personal value and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The business is double listed in the name of General Parts Inc. Total refund will be \$215.82 which includes \$7.29 in	2004	01-1267	8920	\$208.53
	1718 S. Madison St. Whiteville,						
	NC 28472						
Refunds	Davis, Lloyd S.		Refund user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Approve by Solid Waste.	2003	12-0624	9221	\$177.00
	7906 Old 74 Hwy Evergreen						
	NC 28438						
Refunds	Davis, Lloyd G.		Refund user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	12-0624	9221	\$177.00
	7906 Old 74 Hwy Evergreen						
	NC 28438						
Refunds	Kelly, Donna G.		Refund one of three user fees. Customer only has two trash cans. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004	15-2206	4425	\$177.00
	PO Box 164 Delco,						
	NC 28436						
Refunds	Mitchell, Chad		Refund prepayment made on user fee. Customer never got the trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.	2004			\$44.25
	7766 Chauncey Town Rd. Lake Waccamaw,						
	NC 28450						
Refunds	Norris, Jackie P.		Refund value of lot that is double listed in the name of Donald O. Wiggins. Make check payable to Carol Norris.	2000	06-2790	5768	\$32.40
	PO Box 477 Longs.						
	SC 29568						

Refunds	Norris, Jackie P.	Refund the value of a lot and the Columbus Rescue fee. Lot is double listed in the name of Donald O Wiggins. Make check payable to Carol	\$35.10	\$4,500.00	2001	06-2790	6408	\$36.00
	PO Box 477 Longs							
	SC 29568							
Refunds	Norris, Jackie P.	Refund the value of a lot and the Columbus Rescue fee. The lot is double listed in the name of Donald O. Wiggins. Make check payable to	\$35.10	\$4,500.00	2002	06-2790	8437	\$36.00
	PO Box 477 Longs							
	SC 29568							
Refunds	Norris, Jackie P.	Refund the value of a lot and the Columbus Rescue fee that is double listed in the name Donald O. Wiggins. Make check payable to Carol Norris.	\$35.10	\$4,500.00	2003	06-2790	5499	\$36.00
	PO Box 477 Longs							
	SC 29568							

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
April 18, 2005**

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	Barnett, Cathye		Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat has been sold and Mrs. Barnett is deceased.				
		\$18.21	\$2,335.00	2003	08-0075	28418	\$20.55
Property	Barnett, Cathye		Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat has been sold and Mrs. Barnett is deceased.				
		\$18.21	\$2,335.00	2004	08-0075	84555	\$20.55
Property	Barnett, Cathye		Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold and Ms. Barnett is				
		\$29.25	\$3,750.00	2002	08-0075	58204	\$33.00
Property	Best, Janette		Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville fire fee (25.00) and the Whiteville Rescue fee (3.14). The home was repossessed in 2002. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$122.62	\$15,720.0	2003	12-0049	29493	\$340.34
Property	Best, Janette		Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville fire fee (25.00), the Whiteville Rescue (2.94) and W3 (16.18). The home was repossessed in 2002. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$114.74	\$14,710.0	2004	12-0049	85647	\$347.63
Property	Garrell, Michelle		Release the value of a mobile home, the Klonkyke Fire (5.31), the Columbus Rescue (1.52) and the W2 (11.37). The home is double listed in the name of Ronnie D. Lowery. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$59.12	\$7,580.00	2004	13-0221	96573	\$260.92
Property	Gerald, Billy		Release the value of a single wide home, the Yam City fee (16.80) and the Columbus Rescue (3.36). The home was traded for a double wide and listed. Approved by Solid Waste.				
		\$131.04	\$16,800.0	2004	07-0519	96919	\$151.20
Property	Keel, Melissa		Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Approved by Solid Waste				
		\$125.97	\$16,150.0	2003	01-0044	48134	\$229.12

Property	Keel, Melissa	Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$117.94	\$15,120.00	2004	01-0044	4364	\$220.06
Property	Keel, Melissa	Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$136.03	\$17,440.00	2002	01-0044	77646	\$240.47
Property	Keel, Melissa	Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue fee. The home was repossessed in 2000. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$147.26	\$18,880.00	2001	01-0044	99782	\$241.14
Property	McAllister, Lonzo	Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (2.05) the Columbus Rescue (.59) and the W2 (4.40). Approved by Solid Waste.	\$22.89	\$2,935.00	2004	13-2485	7509	\$209.48
Property	McAllister, Lonzo	Release the value of a mobile home the Klondyke Fire (1.85) and the Columhus Rescue (.53). The home burned prior to 2003. Approved by Solid	\$20.63	\$2,645.00	2003	13-2485	51236	\$200.01
Property	Nichols, Vangus	Release the property value, the Hallsboro Fire (1.20) and the Columbus Rescue (.40). The property is double listed in the name of Virgel B.	\$15.60	\$2,000.00	2004	11-1848	10881	\$17.20
Property	R And R Quick Mart	Release a portion of the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Billed with incorrect	\$37.64	\$4,826.00	2004	06-0340	13963	\$38.61
Property	R And R Quick Mart	Release a portion of the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue fee. Billed with incorrect	\$37.64	\$4,826.00	2003	06-0340	57689	\$38.61
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot and the Columbus Rescue fee. Lot does not exist. Cannot locate	\$15.60	\$2,000.00	2001	13-3427	9450	\$16.00
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot, the Columbus Rescue fee (.40) and the W2 fee (3.00). Lot does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$15.60	\$2,000.00	2004	13-3427	14463	\$19.00
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release value of a lot and the Columbus Rescue fee. Lot does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$15.60	\$2,000.00	2003	13-3427	58174	\$16.00
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot that does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$15.60	\$2,000.00	2002	13-3427	87472	\$16.00
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot that does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$14.40	\$2,000.00	2000	13-3427	8706	\$14.40
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot that does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$13.90	\$2,000.00	1999	13-3427	27182	\$13.90
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot that does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$13.90	\$2,000.00	1997	13-3427	59767	\$13.90
Property	Regional Acceptance	Release the value of a lot that does not exist. Cannot locate deed.	\$13.90	\$2,000.00	1998	13-3427	64871	\$13.90

Property	Thompson, Mario	Release a portion of the double wide value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire (9.83) and the Columbus Rescue (1.97). Billed with incorrect size.	\$76.68	\$9,831.00	2003	16-1596	65389	\$88.48
Property	Thompson, Mario	Release a portion of the double wide value, a portion of the Cerro Cordo Fire (9.83) the Columbus Rescue (1.97), and W2 (14.75). Billed with	\$76.68	\$9,831.00	2004	16-1596	21730	\$103.23
Property	Wilkerson, Beverly	Release the value of a double wide, the North Whiteville Fire (50.00), the Columbus Rescue (8.66) and W2 (64.95). Never purchased home. Still in Oakwood inventory. Approved by Solid	\$337.74	\$43,300.0	2004	12-0040	25473	\$638.35
User Fee	Best, Ernie D.	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0461	85618	\$177.00
User Fee	Bradley, Ramona	Release user fee on house that is still under construction. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	14-0237	86641	\$177.00
User Fee	Britt, Catherine	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-0874	86834	\$177.00
User Fee	Bromell, Alphatean	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	04-0140	30805	\$87.00
User Fee	Bromell, Alphatean	Release user fee on house that has been torn down. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2001	04-0140	83044	\$75.00
User Fee	Bromell, Alphatean	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	04-0140	86953	\$87.00
User Fee	Bromell, Alphatean	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2002	04-0140	60576	\$87.00
User Fee	Brooks, Louise	Release user fee on vacant house that has no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	14-0239	30831	\$177.00
User Fee	Brooks, Louise	Release user fee on vacant house that has no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	14-0239	86979	\$177.00
User Fee	Brown, Larcene	Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-0937	87354	\$177.00
User Fee	Brown, Walter L.	Release one of two user fees. House is vacant and has no power. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	12-0406	87551	\$177.00
User Fee	Callahan, Bronya	Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	16-0010	32632	\$177.00
User Fee	Callahan, Bronya	Release one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	16-0010	88789	\$177.00
User Fee	Faith Baptist Church	Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.						

User Fee	Fipps, Carmine	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	18-0018	27538	\$177.00	Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Eva Jane Fipps. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gilliland, Billy M.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	01-0296	94887	\$177.00	Release user fee on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gilliland, Billy M.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	11-0462	97066	\$177.00	Release user fee on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gore, Albert C.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	11-0462	40836	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have a trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Gore, Albert C.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0550	97460	\$177.00	Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Hampton, Elneta F.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0123	97465	\$177.00	Release user fee that is double listed in the name of marie Stanley Heirs. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Jenkins, Climinal	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	13-0321	36699	\$87.00	Release user fee on mobile home that has never been set up. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Jenkins, Climinal	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	16-0911	3288	\$177.00	Release user fee on mobile home that has never been set up. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Lennon, John M.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003	16-0911	47071	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that has been vacant for years. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	McKelvie, John	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	05-0388	5636	\$177.00	Release one of two user fees. One house is used for storage. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Nichols, Ronald	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-0495	8040	\$177.00	Release user fee on vacant house. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Parker, Veronica	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	11-0250	10879	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is vacant. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Pierce, James E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	12-0421	11947	\$177.00	Release user fee. Trash can picked up in 2003. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Pittman, James	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	11-1986	12502	\$177.00	Release user fee on vacant house that does not have a trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Plowman, Walter	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	10-1352	12661	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is vacant and does not have electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Powell, Anna S.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	07-0242	12708	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is vacant and has no trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Riegelwood Sanitary Dist.	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	14-1202	12924	\$177.00	Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler. Approved by Solid Waste.
User Fee	Stephens, Lorie	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004	15-3162	14845	\$177.00	Release user fee on house that is unlivable.

				Approved by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	Stephens, Lorie	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 06-3653 19968	\$177.00		
				Release user fee on house that is unlivable.			
				Approved by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	Ward, Stancil	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 06-3653 63642	\$177.00		
				Release user fee on house that is vacant and has			
				no electricity. Approved by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	Watkins, Linda	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 07-1882 24229	\$177.00		
				Release a portion of the user fee. Customer did			
				not have the trash can for a full year. Approved			
				by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	White, Wilmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 15-0372 24427	\$29.50		
				Release user fee that is double listed in the same			
				name with a different account number. Approved			
				by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	Whittaker, Geraldine	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 09-3322 25327	\$177.00		
				Release one of two user fees. Customer only has			
				one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	Whittaker, Geraldine	\$0.00	\$0.00	2003 02-0420 69111	\$177.00		
				Release one of two user fees. Customer only has			
				one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.			
User Fee	Williams, Michael	\$0.00	\$0.00	2004 02-0420 25429	\$177.00		
				Release one of two user fees. Customer only has			
				one trash can. Approved by Solid Waste.			
				\$0.00 \$0.00 2004 09-3356 25821	\$177.00		

Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:23 P.M., Commissioner Dutton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman