

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**June 5, 2006****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above state 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Jimmy Varner, Interim County Manager
Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June B. Hall, Clerk to Board
Roxanne Coleman, Finance Officer

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

At 6:30 P.M. Chairman Godwin called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Jacobs. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Vice Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr.

Agenda Item # 3: PRESENTATION-RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman Godwin presented the following Retirement Plaque to Barbara Kay Williamson for her many years of dedication to Columbus County Government.

**PRESENTED TO
BARBARA KAY WILLIAMSON
IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
TO
COLUMBUS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
04-01-1970 - 04-28-2006

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Agenda Item # 4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the May 15, 2006 Regular Session Board Minutes and the May 15, 2006 Water and Sewer District IV Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item # 5: FIRE AND RESCUE-BOLTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:

Mike Dixon, Chief of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department, requested a public hearing to increase the fire service taxes in the Bolton Fire District. He stated several reasons for this, such as:

1. The fire district was established 11 years ago.
2. The tax rate was set at 6% at that time and has not increased since then.
3. The population of Bolton has not increased either.
4. He now receives only \$31,000.00 a year in fire services taxes to run the fire department and purchase needed equipment.
5. There are not enough funds to pay the insurance without taking trucks out of service.
6. He is requesting increase of 4% to meet the demands increasing prices on equipment and to run the station.

Chairman Godwin inquired as to what date and where Mr. Dixon would like to hold the hearing. A decision was made to hold the hearing on June 20, 2006 at the Bolton Volunteer Department at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioners Jacobs to set a public hearing followed by a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2006 at 7:00 P.M., at the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris. Vote was unanimous

Agenda Item #6: AGING-GRANT APPROVALS:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of SFY 2006/2007 Grants, as follows:

TITLE	AMOUNT	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
Title III-D Health Promotion	\$5,185	10%	\$5,761
Title III-D Medication Management	\$927	10%	\$1,030
Family Caregiver Support	\$28,500	-0-	\$28,500
Senior Center Outreach	\$1,471	25%	\$1,861

Motion was made by Commissioner Memory to approve the SFY 2006/2007 Grants, and seconded by Commissioner Norris. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item # 7: AGING - APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the following items:

1. To appoint the Columbus County Department of Aging as the receiver provide and continue as the Lead Agent for Columbus County;
2. To allow all programs to remain as presently provided;
3. On behalf of the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee, request to accept the Proposed Budget allocations of \$507,051.00 with a local match of \$56,339.00 for a grand total of \$563,390.00; **and**
4. Recommendation from Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee that Columbus County replenish the Home and Community Care Block Grant decrease of budget of \$464.00 from the 2005/2006 Budget, and give to the Columbus County Department of Aging.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to approve all of the aforelisted four (4) items, and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Vote was unanimous.

Ed Worley requested to recognize Richard West, Chairman of the Home Community Block Grant. Mr. West thanked the Commissioners, and the County for recognizing him, but requested that in the future to keep in mind that the community has a lot of senior citizens on the waiting list for In-Home Care.

Agenda Item # 8: DISCUSSION-ALLOCATION OF MEDICAID MONEY:

Robert Adams, private citizen, discussed issues in regards to money being allocated by the county in support of Medicaid. Mr. Adams presented facts and possible solutions to the increasing burden of the Medicaid fund. He requested that the county start now on working on a solution, and to stop the waste and abuse of county money.

Vice Chairman Dutton stated that for this county to grow, it has got to have money to reinvest, and we can't have it to reinvest until we stop the hemorrhaging of our property taxes. Six million dollars of our budget is being paid to Medicaid. I have read that one of our legislators has said we don't need to take outside trash. I got news for him if he would take this Medicaid program, the county could afford its own landfill. This county cannot grow when one out of every three tax dollars is sent back to Raleigh, and we are the last state in the United States, that the State requires the County to pay a portion of Medicaid. I see a lot of good things our legislators do in Raleigh, but I don't think getting the man to vote here and there is one of the good things. I think he needs to concentrate on doing away with this Medicaid cost and the county share, and let the State and Federal folks. I think the citizens of this county needs to call our Legislators, and say hey listen, these Commissioners, we get on them all the time and now we know they are not the problem with these high taxes. It is our legislators in Raleigh.

Chairman Godwin stated that another press release has been issued to alert people that about

one third of our property taxes are used to pay the County share of the Medicaid cost. It has gone up seventy percent since the year 2000. The press release encourages the public to get involved and contact their legislator.

Commissioner Memory stated that we are a low wealth, poor County and that Raleigh will give funds for education to help make sure our students have what they need. They will give us help for education, but not Medicaid.

Chairman Godwin then stated that because of our commitment to pay the Medicaid cost, we are unable to support our schools as we would like to.

Agenda Item # 9: DEPARTMENT UPDATE-MAINTENANCE:

Leroy Sellers, Maintenance Director, stated that this past year the maintenance department has completed many tasks. Among them was phase two of the Mental Health Department. The maintenance department is preparing to move the Inspection Department and Environmental Health Department.

Other projects in the works are:

1. Renovation of the Veteran's office for the District Judges.
2. Renovation of the District Court Judge's Office for the Superior Court Judges.
3. Renovation of the old Tax Office.

By having the maintenance department do the renovations, the cost is substantial lower (\$12 to \$14 square foot). The maintenance department also handled 725 work orders with 1 supervisor and 5 maintenance workers, while doing all of the renovations.

Commissioners also asked Leroy Sellers what other projects were in the working. The courthouse was discussed in detail. Some possible solutions discussed were carpeting the downstairs lobby and lowering the ceilings. Leroy was also asked to check with the historical society and see what their policy was on smoking in historical buildings.

Commissioners Jacobs suggested a survey on smoking in county buildings.

Commissioner McKenzie asked about the status of the air condition units at the social service building. Leroy Sellers stated that he has placed the costs of replacing the units in his budget.

Agenda Item 10: RECORD RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULED FOR THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, and seconded by Commissioner Norris that we approve the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the County Sheriff's Office and County Management Office. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item # 11: Appointments:

A. Columbus County Medicaid Advisory Committee:

Chairman Godwin stated that June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, has prepared a letter to send to the accountants and physicians, in the area, to see if anyone is interested in sitting on the Medicaid Advisory Committee. At this time, there are no appointments to be made to this committee.

B. Chadbourn Planning and Zoning Board:

No appointment available at this time.

C. Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority:

Motion by Commissioners Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Norris to appoint Chairman Godwin to fulfill the remaining term of Junius B. Lee, III, and Commissioner Prevatte to fulfill Chairman Godwin position as commissioner appointee. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item # 12: COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS SET TO EXPIRE IN JUNE 2006:

A. Aging Advisory Council (COG)-Columbus County Members:

Motion by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Norris to reappoint Betty Holcomb and Roscoe Jacobs to the Aging Advisory Council (COG). Vote was unanimous.

B. Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
I	Leona Martin	Reappointed	06/30/2009
II	Margaret Hicks	Reappointed	06/30/2009
III	Ray Wyche Mary Graham	Reappointed	06/30/2009
IV	Elaine Gore	Reappointed	06/30/2009
V	Dr. John C. Williams	Reappointed	06/30/2009
VI	Myra Godwin	Reappointed	06/30/2009
VII	Willie Burns	Reappointed	06/30/2009

C. Economic Development Commission Board of Directors:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
I	Troy Willard Goss, Sr.	-Hold-	06/30/2006
II	William Mark Stanaland	-Hold-	06/30/2006

D. Housing Advisory Committee:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
I	Richard Peacock	Reappointed	06/30/2008
II	Michael Clemmons	-Hold-	06/30/2006
III	Harold Rains	-Hold-	06/30/2006
VI	Henry Edmund	-Hold-	06/30/2006

Motion by Commissioner Jacobs and Seconded by Commissioner Norris to reappoint **Chairman Godwin** to the Housing Advisory Committee. Vote was unanimous.

E. Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority:

Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to reappoint Winston Gore, Carl Meares, Jr. and J. Lionel Todd, to the Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority, with term expiring June 30, 2012. Vote was unanimous.

F. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
II	Beverlee Nance	-Hold-	06/30/2006

G. Library Board of Trustees:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
IV	Nancy Sigmon	Reappointed	06/30/2010
V	Len Fowler	-Hold-	06/30/2006

H. Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
IV	Richard Crutchfield	Reappointed	06/30/2010

Discussion to follow in regards to changing reappointments to this Board. The suggestion was made to make it an entire board appointment instead of by districts.

Motion by Commissioner Prevatte and Seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to share the appointments of Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

- AYES:** Chairman Godwin, Commissioners McKenzie and Prevatte
NAYS: Vice Chairman Dutton, Commissioners Memory, Norris and Jacobs.

The motion failed on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

Agenda Item #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. Vote was unanimous.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	54-511-202	Overtime	(\$1,405)
	54-511-500	FICA	(\$100)
	54-511-700	Retirement	(\$57)
	54-511-901	Retirement-401K	(\$86)
Revenue	54-399-0	Fund Balance Appropriated	(\$1,648)
Expenditure	10-604-3200	Office Supplies & Materials	500
	10-604-3300	Service Related Supplies	\$1,058
	10-604-5700	Meeting/Conference Expense	\$100
	10-604-5701	Furniture/Equipment	\$471
Revenue	10-336-1000	CCPC/Parenting	\$2,129
Expenditure	66-495-7300	Construction	\$197,000
Expenditure	66-348-2005	Golden Leaf Grant	\$197,000

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

**TAX REFUND (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
June 05, 2006**

Refunds Name: Sapp, Doris Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 005 Account # 01-78789 Bill # 19840 Total \$177.00
 Refund one of two user fees. Customer only has one trash can. Mail check to sister's address,
 (Barbara Edwards.)
 364 BJ Drive Clarendon NC 28432

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office);
June 05, 2006**

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Herbert Amount: \$22.87
 Value: \$2,933.00 Year: 2002 Account # 09-02460 Bill # 2653 Total \$22.87
 Release deferred tax. Property transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Herbert Amount: \$22.87
 Value: \$2,933.00 Year: 2003 Account # 09-02460 Bill # 2652 Total \$22.87
 Release deferred tax. Property transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Herbert Amount: \$22.87
 Value: \$2,933.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-02460 Bill # 2651 Total \$25.20
 Release the deferred tax, the Roseland fire (1.75) and the Columbus Rescue (.58). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Herbert Amount: \$38.86
 Value: \$5,324.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-02460 Bill # 2649 Total \$43.11
 Release the deferred tax, the Roseland Fire (3.19) and the Columbus Rescue (1.06). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Patricia Amount: \$299.52

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Value: \$38,400.00 Year: 2002 Account # 12-00819 Bill # 2511 Total \$484.20
Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus Rescue. Customer never got the home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Patricia Amount: \$299.52
Value: \$38,400.00 Year: 2003 Account # 12-00819 Bill # 2782 Total \$484.20
Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus Rescue. Customer never got home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Patricia Amount: \$299.52
Value: \$38,400.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-00819 Bill # 8944 Total \$541.80
Release the value of a double wide, the Columbus Rescue (7.68) and W2 (57.60). Customer never got the home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Patricia Amount: \$289.08
Value: \$39,600.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-00819 Bill # 2704 Total \$509.64
Release the value of a double wide, the Columbus Rescue (7.92) and W2 (35.64). Customer never got the home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$46.91
Value: \$6,426.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 6152 Total \$140.02
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of Wiley Lee & Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$58.73
Value: \$8,450.00 Year: 1998 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 2900 Total \$124.60
Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Wiley Lee and Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$60.47
Value: \$8,700.00 Year: 1999 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 2901 Total \$132.56
Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Wiley Lee & Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$57.53
Value: \$7,990.00 Year: 2000 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 8018 Total \$122.53
Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Wiley Lee & Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$60.53
Value: \$7,760.00 Year: 2001 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 8224 Total \$143.29
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the names of Wiley Lee & Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$56.94
Value: \$7,300.00 Year: 2002 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 5833 Total \$151.24
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of Wiley Lee & Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Davis, Wiley Amount: \$53.27
Value: \$6,830.00 Year: 2003 Account # 13-01335 Bill # 6138 Total \$147.10
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Wiley Lee & Mildred Davis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$19.46
Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 1997 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 4346 Total \$21.14
Release the property value and the St. James Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$35.77
Value: \$4,900.00 Year: 2005 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 9880 Total \$39.69
Release the property value, the St. James fire fee (2.94) and the Columbus Rescue (.98). The property is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$21.84
Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 2004 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 6036 Total \$24.08
Release the property value, the St. James fire fee (1.68) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.56). The

property is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$21.84
 Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 2003 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 9815 Total \$24.08
 Release the property value, the St. James fire fee (1.68) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.56). The property is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$21.84
 Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 2002 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 9467 Total \$24.08
 Release the property value, the St. James fire fee (1.68) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.56). The property is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$21.84
 Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 2001 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 1795 Total \$24.08
 Release the property value, the St. James fire fee (1.68) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.56). The property is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$20.16
 Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 2000 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 1539 Total \$21.84
 Release the property value and the St. James fire fee that is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$19.46
 Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 1999 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 0482 Total \$21.14
 Release the property value and the St. James fire fee that is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$19.46
 Value: \$2,800.00 Year: 1998 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 8725 Total \$21.14
 Release the property value and the St. James fire fee, that is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Holly Amount: \$16.38
 Value: \$2,100.00 Year: 1996 Account # 11-09680 Bill # 6304 Total \$17.64
 Release the property value and the St. James Fire fee that is double listed in the name of Billie Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, H. J. Amount: \$13.65
 Value: \$1,750.00 Year: 2003 Account # 03-14020 Bill # 2731 Total \$13.65
 Release the deferred tax. Property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, H.J. Amount: \$22.37
 Value: \$3,065.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-14020 Bill # 2728 Total \$25.43
 Release the deferred tax, the Nakina Fire (2.45) and the Columbus Rescue (.61). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, H.J. Amount: \$13.65
 Value: \$1,750.00 Year: 2002 Account # 03-14020 Bill # 2732 Total \$13.65
 Release the deferred tax. Property transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Long, H.J. Amount: \$13.65
 Value: \$1,750.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-14020 Bill # 2730 Total \$15.40
 Release the deferred tax, the Nakina Fire (1.40) and the Columbus Rescue (.35). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of McCullough, Ralph Amount: \$251.12
 Value: \$34,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-17523 Bill # 1724 Total \$435.00
 Release the value of a double wide and the Columbus Rescue. The home was repossessed in 2004

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$49.14
 Value: \$6,300.00 Year: 2003 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2756 Total \$49.14
 Release the deferred tax. The property was transferred to a family member.

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Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$49.14
Value: \$6,300.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2755 Total \$56.70
Release the deferred tax, the Yam City fire (6.30) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.26). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$82.68
Value: \$10,600.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2749 Total \$95.40
Release the deferred tax, the Yam City fire (10.60) and the Columbus Rescue (2.12). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$105.85
Value: \$14,500.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2753 Total \$123.25
Release the deferred tax, the Yam City fire fee (14.50) and the Columbus Rescue fee (2.90). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$49.14
Value: \$6,300.00 Year: 2002 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2757 Total \$49.14
Release the deferred tax. The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$159.14
Value: \$21,800.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2747 Total \$185.30
Release the deferred tax, the Yam City fire fee (21.80) and the Columbus Rescue (4.36). The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$82.68
Value: \$10,600.00 Year: 2003 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2750 Total \$82.68
Release the deferred tax. Property transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, Willie Amount: \$82.68
Value: \$10,600.00 Year: 2002 Account # 06-28454 Bill # 2751 Total \$82.68
Release the deferred tax. The property was transferred to a family member.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pyon, Young H. Amount: \$13,271.40
Value: \$1,818,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-00695 Bill # 2722 Total \$13,635.00
Release the property value, and the Whiteville Rescue. Property was billed in error. Should be billed for the year 2006.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilkins, Travis Amount: \$305.87
Value: \$41,900.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-38989 Bill # 9684 Total \$364.53
Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Acme Delco fire fee (50.28) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (8.38). The house was billed as a stick built home, should be a double wide.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wright, Edwin Amount: \$21.44
Value: \$2,937.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-44820 Bill # 2821 Total \$24.95
Release the deferred tax, the Yam City fire (2.93) and the Columbus Rescue (.58). The account was billed in error.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Terry Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 15-06342 Bill # 7531 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on house that is unlivable.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Terry Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-06342 Bill # 1251 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on a house that is unlivable.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dawson, Shirley M. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-20423 Bill # 6227 Total \$177.00
Release one of two user fees. Mobile home is used for storage.

Release the User Fee in the name of George, Christopher Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-03522 Bill # 25 Total \$132.75
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of George, Christopher Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-03522 Bill # 6752 Total \$177.00
Release user fee. There is no trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of George, Christopher Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 12-03522 Bill # 0536 Total \$169.75
Release user fee. There is no trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Mary (Etal) Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-01757 Bill # 657 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on a house that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Roy Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-12663 Bill # 663 Total \$177.00
Release user fee that is double listed in the name of Amy Ivey.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jenkins, O.C. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 16-09280 Bill # 269 Total \$177.00
Release the user fee on a vacant house.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nobles, Jimmy W. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-02023 Bill # 5095 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on a vacant lot.

Release the User Fee in the name of Yeoman, Irene Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 11-31137 Bill # 1467 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on a house that is vacant.

Agenda Item #14: COMMENTS:

A. Public:

1. **James Nance (private citizen):** requested to know the total proceeds from the sale of the surplus items. Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Department, stated there was a little less than \$4,000.00 and a portion of it goes to the School Board for the Sheriff's Office, and the remainder goes into the general fund.
2. **Richard Earl Benton (private citizen):** address the issue of county wide voting. I would like to see the county go to a county wide voting system.
3. **Noah David Long (private citizen):** discussed the error he made about the \$300,000.00 to connect water district I to water district II. Mr. Long also requested the General Statute that exempts Columbus County from the septic tank law. Mr. Long also brought up the issue of standing water being a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Commissioner Memory addressed the issue of the \$300,000.00. He stated that we received a grant to connect the water to Guide way School and not one to connect Water District I to Water District II. Therefore, it will cost the county an additional \$300,000.00 to connect the two Water Districts.

Leroy Sellers addressed the issue of standing water and mosquitoes. If the areas of standing water are reported someone will investigate and spray for mosquitoes if necessary.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** asked where the Subdivision Regulations Ordinance Public Meeting will be held within Whiteville High School. Stevie Cox, Planning Director, responded by saying he was not for sure where within the high school the meeting will be

held, but he will know Tuesday morning.

2. **Chairman Godwin:** stated the following:
 - A. The last of the Subdivision Regulations Ordinance Public Meetings will be held at Whiteville High School on June 6, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.
 - B. A Public Hearing date for the budget has unofficially been set for June 19, 2006, at 5:30 P.M., and I would like to officially set it tonight.
 - C. Requested to set a special joint meeting between the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and Columbus County Department of Social Service Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Memory and seconded by Commissioner Prevatte to officially set the date of June 19, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. for the budget hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Memory and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to set a special joint meeting between the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the Columbus County Department of Social Services Board on Monday June 12, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. Vote was unanimous.

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

At 8:00 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, and seconded by Commissioner Norris, to recess Regular Session, and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

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

ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

- D. We have advertised for the following meetings that have been scheduled:

Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 PM < Ordinance Workshop (Review Proposed Noise, Haz Mat, Junk Vehicles, others), EDC Conference Room, Administrative Building, 1st Floor, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 PM < Personnel Committee Meeting (Policy Manual Final Review), EDC Conference Room, Administrative Building, 1st Floor, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

Monday, June 19, 5:30 PM < Public Hearing (Proposed Budget) followed by Regular Meeting of Board of Commissioners, Commissioners Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina,

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 PM < Public Hearing (Increased Fire Tax) followed by Special Meeting of Board of Commissioners, Bolton Volunteer Fire Department, 225 9TH Street, Bolton, North Carolina 28423

Monday, June 26, 6:30 PM < Public Hearing (Extending Water District IV Boundaries) followed by Special Meeting of Board of Commissioners, Riegelwood Community Center, 2694 General Howe Highway, Riegelwood, North Carolina.

- D. **Interim County Manager:** Jim Varner: stated the following:
 1. Department of Correction invoice in the amount of \$49,856.00 needs to be paid with funds from the Health Department Funds.
 2. House Bill 2098/Senate 1554 introduced for Animal Control in the State Legislation. Requested Representative Dewey Hill to vote against it. The bill has language in it that states an animal can be taken away from the owner and place with a third party until the issue is settled. The third party will have the right to spade or neuter the animals and charge the owners for taking care of the animals.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Dutton, and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to send a letter in opposition to House Bill 2098/Senate 1554 by e-mail and letter. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER:

Commissioner McKenzie stated the following

1. Rode with the DOT to areas where water is standing and been told we are a flat county and the only thing that can be done about that is building bigger reservoir; **and**
2. Also suggested taking big trucks and sucking up the standing water and spreading it on drier land.

Leroy Sellers stated the following:

1. The county has already started spraying for mosquitoes; **and**
2. The county has received a second sprayer.

Agenda Item #15: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. §143-138.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL:

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Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 P.M. a motion was made by Vice Chairman Dutton, and seconded by Commissioner Memory to adjourn. Vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:

**BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH, Acting Clerk
to Board**

KIPLING GODWIN, Chairman