

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**February 19, 2007****6:30 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 third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Bill Memory
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Jimmy Varner, **County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Leo Hunt, **Interim Finance Officer**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:**MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman James E. Prevatte.

INTRODUCTION of NEW WHITEVILLE CITY MANAGER:

Chairman Jacobs stated he would deviate from the regular Agenda to recognize Whiteville's Mayor Dial Gray, and Tim Blackmon who is a member of the Whiteville City Council. Mayor Gray introduced Joshua Ray as the new Whiteville City Manager who is the former manager of Biscoe. Mr. Ray stated the following:

1. I am anxious to start this new job and see how I can be of any help;
2. It is an honor to be officially introduced to the Board of Commissioners; **and**
3. I would like for everyone to know that my door is always open for anyone to come visit.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 05, 2007 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Memory.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated that on Page 781 of the February 05, 2007 Minutes, Commissioner McKenzie has abstained from voting without stating a reason, and that, legally if a Commissioner abstains from voting, a reason must be stated relative to having a vested interest.

Commissioner McKenzie stated he would withdraw his abstention and vote no on the motion made by Commissioner Gore to obtain another proposal from another timber consultant before these contracts are awarded. The withdrawal of the abstention by Commissioner McKenzie resulted in a six (6) to one (1) vote.

After the withdrawal of the abstention by Commissioner McKenzie, the motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #5: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT of the COASTAL EVENTS CENTER:

George Page, Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support of the Coastal Events Center.

RESOLUTION of SUPPORT of the COASTAL EVENTS CENTER

WHEREAS, Brunswick County has experienced tremendous growth over the last several years, and continues this trend, which has resulted in a highly diversified populace; **and**

WHEREAS, Brunswick County and the surrounding counties are comprised of citizens with sound heritage, various talents and abilities and much history to be proud of; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed **Coastal Events Center** will serve as a place to provide the following:

- A destination both to school groups and families, with great emphasis on learning, and once acquired, knowledge cannot be taken away from anyone;
- Historical and heritage facility with hands-on educational activities;
- Open market that will cater to farmers and local craftspeople;
- Walking and equestrian trails, a campground and a recreational vehicle park;
- A place for people to congregate, deliberate, plan, exchange views and engage in commerce, educational and entrepreneurial opportunities that will aid in providing future growth and economic development; **and**
- Travel to the said location would provide a pass through Columbus County which could lend to additional revenue.

WHEREAS, the said center could serve as an example for other counties to follow, and be a superior result of unity between groups working together; **and**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners the **Coastal Events Center** be a success for Brunswick County and the surrounding counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners fully supports the proposed **COASTAL EVENTS CENTER** in Brunswick County, and feels honored to be a part of such a quality endeavor.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 19th day of February, 2007.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

George Page stated the following regarding the proposed Coastal Event Center:

1. The center's vision is to provide residents, visitors and organizations with facilities, programs and opportunities oriented toward education, competition, innovation and practical experiences;
2. The mission is to provide the region with a multi-use facility and resources that will perpetuate the area's heritage, culture, traditions and recreational interest along with providing a resource for viable economic development and sustainable tourism;
3. The proposed projects are a Public Market, Events Arena, Festival Grounds, multi-purpose Community Hall and Children's Discovery Village;
4. The official site is located on NC Highway 211, 2.5 miles west of Highway 17;
5. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners officially purchased an eight hundred thirty-four (834) acre tract in July 2006 of which a portion has been designated for this development;
6. Congressman Mike McIntyre, Senator R.C. Soles, Jr., Representative Dewey L. Hill and former Board Chair Kipling Godwin were at the groundbreaking ceremony; **and**
7. Representative Hill has a \$1 million bill introduced for this project.

Commissioner Memory stated the increased volume of traffic that would be created by this influx of people would be taxing on the roads which are already in bad need of repair. What is being done, if anything, to address the condition of the roads that would be greatly affected? Mr. Page replied stating there were many roads in Columbus and Brunswick County that needed repair, but at this early stage, he did not know what would be done.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Page how soon would this project get started. Mr. Page replied stating it would be in the near future, and the Children's Feature will be coming on board quickly.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support of the Coastal Events Center, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

- a final candidate is chosen.
7. All TOURISM BUREAU expenses shall be paid by occupancy tax funds collected by the COUNTY or by funds otherwise available from Non-COUNTY funds.
 8. Upon finding of misappropriation of funds by DIRECTOR or by any secondary employee, TOURISM BUREAU will be solely responsible from its budget for any shortfall or damages.
 9. Any finding of misappropriation by DIRECTOR beyond the amount budgeted for the TOURISM BOARD shall be borne solely by the TOURISM BOARD out of its annually appropriated budget or from other funding.
 10. Secondary employees are defined as any other employee, member of staff or worker, other than DIRECTOR, performing any kind of work for the TOURISM BOARD for payment, salary or some schedule of regular taxable income compensation.
 11. Any secondary employees to do work for the Tourism Board will have their salary; expenses; travel; insurance and any other benefits or items of consideration paid exclusively by the TOURISM BOARD and funds in its then-current fiscal year budget from COUNTY or from other Non-COUNTY funds.
 12. Any temporary employees will not, under any circumstances, be considered a county employee receiving the rights, responsibilities and benefits thereof.
 13. The COUNTY hereby contributes to the TOURISM BOARD any costs of administering and collecting occupancy tax pursuant to General Assembly Ratified Bill Chapter 530 – SB 364 not to exceed seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds.
 14. The COUNTY may, by subsequent writing to the TOURISM BOARD, amend or terminate any part of this agreement, via hand delivery or U.S. Mail, to the TOURISM BOARD.
 15. Exclusive Agreement. This agreement is exclusive. The TOURISM BOARD does not reserve the right to contract with other DIRECTORS to perform same or similar duties during the duration of this agreement. DIRECTOR is exclusively bound to COUNTY and TOURISM BOARD in the performance of tourism related duties promoting the COUNTY. DIRECTOR may not be employed or serve, in any way, a private entity promoting tourism in COUNTY for a fee or financial compensation.
 16. Binding Effect. This AGREEMENT shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns.
 17. Further Actions. The parties will make and execute all further instruments and documents required to carry out the purposes and intent of this AGREEMENT.
 18. Inclusive Terms. Use of the masculine herein shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural.
 19. Governing Law. All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
 20. Notices. All notice required hereunder to be sent to either party shall be sent to the following designated addresses, or to such other address or addresses as may hereafter be designated by either party by mailing of written notice of such change of address, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested:

To COUNTY:

Columbus County Attorney
Attention: Steve Fowler
 111 Washington Street
 Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

To TOURISM BOARD:

Travel and Tourism
 104 East Walter Street
 Whiteville, N.C. 28472

21. Assignability. It is mutually agreed by the parties hereto that this AGREEMENT is not transferable and shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party to this contract.
22. Nondiscrimination. DIRECTOR and TOURISM BOARD will take affirmative action not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or otherwise illegally deny any person participation in or the benefits of the activities which are the subject of this contract, because of race, creed, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin.
23. Amendments. This AGREEMENT shall not be modified or otherwise amended except in writing signed by the parties.
24. Termination. This AGREEMENT may be terminated at any time by either party, without penalty, provided that written notice of such termination is furnished to the other party at least sixty (60) days prior to termination. Any net payment shall be appropriated at the date

of termination.

25. Entire Agreement. This agreement constitutes an understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior and independent agreements. Any change or modification of this agreement must be in writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the execution of the foregoing instrument, by authority duly given and in duplicate originals, all on the day and year first above written.

COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Sammie Jacobs, Chairman
Columbus County Commissioners

Attested by:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

County Attorney

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

County Finance Officer

Columbus County Tourism Board
By: _____ (SEAL)
Title: _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

This ____ day of _____, 2007, personally came before me, _____, a Notary Public of Columbus County, June B. Hall, who being by me duly sworn, says that she knows the official seal of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and is acquainted with Sammie Jacobs, who is Chairman of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and that she, the said June B. Hall, is the Clerk of the said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, and saw the Chairman sign the foregoing instrument, and saw the said official seal of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County affixed to the said instrument in the presence of said Chairman of said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, all by order of said Board.

WITNESS my hand and official seal or stamp, this the ____ day of _____, 2007.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires on the ____ day of _____, _____.

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____, day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)
Notary Public

My commission expires on the ____ day of _____, _____.

Effective May 31, 2003
per Columbus County Tourism Bureau Board approval

REVISION OF BYLAWS

The Columbus County Tourism Bureau Board of Directors recommends that the By-Laws Officer Appointment be amended to include 1 (one) member from the Lodging Industry have a voting seat on the board. This member will be appointed by the Columbus County Tourism Bureau's Executive Board and serve for a 2 (two) year term running concurrent to the calendar year.

Recommendations can be made to the Executive Board from any accommodation that pays occupancy tax to the bureau.

The Columbus County Tourism Bureau Board of Directors further recommends that ex-officio board seats be offered to the current Director of each of the Chambers of Commerce in the County, a media representative, and also the Promotions Director of the Tabor City Welcome Center.

Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, stated that a draft copy of this Memorandum of Understanding had been sent out on October 18, 2006 for review.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated that in the letter bearing date of December 14, 2006, the following questions that were presented had not been clarified:

1. Who sets the Director's salary?;
2. Who okays the Director's travel?;
3. Who is responsible for the day-to-day operations?; **and**
4. The remission of the Occupancy Tax?

This document needs more tweaking before it can be approved.

Commissioner Gore stated that Columbus County was paying approximately six hundred to six hundred fifty (\$600-\$650) dollars to the City of Whiteville for office space, and if this is going to be a County function, it needs to be housed in a cheaper location.

Jennifer Long, Tourism Executive Director, stated that no ad valorem taxes were being used to pay this expense.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to table this Agenda item for one (1) month for the purpose of tweaking, seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - REQUEST to NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION for PAVING:

In the absence of Randy Coleman, private citizen, Commissioner Memory made the following presentation on Spearman Road (S.R. 1806):

1. Spearman Road (S.R. 1806) starts at S.R. 214 and ends at S.R. 1836;
2. There are parts of this road paved and parts unpaved;
3. The citizens on this road are having to tolerate dusty conditions resulting from the traffic; **and**
4. I would like for a letter to be sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting that they pave the remaining portions of this road and alleviate these conditions for the citizens.

Commissioner Memory made a motion for a letter to be sent to Drew Cox, District Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, to request the paving of the remaining portions of Spearman Road (S.R. 1806), seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #7: PLANNING - APPROVAL of POST APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION for the 2007 SINGLE-FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM (SRF07) AWARD:

Stevie Cox, Planning Director, requested Board approval of the Post Approval Documentation for the 2007 Single-Family Rehabilitation Program (SRF07) Award. Mr. Cox stated the following:

1. This grant was applied for in November or December, 2006;

2. This grant is for four hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars; **and**
3. I am seeking approval for all the documentation that is needed which is as follows:
 - a. "Post Approval Documentation and execution of the Funding Agreement; **and**
 - b. Signatory authority for this grant to the Finance Director, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager and the Executive Assistant to the County Manager.

Commissioner Memory asked Mr. Cox if he could do nine (9) houses as the grant stated. Mr. Cox replied stating no, I only think we can do eight (8) due to the type of houses.

In addition, Mr. Cox stated the following regarding this grant:

1. There is five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000) dollars of soft cost which entails work write-ups, inspections, cost of document preparation, administrative fees);
2. This grant is more paper intensive than the Housing Rehab Grants from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance;
3. This grant was written up in two and one-half (2 ½) days;
4. This is not really a grant, but it is a forgivable loan which will be forgiven at three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars a year; **and**
5. This grant is allowed for senior citizens and disabled citizens.

Jim Varner, County Manager, asked Mr. Cox who is going to inspect these houses, and who will administer the grant. Mr. Cox replied stating it was a requirement under the grant that our Building Inspections would inspect them, and the contractors will need building permits for the work on the houses. The Adams Company, Incorporated was on the application due to the fact he had to fill in a name, but that did not mean the County was committed to them. Mr. Cox stated that the County has the right to bid for the rehab specialist portion of this grant.

Stevie Cox stated that Michael Handley, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, has stated we can only use thirty-nine thousand and 00/100 (\$39,000.00) dollars for hard costs and two thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars for relocation costs.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Cox if the County was the administrator of this grant. Mr. Cox replied stating yes.

Commissioner Prevatte asked Mr. Cox if they placed liens on this property until the debt was paid. Mr. Cox stated yes and there would be a Promissory Note and Deed-of-Trust done

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Post Approval Documentation for the 2007 Single-Family Rehabilitation Program (SRF07) Award, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #8: ORDINANCE - PROPOSED TOWER ORDINANCE:

Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, requested Board discussion of procedures to address on the following Proposed Tower Ordinance.

**Proposed Tower Ordinance
Columbus County, North Carolina**

ARTICLE I

Section 101. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as "The Tower Ordinance" of Columbus County, North Carolina.

Section 102. Authority and Enactment

This Ordinance is adopted under the authority and provision of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina Article 6, Chapter 153A-121.

Section 103. Purpose

The Board of Commissioners finds that the construction of towers may cause unusual problems and hazards to the residents and visitors of Columbus County. The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the construction of towers to avoid potential damage to adjacent properties from tower failure, and falling ice or other such debris, to maximize the use of existing and new towers in order to reduce the number of towers needed, to minimize potential hazards to low flying law enforcement and medical helicopters, to restrict towers that adversely detract from the natural beauty of the county by discouraging visual eyesores and to minimize the negative economic impact on tourism.

Section 104. Jurisdiction

This Ordinance, the regulations, and the procedures contained herein shall apply to and govern each and every lot, parcel or tract of land within the County of Columbus, outside of the jurisdiction of any incorporated municipality.

ARTICLE II

Section 201. Definitions

1. **Antenna:** A conductor by which electromagnetic waves are transmitted or received.
2. **Construction:** Any new construction, reconstruction, alteration or expansion of a new or existing tower.
3. **Fall Area:** A circle whose center is the base of a telecommunications tower and whose radius is equal to one and one-half the tower's height.
4. **Tower Height:** The vertical distance measured from ground to the upper most point of the tower and any antenna, structure, or appendage fixed thereto.
5. **Person:** Any individual, partnership, firm, association, joint venture, public or private institution, utility, cooperative, interstate body, the State of North Carolina, and its agencies and political subdivision, or other legal entity.
6. **Resident:** Any person residing, doing business or maintaining an office within Columbus County.
7. **Structure:** Anything constructed or erected, including but not limited to buildings, that requires location on the land or attachment to something having permanent location on the land.
8. **Telecommunications Tower:** Any tower or structure erected for the purpose of supporting one or more antennas designed to transmit or receive signals (e.g., telephonic, radio, television or microwave).

ARTICLE III

Section 301. Permits Required

No tower over fifty feet (50') shall be constructed, altered, reconstructed or expanded until a Columbus County tower permit is obtained as provided in this Article. No tower permit shall be issued that is not in compliance with this Ordinance. No building permit shall be issued for any tower subject to this ordinance that has not received a tower permit.

Section 302. Enforcement Officer

The Board of Commissioners shall appoint an Enforcement Officer. The Enforcement Officer or his appointee shall administer and enforce all provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 303. Permit Application

Tower Permit Applications are available from the Planning Department.

Section 304. Application Fee

800

A fee for reviewing tower permit applications shall be established by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 305. Issuance of Permit

Following the Planning Board's approval of any tower permit application not requesting a variance, the Enforcement Officer shall issue a tower permit. All tower permit conditions shall appear on the face of the Site Development Plan. The permittee shall acknowledge and agree to permit conditions approved by the Planning Board. If a building permit is not obtained within twelve (12) months after the tower permit is issued, the tower permit shall expire.

Section 306. Variances

1. Following the final decision by the Planning Board to deny a permit, a tower permit applicant may request that the Board of Commissioners grant a variance from the Tower Approval Standards listed in Section 403.
2. Before determining whether to, or not to, grant a variance, the Board of Commissioners shall hold a public hearing. The Board of Commissioner shall grant a variance if and only if it concludes that:
 - (A) adherence to the ordinance's development standards will cause extraordinary economic hardship to the applicant; and
 - (B) if the variance is granted, the proposed use of the site will not substantially diminish the public health or safety or be detrimental to the general welfare of the county; and
 - (C) if the variance is granted, the proposed use of the site will not substantially detract from the natural beauty of the area and the county's future economic growth and development.
3. Should the Board of Commissioners grant the requested variance, the Enforcement Officer shall issue a tower permit. The permit applicant shall acknowledge and agree to permit conditions approved by the Board of Commissioners. If a building permit is not obtained within twelve (12) months after the tower permit issued, the tower permit shall expire.

Section 307. Criminal Sanctions

Any person violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day's violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. A violation begins from the date of first written notification by the Enforcement Officer or the County Attorney. Further violation shall be subject, upon conviction, to fine and/or imprisonment as provided by North Carolina General Statute 14-4.

Section 308. Remedies

If a tower is constructed, reconstructed, altered, expanded, or in violation of this Ordinance, the Enforcement Officer or County Attorney, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceedings pursuant to G.S. 153A-123 to prevent the unlawful *use*, construction, reconstruction, alteration or expansion, and to restrain, correct or abate the violation. The Enforcement Officer or County Attorney may bring such action as to enjoin any such violations by action for injunction.

Section 309. Appeals

Appeals of the decision of the Enforcement Officer, Planning Board or the Board of Commissioners must be made to Superior Court within thirty (30) working days of their action.

Section 310. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 311. Conflict with Other Laws

Whenever the regulations of this Ordinance conflict with the requirements of another North Carolina or federal statute, or Columbus County Ordinance, the more restrictive standard shall govern.

ARTICLE IV

Section 401. Application Submission and Review Process

1. A completed tower permit application and five (5) copies of all supporting documentation identified in Section 402 shall be submitted to the Enforcement Officer for review at least fifteen (15) working days prior to a regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting.
2. The Enforcement Officer shall review the completed tower permit application for compliance with Section 402. Any application not containing all information required by Section 402 shall be returned to the applicant for correction and resubmission. If the Enforcement Officer deems it necessary, he may retain, at the permit applicant's expense, one or more professional engineers to assist him in reviewing any technical requirements.
3. The Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for submitting a notice to the local newspapers and to all known property owners abutting the property where the proposed tower is to be located. The notice shall state that the Planning Board will review and consider the tower permit application at their next meeting.
4. The Enforcement Officer shall recommend to the Planning Board either approval, approval with conditions or disapproval. In making his recommendation, the Enforcement Officer may include any appropriate conditions he deems should be placed on issuing the permit as identified in Section 403.
5. The Planning Board shall consider the tower permit application at their next regularly scheduled meeting after receiving the Enforcement Officer's recommendation.
6. The Planning Board shall take formal action to approve, approve with conditions or disapprove the tower permit application within ninety (90) working days. However, the Planning Board may take up to ninety (90) additional days if necessary. If the action is to disapprove the tower permit application, the reasons for such action shall be stated in the minutes and specific reference shall be made to the requirements not met. If the Planning Board fails to act within the specified time period, the application shall be considered approved or disapproved as recommended by the Enforcement Officer.
7. The permittee or his agent shall record the Site Development Plan in the Register of Deed's office before obtaining a building permit for the subject tower.

Section 402. Requirements for Site Development and Preliminary Tower Design Plans

The site development plan and preliminary design plan shall contain the following information and be part of the tower permit application:

1. The site development plan shall be prepared by a NC Registered Land Surveyor and contain the following:
 - (A) The tower applicant's name and property owner's name and their addresses, scale, north arrow, vicinity map, tax parcel identification number, and the tower's latitude and longitude coordinates.
 - (B) The name, address, signature and seal of the surveyor preparing the site Development plan.
 - (C) The surveyed boundary lines on the parcel(s) that will contain the proposed tower and its fall area.
 - (D) The name, addresses and tax parcel identification numbers of all owners of Property abutting the subject property.

- (E) All identifiable structures located on the parcel, all private and public roads, highways, and underground and overhead utilities.
 - (F) All existing towers on the property or any towers whose fall area encroaches onto the property.
 - (G) The proposed tower's location, the proposed fall area and the location of all support structures and guy line anchors.
 - (H) The ground elevation of the proposed tower's base, all proposed support structures, property corners, and a permanent site bench mark. All elevations shall be determined using the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.
 - (I) All proposed access roads, easements or right-of-ways on or to the site, and any other improvements to the site.
2. The preliminary tower design plan shall be prepared by a NC Registered Professional Engineer and contain the following:
 - (A) The tower permit applicant's name and address, scale, north arrow, vicinity map and tax parcel identification number.
 - (B) The name, address, signature and seal of the engineer preparing the Preliminary tower design plan.
 - © A plan showing the base of the tower and the foundations for all guy line anchors and support structures, all proposed buildings and any other proposed improvements including access roads and utility connections within and to the proposed site.
 - (D) A tower elevation showing the proposed lighting, all proposed antennas and other appendages.
 - (E) An elevation of each proposed set of guy line anchors.
 - (F) The proposed tower design loads.
 3. A map and description showing the service area(s) for the proposed tower's antenna(s) and/or other devices.
 4. The applicant shall provide written statements from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) showing that the proposed tower complies with all permit regulations administered by that agency or evidence that the proposed tower is exempt from those regulations.
 5. The applicant shall identify all other possible alternatives considered within the service area for the proposed tower's antenna(s) and/or other devices and explain why the proposed tower is necessary and why existing towers and structures (e.g., Duke Power transmission towers) can not accommodate the proposed antenna(s) and/or other devices.
 6. The applicant shall identify any variance(s) to the ordinance, the reason(s) for seeking the variance(s) and any measures that are proposed to mitigate possible adverse affects of the proposed variance(s).

Section 403. Tower Approval Standards

1. Any proposed tower shall provide a needed service or benefit to the residents of Columbus County and the surrounding area that cannot otherwise be met.
2. Towers shall be sited to contain all ice-fall or debris from tower failure on-site. The minimum distance from the tower's base to the property line shall be one and one-half feet to each vertical foot.
3. A tower shall be set-back from other on-site and off-site towers and supporting structures,

- or other arrangements shall be made, such that one tower will not strike another tower or its support structure if it falls.
4. Tower lighting shall not exceed the minimum standards of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for a red obstruction lighting system contained in Advisory Circular No. 70/7460-IF dated September 27, 1978, as amended.
 5. To defeat unauthorized access, the base of the tower shall be surrounded by a fence or wall at least eight (8) feet in height unless the tower is constructed entirely on a building over eight (8) feet in height.
 6. Any telecommunications tower shall be engineered and constructed to accommodate two (2) additional antenna that is at least as large as the largest proposed antenna identified in Section 402-2(D).
 7. Tower permit approval is conditional subject to the owner(s) agreeing to allow future collocation of other antenna(s) or transmitting devices. This agreement shall be submitted in writing and recorded in the Register of Deeds office.
 8. No tower shall exceed two hundred feet (200') in height.
 9. Towers shall be blended with the natural surroundings as much as possible. Colors and materials shall be used that are compatible with the surrounding area, except when otherwise required by applicable Federal or State regulations.
 10. The tower and equipment shall be located, designed, and/or screened to blend with the existing natural, or built surroundings to reduce the visual impacts as much as possible, and to be compatible with neighboring land uses and the character of the community.
 11. Any tower not in use for two (2) continuous years shall be removed within 120 days after the tower owner and the current property owner have received written notice by the Enforcement Officer or the County Attorney. The written notice, mailed return receipt requested, shall be delivered to both the tower owner identified on the tower permit application and the current property owner.
 12. Property located within the tower's fall area shall not be subdivided as long as the tower is standing.
 13. A sign identifying the owner(s) and/or operator(s) of the tower and an emergency telephone number shall be displayed in a clearly visible location on the towers premises.

Section 404. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the _____ day of _____, _____,
Adopted on the _____ day of _____, _____.

Columbus County Board of Commissioners

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

Attest:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Gore stated the following:

1. In August, 2006, Jim Varner, County Manager, received a letter from Tim Blackmon regarding the placement of a wireless radio on the EMS tower at Nakina;
2. If this is done, it will provide a DSL line and wireless internet to the community, which is badly needed;
3. This will be a service to the community; **and**
4. This will be revenue for the County at four hundred and 00/100 (\$400.00) dollars a month.

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to approve the Proposed Tower Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Memory.

Stevie Cox, County Planner, stated the following regarding the Proposed Tower Ordinance:

1. The Columbus County Planning Board and Building Inspections need to have input on this document;
2. I have recommended three (3) changes to the County Attorney; **and**
3. This Ordinance will need a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Memory withdrew his second and Vice Chairman Prevatte withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Gore made a motion to allow Tim Blackmon to place a wireless radio on the EMS tower at Nakina, contingent on a License Agreement to be prepared for the next meeting on March 05, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #9: ORDINANCE - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL and SUBSTANCE ABATEMENT:

Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the Hazardous Material and Substance Abatement Ordinance, on its second reading, with its first reading being held on February 05, 2007.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve the Hazardous Material and Substance Abatement Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #10: BUILDING INSPECTIONS - GRANTING of PERMISSION for PERMIT FEE ADJUSTMENTS on CHURCH PROJECTS:

Ray Reeves, Chief Building Inspector, requested Board approval of granting permission to this department to make fee adjustments on expired permits for church projects.

Mr. Reeves stated the following:

1. We have discovered on church projects, the funds for construction have run out, or the church is doing the work themselves, which results in slow construction;
2. The permits that have already been issued are going dead before construction can be completed; **and**
3. Staff is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to approve that, in the event a church project has not been completed, due to extenuating circumstances, and the building permit has expired, the cost of a new permit be reduced at a rate of fifty (50%) percent of the current inspection fee.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the granting of permission to the Building Inspections Department for permit fee adjustments on church projects that have not been completed by the permit expiration date, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #11: AIRPORT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Phil Edwards, Columbus County Airport Manager, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board:

1. Between February, 2006 and January, 2007, we had seven thousand three hundred forty-five (7,345) operations, which means planes taking off or landing;
2. We had three thousand six hundred seventy-two (3,672) aircrafts that landed;
3. We had eleven thousand five hundred (11,500) pilots and passengers that visited the airport;
4. Our runway is five thousand five hundred (5,500') feet long;
5. We need a longer runway;
6. We are presently working on grants;
7. We currently have wetlands at the Airport and the FAA and Division of Aviation recommend not having wetlands;
8. We had to close our water well at the Airport due to it being too close to our fuel tanks;
9. We are open three hundred sixty-four (364) days a year;

10. If we could get one (1) corporate jet at our Airport, the tax value would be that of thirty (30) houses;
11. We are having lots of fuel sales; **and**
12. In 2008, I will update the Board on the closing of our present fuel system.

Agenda Item #14: COMMITTEES/BOARD/COUNCILS - FUNCTION and PROCEDURES:

Commissioner Memory presented the following information to the Board regarding committees:

1. I came on the Board in 2001;
2. At that time, we saw a need and formed two (2) committees, namely the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee;
3. At the present time, we have an experienced County Manager in place and an experienced Finance Officer in place;
4. I no longer see a need for these two (2) committees to exist; **and**
5. I would like to recommend to the Board that we dissolve the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee.

MOTION:

Commissioner Memory made a motion to dissolve the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated in the present Personnel Policy Manual, it does not state that the County Commissioners are at the end of the Grievance Procedure. I am requesting that the present Personnel Policy Manual be revised to leave the County Commissioners at the end of the Grievance Procedure.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:

Chairman Jacobs stated he had received a letter from Richard Wright, an ex officio member of the Columbus County Bicentennial Committee, that a meeting had not been established as of this date for this committee to meet, get organized and start on their task. Chairman Jacobs stated June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, would be a good person to get this committee initially started.

Discovery was made from the audience that the first meeting had been set for March 02, 2007, at 1:00 P.M., at the Forestry Museum.

Agenda Item #15: AGENDA PROCEDURES and GUIDELINES - DISCUSSION:

Commissioner McKenzie stated the following regarding Agenda procedures and guidelines that needed to be executed by the Board:

1. When I first came on Board, we had guidelines and procedures that we followed for Agenda items;
2. We, as one (1) Board, need to function as a single unit;
3. There exists a great need for all Board members to be previously informed of any, and all, subject matters that may be discussed at our Board Meetings;
3. Any, and all, items, and/or actions, that will be addressed at a Board Meeting, need to be listed on the Agenda to allow adequate time for preparation by all Board members;
4. We need to establish some procedures, or guidelines, to follow, for the entirety of the Board, for our meetings; **and**
5. I am recommending that no motion is to be made, or no action can be taken, unless the item has been listed on the Agenda, and any policy, or policy procedure, and by that, I mean the way the Board conducts business, must be listed on the Agenda.

MOTION:

Commissioner McKenzie made the following two (2) part motion:

1. No motion is to be made, or no action is to be taken, unless the pertinent item has been listed on the said Board Agenda for that Meeting; **and**
2. Any policy, or operating procedure, for consideration of adoption or changes, must be listed

on the said Board Agenda for that Meeting, except in an emergency, or a time element is involved.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated that a Commissioner could make a motion or inquiry at anytime in a bona fide meeting.

Commissioner Bullard stated that if the Board adopted this motion, it would take away each member's freedom of speech.

Commissioner Gore stated he had a problem with this two-part motion made by Commissioner McKenzie. I want to be assured that each Board member has the equal opportunity to place as many items on the Agenda as they choose to do so. I would like to know what the latest time is for submission of Agenda items for a Commissioner.

Chairman Jacobs asked June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, what the latest time was for the submission of Agenda items to be included. The Clerk responded stating the established deadline for all others is at 12:00 Noon on Monday, previous to the scheduled meeting date. Ms. Hall stated the very latest time would be at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, previous to the scheduled meeting date, but that was not allowing adequate time for the preparation of the Board Packets that need to be picked up by the Sheriff's Department by 10:00 AM on Friday.

Chairman Jacobs stated that if these items were submitted by the Commissioners in a timely manner, they would be placed on the Agenda, and if there were items of an emergency nature, or a time-sensitive nature, they would be handled as an add-on.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Jacobs, Commissioners Memory, McKenzie and Norris

NAYS: Vice Chairman Prevatte, Commissioners Bullard and Gore.

The motion passed on a four (4) to three (3) vote, on the first reading. The second reading will be held at the March 05, 2007 Board Meeting.

Commissioner McKenzie stated that when an investigation is done in any County department by a County Commissioner, they should have full Board approval to do so, and to get direction from the Board as a unit.

Commissioner Memory stated he wanted to have on the next Agenda a discussion of the Water Department adjustments.

Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COUNCILS:

A. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

Commissioner McKenzie appointed Timothy Lance, 1735 Klondyke Road, Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431, Telephone: (910) 641-4065, to fill the unexpired term of Andy Anderson, with term expiring June 30, 2007.

Commissioner Gore appointed Faith Beking, 4308 Seven Creeks Highway, Nakina, North Carolina 28455, Telephone: (910) 641-0451 and 770-0899, to fill the unexpired term of Willis Nealy, with term expiring June 30, 2007.

B. E-911 Oversight Committee:

Commissioner Bullard appointed Deuce Niven, 1108 East Fifth Street, Tabor City, North Carolina 28463, Telephone: (910) 653-3153, with term expiring December, 2010.

Commissioner Gore appointed Ronald B. Hayes, 9119 Lebanon Church Road, Clarendon, North Carolina 28432, Telephone: (910) 653-9507, with term expiring December, 2010.

C. Southeastern Economic Development Commission:

Commissioner McKenzie reappointed Leo Mercer for a four (4) year term, with term expiring April 01, 2011.

D. City of Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board:

Commissioner Gore stated that Chris Edge had recently been appointed, but had notified him, due to family commitments, he is requesting to be taken off this Board. It was the general consensus of the Board to remove Chris Edge from the City of Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board.

Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-535-3301	Homeland Security Funds	\$37,230
Revenue	10-348-0008	Homeland Security Funds	\$37,230
Expenditure	10-610-0200	Salaries and Wages	\$54,550
Revenue	10-348-1610	Work First Block Grant	\$54,550
Expenditure	10-610-6065	CP&L Energy	\$420
	10-610-6070	Crisis Intervention	\$105,942
Revenue	10-348-1660	CP&L Energy	\$420
	10-348-1621	Crisis Intervention	\$105,942
Expenditure	10-510-1700	M&R Vehicles	\$3,610
Revenue	10-399-0	Funds Appropriated	\$3,610
Expenditure	10-510-8100	Vehicle Leases	(\$18,506)
	10-510-7400	Capital Outlay (for 2006 Charger)	\$18,506
	54-510-3300	Special Alcohol & Drug Dept Supplies	\$4,278
Revenue	54-399-0	Drug Funds Appropriated	\$4,278

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
February 19, 2006**

Refunds Name: Bass, Jesse Amount: \$53.05
 Value: \$6,935.00 Year 006 Account # 01-05868 Bill # 19142 Total \$267.24
 Refund the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (4.85) the Columbus Rescue (1.39) and W3 (9.02). The home is double listed in the name of Jesse Renee Bass.
 5404 Peacock Rd. Whiteville NC 28472

Refunds Name: Butler, Samuel M. Amount: \$98.38
 Value: \$12,860.00 Year 006 Account # 13-06177 Bill # 22990 Total \$122.62
 Refund the boat value, the Columbus Rescue (2.27) and the W2 (11.57). The boat is double listed to Taurus Inc. PO Box 944 Whiteville NC 28472

Refunds Name: Gore, Allene Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 005 Account # 09-04826 Bill # 1363 Total \$177.00
 Refund user fee on a house that is unlivable and has no trash can.
 3592 MM Ray Rd. Clarendon NC 28432

Refunds Name: Carroll, Franklin Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 005 Account # 08-02957 Bill # 93036 Total \$177.00
 Refund user fee. Did not have a trash can for the full year. Make check payable to Allen W. Jacobs,
 4126 Blacksmith Rd., Bolton N.C. 28423 who is the new owner.
 4126 Blacksmith Rd. Bolton NC 28423

Refunds Name: Key, Gloria Amount: \$285.35
 Value: \$37,300.00 Year 006 Account # 16-09720 Bill # 39617 Total \$363.68
 Refund a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire (37.30) a portion of the
 Columbus Rescue (7.46) and a portion of the W2 (33.57). The house was billed as a stick built home
 but should be a double wide. Make check payable to Columbus County and Gloria Key.
 1516 Otto Nance Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

Refunds Name: Lewis, William Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 006 Account # 15-04026 Bill # 41087 Total \$193.00
 Refund user fee that was prepaid in April 2006. Make check payable to William Jeffrey Smith.
 2413 Water Tank Rd. Delco, NC 28436

Refunds Name: Malpass, David P. Amount: \$372.56
 Value: \$48,700.00 Year 006 Account # 15-01550 Bill # 42059 Total \$440.74
 Refund a portion of the property value a portion of the Acme Delco fire (58.44) and a portion of the
 Columbus Rescue (9.74). The home was billed as a stick built but should be a double wide.
 134 Page Meadows Ln Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: McPherson, Elton Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 006 Account # 06-00635 Bill # 43748 Total \$386.00
 Refund both user fees that were paid on vacant land
 9916 Clarendon/Chad Rd. Chadbourn NC 28431

Refunds Name: McPherson, Elton Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 006 Account # 06-00635 Bill # 43749 Total \$386.00
 Refund both user fees that were paid on vacant land.
 9916 Clarendon/Chad Rd. Chadbourn, N.C. 28431

Refunds Name: Wilder, James Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 006 Account # 07-19080 Bill # 61044 Total \$193.00
 Refund the user fee that was paid on a house that is vacant, has no power and no trash can.
 420 Martindale Dr. Raleigh NC 27614

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
 February 19, 2007**

Release the Property Value in the name of Bryant, Gennie Amount: \$194.92
 Value: \$25,480.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-00331 Bill # 2171 Total \$423.60
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco Fire (30.58) and the Columbus Rescue (5.10). The
 home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bryant, Gennie Amount: \$199.95
 Value: \$27,390.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-00331 Bill # 1389 Total \$415.30
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco Fire (32.87) and the Columbus Rescue (5.48). The
 home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$20.28
 Value: \$2,600.00 Year: 2002 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 4094 Total \$199.88
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$7.65
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 5285 Total \$202.30
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (.60) and the Columbus Rescue (.20). This home
 does exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$7.30
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 4426 Total \$185.10
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (.60) and the Columbus Rescue (.20). This home

does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$20.63
 Value: \$2,645.00 Year: 2003 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 4382 Total \$202.03
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.59) and the Columbus Rescue (.53). This home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$19.81
 Value: \$2,540.00 Year: 2001 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 6526 Total \$187.35
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$18.83
 Value: \$3,615.00 Year: 2000 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 6356 Total \$145.71
 Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$6.95
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 415 Total \$106.95
 Release the value of a mobile home that does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$7.80
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 1998 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 7894 Total \$10.92
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams Fire. This home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$6.95
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 1997 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 7893 Total \$109.06
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams Fire. This home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$6.95
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 1996 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 7892 Total \$108.31
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Williams Fire. This home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coleman, Kevin Amount: \$22.89
 Value: \$2,935.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-00306 Bill # 0559 Total \$204.76
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.76) and the Columbus Rescue (.59). This home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dew, William a. Amount: \$8.42
 Value: \$1,100.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-04340 Bill # 7299 Total \$9.52
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek fire (.88) and the Columbus Rescue (.22). The property is double listed in the name of Elmer Ray Skipper.

Release the Property Value in the name of Graham, Pauline Amount: \$83.39
 Value: \$10,900.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-16400 Bill # 3362 Total \$291.65
 Release the value of a house, the Acme Delco fire (13.08) and the Columbus Rescue (2.18). The home is listed in the same name with a different property number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Isgett, Ronald Amount: \$27.92
 Value: \$3,650.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-09311 Bill # 7706 Total \$231.82
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo fire (3.65) the Columbus Rescue (.73) and W2 (3.29). The home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Isgett, Ronald Amount: \$32.52
 Value: \$4,169.00 Year: 2004 Account # 10-09311 Bill # 710 Total \$224.52
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire (4.17), the Columbus Rescue (.83) and W2 (6.25). The home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Isgett, Ronald Amount: \$28.67
 Value: \$3,927.00 Year: 2005 Account # 10-09311 Bill # 625 Total \$213.92
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire (3.93) the Columbus rescue (.79) and W2 (3.53). The home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Roger, Shannon Amount: \$258.96
 Value: \$33,200.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 5208 Total \$517.40
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00), the Columbus Rescue (6.64) and W2

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(49.80). The home was repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Roy C. Amount: \$102.43
Value: \$13,390.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-01346 Bill # 0602 Total \$351.03

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergree Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (2.68) and W3 (17.41).
The home is double listed in the name of Craig Rogers.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Shannon Amount: \$258.96
Value: \$33,200.00 Year: 2001 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 0154 Total \$455.60

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue (6.64). The home
was repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Shannon Amount: \$258.96
Value: \$33,200.00 Year: 2002 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 8194 Total \$467.60

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue 6.64) and W2 (49.80).
The home was repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Shannon Amount: \$258.96
Value: \$33,200.00 Year: 2003 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 8905 Total \$467.60

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00), the Columbus Rescue (6.64). The home was
repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Shannon Amount: \$254.04
Value: \$34,800.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 9330 Total \$494.32

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (6.95) and W2
(31.32). The home was repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Shannon Amount: \$266.22
Value: \$34,800.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 0608 Total \$522.50

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue Fee (6.95) and W2
(31.32). The home was repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rogers, Shannon Amount: \$239.04
Value: \$33,200.00 Year: 2000 Account # 12-23491 Bill # 389 Total \$389.04

Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire. The home was repossessed in 1999.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sessions, Lori A. Amount: \$103.22
Value: \$14,140.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-04848 Bill # 0569 Total \$305.68

Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (9.90) the Columbus Rescue fee (2.83) and the W2
(12.73). The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sessions, Lori A. Amount: \$101.13
Value: \$13,220.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-04848 Bill # 1863 Total \$329.22

Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (9.25) the Columbus Rescue (2.64) and W2 (11.90).
The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sessions, Lori A. Amount: \$117.94
Value: \$15,120.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-04848 Bill # 6473 Total \$344.37

Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (10.58), the Columbus Rescue (3.02) and W2
(22.68). The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Mark Amount: \$33.61
Value: \$4,309.00 Year: 2002 Account # 06-32991 Bill # 0402 Total \$219.66

Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City Fire (4.31) and the Columbus Rescue (.86). The hme was
sold in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Mark Amount: \$32.14
Value: \$4,120.00 Year: 2003 Account # 16-32991 Bill # 1106 Total \$217.79

Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City Fire (4.12) and the Columbus Rescue (.82). The home
was sold in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Mark Amount: \$31.40

Value: \$4,025.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-32991 Bill # 7462 Total \$216.86
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City Fire (4.03) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.81) The home was sold in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Mark Amount: \$27.59
 Value: \$3,780.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-32991 Bill # 1577 Total \$212.34
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City Fire (3.78) and the Columbus Rescue fee (.76). The home was sold in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Mark Amount: \$27.39
 Value: \$3,581.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-32991 Bill # 2864 Total \$227.86
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Yam City fire (3.58) and the Columbus rescue fee (.72). The home was sold in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Singletary, Mark Amount: \$34.89
 Value: \$4,473.00 Year: 2001 Account # 06-32991 Bill # 2355 Total \$204.36
 Release the value of a mobile home the Columbus Rescue. The home was sold in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$82.87
 Value: \$11,510.00 Year: 2000 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 6042 Total \$216.16
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$86.81
 Value: \$11,130.00 Year: 2001 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 6983 Total \$262.94
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$81.04
 Value: \$10,390.00 Year: 2002 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 5117 Total \$277.57
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock fire (8.31) and the Columbus Rescue (2.08). The home is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$75.97
 Value: \$9,740.00 Year: 2003 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 5854 Total \$271.28
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (7.79) and the Columbus Rescue (1.95). The home is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$71.37
 Value: \$9,150.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 2201 Total \$265.57
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (7.32) and the Columbus Rescue (1.83). The home is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$62.85
 Value: \$8,610.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 6378 Total \$255.61
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (6.59) and the Columbus Rescue Fee (1.72). The home is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$61.97
 Value: \$8,100.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 7703 Total \$270.08
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (6.48) and the Columbus Rescue fee (1.62). The home is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the Property Value in the name of Torelli, Dominick Amount: \$85.07
 Value: \$12,240.00 Year: 1999 Account # 03-04458 Bill # 4321 Total \$193.58
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of James Register.

Release the User Fee in the name of Best, Adam Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-05772 Bill # 9997 Total \$106.00
 Release the user fee on a vacant lot.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bonsignore, Anthony (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-01122 Bill # 0629 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on a vacant house that does not have a trash can.

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Release the User Fee in the name of Canady, Mary J. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-01593 Bill # 3622 Total \$193.00
Release user fee on a house that is unlivable, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edwards, Melinda Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-04307 Bill # 8356 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee on land that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Elliott, Kenneth Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-03902 Bill # 8566 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee on land that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Floyd, William Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-05658 Bill # 0030 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Teresa Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-04704 Bill # 0619 Total \$106.00
Release user fee on a lot that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Allene Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-04826 Bill # 2373 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee on a house that is unlivable. Has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardwick, Darcy Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-10081 Bill # 687 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on a vacant mobile home. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardwick, Darcy Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-10081 Bill # 4723 Total \$193.00
Release user fee on a mobile home that is vacant. There is no trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Patricia Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-46465 Bill # 7739 Total \$386.00
Release two of three user fees. Only one trash and one house here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Sylvester (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-11775 Bill # 7744 Total \$193.00
Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Idell (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-08180 Bill # 8012 Total \$193.00
Release the user fee on a vacant house.

Release the User Fee in the name of Kelly, Larry Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-22190 Bill # 9531 Total \$193.00
Release one of two user fees. Mobile home is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Larrimore, Barbara Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-16626 Bill # 0251 Total \$193.00
Release user fee on vacant land.

Release the User Fee in the name of Larrimore, Barbara Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-16626 Bill # 120 Total \$177.00
Release user fee on vacant land.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Isadora (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-08840 Bill # 0686 Total \$193.00
Release user fee on a house that is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Charles P. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-15740 Bill # 1352 Total \$193.00
Release user fee on a vacant house. Trash can has been picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, David S. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-02436 Bill # 1378 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee that is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, Billy Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-04852 Bill # 2054 Total \$386.00
 Release user fees that are double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nobles, Eula M. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-30420 Bill # 6307 Total \$193.00
 Release the user fee on a vacant house. The trash can was picked up in 2005.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Barbara C. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-83240 Bill # 2455 Total \$193.00
 Release one of two user fees. Only one trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Vera M. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-21735 Bill # 2713 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on land that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Genevieve Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-24025 Bill # 5372 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on a vacant house. Trash can has been picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Strickland, Michael Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-02161 Bill # 6121 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on a house that is still under construction.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tatum, James E. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-15540 Bill # 6721 Total \$193.00
 Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant with no power and no can.,

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, Larry Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-03021 Bill # 6965 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on a vacant house with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thompson, Mary B. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-03803 Bill # 7226 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on land that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Valencia Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-02740 Bill # 0122 Total \$87.00
 Release user fee on a vacant house with no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Valencia Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-02740 Bill # 1526 Total \$106.00
 Release user fee on a house that is vacant has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worley, Charles Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-00425 Bill # 2407 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on vacant land.

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

Chairman Jacobs opened the floor for comments. The following people spoke.

A. Public:

1. **Jim Nance:** stated the following:
 -I would like to know what happened to the Noise Ordinance; **and**
 -If you do not plan to do a Noise Ordinance, then maybe do a Nuisance Ordinance.
2. **Frank Forando:** I would like to know the status of the one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars request I made for care packages for the members of the National

Guard.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members, Commissioner Memory stated this matter would be placed on the March 05, 2007 Agenda for discussion.

B. Department Heads:

1. **Stevie Cox, County Planner:** I would like to present to you the following information on Hard Costs and Soft Costs that is associated with the SRF07 Grant that was discussed earlier in the Board Meeting.

Program expenditures for hard costs cannot exceed either \$40,000 per dwelling unit or \$40 per square foot unless specifically pre-approved in writing by the Agency. Variances from the maximums will be considered on a case-by-case basis where certain exceptional expenditures, such as water and/or sewer installations, are necessary. The minimum amount of Program funds that can be spent on any assisted dwelling unit is \$5,000.

Up to the lesser of (1) \$5,000 or (2) fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of Program funds allocated to rehabilitation hard costs for a given unit may be used for necessary and verifiable soft cost expenses. Under SFR07, hard costs are defined as the reasonable costs of construction labor and materials, construction contractor profit and overhead, etc., which are necessary to:

- 1) meet the more stringent of local housing codes or HUD's Section 8 Housing Quality Standards ("HQS");
- 2) meet NCHFA Housing Rehabilitation Program's Rehabilitation Standards (Including reasonable costs associated with pressure diagnostics.);
- 3) protect neighborhood and unit property values through reasonable cosmetic improvements;
- 4) eliminate all imminent threats to the health or safety of the occupants, and to the structural integrity of the dwelling unit; **and**
- 5) make other eligible improvements to dwelling units such as accessibility and universal design modifications.

Eligible soft costs associated with SFR07-funded rehabilitation projects are:

- 1) work write-ups and cost estimates;
- 2) construction oversight and inspections;
- 3) recording fees for loan documents;
- 4) title searches and title insurance;
- 5) legal fees and document preparation;
- 6) environmental reviews;
- 7) contractor procurement for the unit;
- 8) outreach and intake specific to the unit; **and**
- 9) flood insurance for units in Flood Hazard Zones.

Under SFR07, title searches are required for each unit assisted, and all SFR07 loans should be closed by an attorney.

Up to ten percent (10%) of the amount of Program funds allocated to rehabilitation hard costs on each housing unit may be used for necessary and documented administrative costs, which include:

- 1) general management, oversight and coordination;
- 2) travel and mileage expense;
- 3) project monitoring;
- 4) loan servicing (such as following up with requests for subordination, assumption, etc.); **and**
- 5) project related outreach, advertising and public information.

Up to a maximum of \$5,000 in administration funds may be spent and requisitioned prior to completing the first unit in a project. While administrative funding is limited relative to total hard costs for completed units, it is not necessary to tie all administrative funds to specific completed units. Costs associated with targeted units that fail to be rehabilitated for whatever reason (last minute decisions by the owner, etc.) may be recouped by spreading the cost over other units that are

completed, provided that the maximum per unit is not exceeded.

2. **Carol Worrell (Parks and Recreation):** stated the following:
 - We are trying to get a park in Columbus County similar to the one that is being proposed by George Page;
 - We are having a fundraiser Saturday night;
 - The fundraiser will be held at Southeastern Community college and the tickets will be twenty-five and 00/100 (\$25.00) dollars each; **and**
 - This will be a regional park.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Amon E. McKenzie:** stated that Marva Scott would be leaving the Columbus County Department of Social Services and her last day would be March 05, 2007, and we have appointed Mary Thompson as the Interim Social Services Director.
2. **Sammie Jacobs:** I attended the Cape Fear Council of Government's Annual Banquet and they elected Commissioner Lynwood Norris as Chairman again.
3. **Lynwood Norris:** I have been on the Cape Fear Council of Governments for twenty (20) years, and I have tried to help the senior citizens of Columbus County.

OTHER:

Robert Adams (private citizen): the action that you, as a Board, have taken tonight will shut down public comments.

Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:41 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman