

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**April 16, 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**
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 Sammie Jacobs called the April 16, 2007 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.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

- A. April 02, 2007 Regular Session Minutes;
- B. April 02, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes;
- C. April 02, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes;
- D. April 02, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes;
- E. April 02, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes; **and**
- F. April 02, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item #6: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION to PERMIT the EXPANSION of the OLD DOCK/CYPRESS CREEK FIRE SERVICE to PROVIDE RESCUE:

Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, requested Board approval of the following Resolution to Permit the Expansion of the Old Dock/Cypress Creek Fire Service to Provide Rescue.

RESOLUTION to PERMIT the EXPANSION of OLD DOCK/CYPRESS CREEK FIRE SERVICE to PROVIDE RESCUE

WHEREAS, the **Old Dock/Cypress Creek Fire Department** (hereinafter "Department") has requested of the Columbus County Commissioners the expansion of its duties to include limited rescue services; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 153A-309, the Board of County Commissioners may, by resolution, permit the service district to provide emergency medical, rescue, and/or ambulance services; **and**

WHEREAS, property taxes will not be levied for such purposes; **and**

WHEREAS, no additional county funds will be used for said rescue district; **and**

WHEREAS, this resolution, expanding the purposes of the district, shall take effect at the beginning of a fiscal year commencing after its passage specifically being July 1, 2007; **and**

WHEREAS, Department will provide the equipment and trained personnel to perform these rescue services in Columbus County, predominantly in the confined of the land area governed by

Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, Department will continue to meet the criteria as established by the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, Incorporated; **and**

WHEREAS, Department shall provide services to all citizens of County that are within Department's defined territorial zone. The Chief of the Department and/or Board of Directors of the Department shall be responsible for insuring adequate and certified personnel are available to respond when dispatched in a timely manner and shall see that the standards, as established by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Service Division and the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services are met within the local capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners permits the Old Dock/Cypress Creek Fire Department to items listed in the attached and hereby incorporated Exhibit "A" of this Resolution.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 16th day of April, 2007.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

EXHIBIT "A"

Pursuant to this resolution, Department will be able to perform such rescue services as listed within the Departments levels of certification, but not limited to the following:

- Vehicle / Machinery extrication when power tools are required or other advanced equipment or techniques are needed in order to gain access to patients or to free them from the confines of entrapment caused by any motor vehicle, machinery or resulting consequences thereof;
- Assist with drowning rescue and recovery
- Assist with water rescue in hazardous situations
- Assist with High-angle rescue, utilized to gain access and rescue victims from area where conventional vehicles and means are not feasible, through the use of techniques used in high-angle rescue, or in area of steep incline where rescue presents a natural hazard;
- Assist with Low-angle rescue and confined-space rescue, used to gain access in area underground, in areas with steep downslope, and areas presenting hazards dealing with confined or limited space by utilizing modified techniques from high-angle rescue methods.
- Assistance with Search and Rescue for missing persons, utilizing specialized in man tracking, land navigation, management of the search function and incident command;
- Any other area of rescue services generally performed by rescue contractors with the exception of ambulance transportation which will not be preformed by the Fire Department.

Edwin Ezzell, Fire Chief of Old Dock/Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, stated the following:

1. We have been working on the necessary training for this for six (6) years;
2. We have run into many obstacles, along the way, in getting this training completed;
3. We have had our charter re-worded to meet the Association's approval;
4. We are now qualified to meet the Association's requirements;
5. We are providing this service already, and would like to be recognized;
6. We have one-half (½) of the equipment we need;
7. By doing this, there are member benefits available;
8. We will have access to more grants;
9. We will have no EMS Service;
10. We will only be qualified for extrication;
11. We need a lot of additional equipment purchased;

benefits provided by COUNTY to any of its permanent or temporary employees, including, but not limited to, vacation leave, sick leave, retirement, longevity and group insurance.

7. Indemnity. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold COUNTY, its agents and employees, harmless against any loss and all claims, demands, causes of actions, or other liability, including attorney's fees, resulting from or on account of personal injuries or death, or as a result of property damages arising out of or relating to the work to be performed by CONTRACTOR hereunder, resulting from the negligence of or the willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees and subs.

COUNTY hereby agrees it shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR harmless from any and all claims, demands causes of actions, or other liability, including attorney's fees, resulting from or on account of personal injuries or death, or as a result of property damages arising out of or relating to the work to be performed by COUNTY's employees hereunder, resulting from the negligence of COUNTY's employees.

8. Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain the specified types and minimum amounts of insurance from companies licensed to write business in North Carolina, with an A.M. Best rating of "A" or higher, acceptable to COUNTY.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance providing liability limits of a minimum amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$1,000,000.00) annual aggregate. CONTRACTOR shall have its insurance agent furnish COUNTY a certificate of insurance evidencing the existence of such coverage and providing for thirty (30) days' notice of any material change in coverage.

9. Certificates and Notice of Cancellation. Before commencing work under this contract, or within a reasonable time thereafter, both parties hereto shall furnish to each other any certificates of insurance required hereunder. Certificates shall indicate the type, amount, class of operations covered, effective date and expiration date of all policies, and shall contain the following statement:

"The insurance covered by this certificate will not be canceled or materially altered, except after thirty (30) days written notice has been received by COUNTY."

10. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain workers compensation and employers liability insurance coverage for all of CONTRACTOR's employees to be engaged in the work under this Contract, providing the required statutory benefits under North Carolina Workers Compensation Law, and employer's liability insurance providing limits at least in the amount of \$100,000/500,000/100,000, applicable to claims due to bodily injury by accident or disease.

11. Automobile Liability Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain automobile liability insurance covering all owned and non-owned/hired vehicles, providing liability limits at least in the amount of \$250,000 per person and per occurrence for bodily injury and \$100,000.00 for property damage.

12. Subcontracts. CONTRACTOR shall not utilize any subs for carrying out the work to be performed under this Contract without written notification to COUNTY prior to any subcontractor's work or preparations for work.

13. Binding Effect. This contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto, its successors, executors, administrators and assigns.

14. Further Actions. The parties will make and execute all further instruments and documents required to carry out the purposes and intent of this Contract.

15. Inclusive Terms. Use of the masculine herein shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural.

16. Governing Law. All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

17. 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 written notice of such change of address, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested:

To County:

Columbus County Attorney
Attention: Steven W. Fowler
 111 Washington Street, Second Floor
 Whiteville, North Carolina, 28472

To CONTRACTOR:

Old Dock/Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department
 10635 New Britton Hwy. E.
 Whiteville, North Carolina, 28472

18. Assignability. It is mutually agreed by the parties hereto that this Contract is not transferable and shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party to this Contract.

19. Nondiscrimination. CONTRACTOR 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.

20. Non-appropriation. All funds for payment by COUNTY under this Contract are subject to the availability of any annual appropriation for this purpose by the Board of Commissioners. It is agreed upon by the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR that at this time that there are no funds available for the CONTRACTOR to provide the additional services.

21. Insurance Reimbursement. The COUNTY agrees that the CONTRACTOR has the right to charge for Rescue Services when insurance reimbursement is available.

22. Amendments. This Contract shall not be modified or otherwise amended except in writing signed by the parties.

23. Termination. This Contract 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 ninety (90) days prior to termination. Net payment shall be appropriated at the date of termination.

24. Entire Contract. This Contract constitutes an understanding between the parties to work in conjunction with any other contracts and/or signed contracts between the parties. This Contract supersedes all prior and independent contracts/contracts between the parties covering the specific subject matter of rescue performance by CONTRACTOR. Any change or modification of this Contract must be in writing and signed by both parties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, COUNTY has caused this instrument to be executed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, and attested by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners; and OLD DOCK/CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by its president, attested by its secretary and its corporate seal hereto affixed, all by order of its Board of Directors duly given.

COLUMBUS COUNTY
By: /s/ Sammie Jacobs, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

Attested:
June B. Hall
/s/ Clerk to Board

OLD DOCK/CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
By: _____
Title: _____

Attested:

By: _____
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.

NOTARY PUBLIC

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I _____ a notary public of Columbus County, North Carolina, do certify that on this ____ day of _____ 2007 before me personally appeared _____, President of OLD DOCK/CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, proved to me by satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached record, and acknowledged to me that ____ signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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

Notary Public

My Commission Expires on the ____ day of _____, 2007.

Approved as to form

Columbus County Attorney

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

Columbus County Finance Officer

EXHIBIT "A"

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- Assist with drowning rescue and recovery
- Assist with water rescue in hazardous situations
- Assist with High-angle rescue, utilized to gain access and rescue victims from area where conventional vehicles and means are not feasible, through the use of techniques used in high-angle rescue, or in area of steep incline where rescue presents a natural hazard;
- Assist with Low-angle rescue and confined-space rescue, used to gain access in area underground, in areas with steep downslope, and areas presenting hazards dealing with confined or limited space by utilizing modified techniques from high-angle rescue methods.
- Assistance with Search and Rescue for missing persons, utilizing specialized in man tracking, land navigation, management of the search function and incident command;
- Any other area of rescue services generally performed by rescue contractors with the exception of ambulance transportation which will not be preformed by the Fire Department.

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to approve the Rescue Contract for Old Dock/Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, with recommended changes, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION - The WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD
PROCLAMATION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

Selena Rowell is requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation:

**THE WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD
PROCLAMATION
by the COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the **Columbus County Partnership for Children (Smart Start)** and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating *The Week of the Young Child, April 22 through April 28, 2007*; **and**

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, which are crucial to the growth and development of young children, and to building better futures for everyone in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, all young children and their families across the country and in Columbus County deserve access to high-quality early education as the right choice for kids.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Whiteville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **April 22 through April 28, 2007**, as *The Week of the Young Child* in Columbus County, and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in our community.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 26th day of April, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF**

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Ms. Rowell stated the following:

1. We are now receiving national recognition;
2. During the week of April 22 - April 28, we will have lots of activities;
3. In the upcoming year, we will have our first ever Age 0 - Age 5 Smart Start Program;
and
4. We are partnering with the Columbus County Health Department for the Young Child Wellness Expo, which will involve examinations and well-child checks.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Proclamation entitled "The Week of the Young Child Proclamation by the Columbus County Commissioners", seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #9: PROCLAMATION - HOT-AIR BALLOON WEEK in COLUMBUS
COUNTY:**

Densil Worhtington and Andy Hammond, Strawberry Association members, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Hot-Air Balloon Week in Columbus County Proclamation, which was orally read by Jim Mauldin, President of the Hot-Air Balloon Enthusiasts.

HOT-AIR BALLOON WEEK
in COLUMBUS COUNTY PROCLAMATION

_____ **WHEREAS**, a large number of our citizens are never exposed to exhilarating experiences such as a hot-air balloon ride, although their desire is ever prevalent; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Strawberry Association, the Columbus County Travel and Tourism and the Columbus County hot-air balloon enthusiasts, in conjunction with the assistance of pilot *Kevin Knapp*, made a decision to add some excitement to the Annual Strawberry Festival held in Chadbourn, North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, by offering the citizens of Columbus County, and any other interested person, the opportunity to participate in this activity, lends the exposure of a life-long dream for many; **and**

WHEREAS, at the onset of this activity, three (3) years ago, there were six (6) hot-air balloons in participation, and has now escalated to a total of twenty-five (25), to be at the 2007 Annual Strawberry Festival; **and**

WHEREAS, the voices of the hot-air balloon riders state this experience is breathtaking, exhilarating, indescribable, captivating and like-no-other experience; **and**

WHEREAS, the hot-air balloon rides have been a positive addition to the Annual Strawberry Festival, have drawn more participation, provided more entertainment to the Eastern Carolinas, and have given Columbus County exposure on statewide, regional and national levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the **first week of May 2007** as being *Hot-Air Balloon Week* in Columbus County, and perpetually thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize and distinguish the following persons: *Randy B. Lee, Buddy Carter, Ian Leonard, Rene Meier, Dan Kirk and Ed Yonkey*, as founding pilots.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 16th day of April, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF**

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Andy Hammond introduced Randy Lee. Mr. Lee stated the following:

1. I am one of the pilots who will be participating in the Hot-Air Balloon Week and I am from Four Oaks, North Carolina;
2. I would like to thank all the organizers for their part in preparing for this event;
3. Andy Hammond was very instrumental in the organization of this event;
4. We have received multiple calls for participation from the following states: California, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Texas and Florida; **and**
5. I am very proud to be a part of this event.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated that Randy Lee would be at the Relay For Life Event and any proceeds earned would go back to the Relay For Life Event.

Agenda Item #5: DISCUSSION - COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE:

Jackie Ray delivered the following discussion to the Board relative to the condition of the grounds surrounding the Columbus County Courthouse.

1. The Columbus County Courthouse is sitting at the best location in the County;
2. There is an influx of people who are looking at Columbus County;
3. I have some real issues regarding trash on the grounds surrounding the Columbus County Courthouse;
4. On a daily basis, I pick up trash in front of my office;
5. It is very embarrassing to have trash in front of your office and the Courthouse when in-town and out-of-town people come to visit;
6. This trash issue has become a major problem;

7. I contacted the City of Whiteville, Columbus County Administration and the Department of Transportation, but to no avail;
8. At one time, Jim Varner, County Manager, had someone picking up this trash, but this did not continue; **and**
9. For the sake of Columbus County, I want the County Commissioners to address this problem and handle it.

Commissioner Memory asked Ms. Ray what type of trash was she finding. Ms. Ray replied stating it was used diapers, paper towels, drink cans, beer cans, candy wrappers, personal items, cigarette butts, etc.

Commissioner Bullard asked if the jail inmates could go and pick up this trash. Mr. Varner replied stating that would depend on what the Sheriff has for them.

Commissioner McKenzie asked if it was possible for the County and City Maintenance personnel to get together and clean this trash up on a regular basis.

Commissioner Memory suggested that the County Manager and the Whiteville Town Manager to meet and come up with a solution to this problem.

After additional discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for Jim Varner, County Manager, to meet with the Whiteville Town Manager and come up with a workable solution to the trash problem at the Columbus County Courthouse and the surrounding grounds.

Agenda Item #10: ELECTIONS- DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Deleted - (Carla Strickland and office personnel out of town at a conference.)

Agenda Item #11: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - REQUEST for VOTING MEMBER to be on the COLUMBUS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD:

James A. Sarvis, Chairman of the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District, is requesting Board approval to have a voting member on the Columbus County Planning Board. On behalf of James A. Sarvis, Bobby Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer of the Columbus County Soil and Water Conservation District, stated the following:

1. We greatly appreciate all that the County Commissioners do;
2. Columbus County is a growing county;
3. We could be very helpful to the Columbus County Planning Board;
4. As more and more of our farmlands are being converted to urban areas, soil and water conservation districts are beginning to offer the Community Conservation Assistance Program, which offers such assistance as Backyard Rain Gardens, Backyard Wetlands, Permeable Pavement Installations, Cistern Systems and Water Harvesting; **and**
5. We have a lot of expertise that we could add to this committee.

After a brief discussion was held, Commissioner Memory made a motion to table this Agenda item until Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, could review, due to the fact Mr. Fowler was on vacation last week.

Agenda Item #12: TAX - USER FEE REFUNDS and RELEASES:

Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, requested Board approval of the following Amendment Number 5 to the Ordinance so entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Assessment and Collection of Solid Waste User Fees in Columbus County".

An ORDINANCE REGULATING the ASSESSMENT and COLLECTION of SOLID WASTE USER FEES in COLUMBUS COUNTY

AMENDMENT NUMBER: V

Section 1:

- 1.7 A. The maximum Refund or Release for User Fees will be no more than five (5)**

years if proof can be submitted to the Columbus County Tax Office of the following:

1. Structure was vacant for the entirety of the time frame in question;
-or-
2. Structure was served by a commercial hauler for the entirety of the time frame in question.

If either of the above stated qualifications cannot be satisfied, only two (2) years of Refund or Release of User Fees will be allowed.

- B. In the event of property double listing, the Refund or Release for User Fees will be determined by the number of years the said property was double listed.
- C. The effective date of Amendment Number V will be August 01, 2007.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 16th day of April, 2007.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman
ATTESTED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Mr. Gore stated the following:

1. At the present time, the said Ordinance has four (4) amendments, with Attachment I which presently has nine (9) amendments;
2. Historically, we have been operating on a rule-of-thumb with the User Fees being refunded for the previous two (2) years;
3. In the last few months, we have experienced two (2) situations in which the previous ten (10t) plus years of User Fees have been refunded; **and**
4. We need the Board to make an official ruling on these user fees.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to table this Agenda item until the Columbus County Attorney and the Tax Administrator could meet, and discuss the language in the existing Ordinance, the Attachment 1, and all of the Amendments, to determine if there is a need for this Ordinance to be rescinded and replaced with an updated Ordinance, with all the relative documentation included. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #13: GOVERNING BODY - RULES of PROCEDURE:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard is requesting Board consideration of approval and adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, which have been prepared by Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, and distributed to Board members and Administration Staff for review.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members relative to establishing a workshop for discussion, Commissioner Bullard made a motion to postpone this Agenda item until June, 2007, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #14: APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM BOARD of TRUSTEES:

Carl W. Meares, Jr., is recommending the appointment of Terray Suggs to the Columbus Regional Healthcare System Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy of Emogene Suggs who has resigned.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to appoint Terray Suggs to the Columbus Regional Healthcare System Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy of Emogene Suggs, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into a COMBINATION MEETING for

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:

At 7:13 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Combination Meeting for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #15: PUBLIC UTILITIES - RECOMMENDED CHANGES to the UNIFORM RULES for all WATER DISTRICTS and RETAIL WATER FACILITIES: Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the recommended changes to the Uniform Rules for all water districts and retail water facilities operated by the Columbus County Public Utilities Department. This will be the **second reading** of these changes.

This information will be recorded in each Minute Book 1 for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

ADJOURN COMBINATION MEETING for COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD and enter into a COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V BOARD MEETING:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board, and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION PROVIDING for the ISSUANCE of \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES: Jim Varner, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption.

Agenda Item #17: CONTRACT NUMBER 1 - CANCELLATION of CONTRACT with GOODYEAR CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED and RE-AWARD CONTRACT to T.A. LOVING COMPANY: Jim Varner, County Manager, requested Board approval to release Goodyear Construction, Incorporated, from its contractual obligations and re-award Contract Number 1 to T.A. Loving Company.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

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

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Amendments to April 02, 2007 Tax Refunds/Releases:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following amendments to the April 02, 2007 Tax Refunds/Releases, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Release the value of a boat in the name of Susan Hinson for the year 2006. There was a late list amount of \$3.84 that should be added. This will make the total release \$42.21 instead of \$38.37.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Maurice Pridgen for the year 2001. Amount to release should be \$148.28 instead of \$148.00. Property value is \$19,010 instead of \$28.00. This will make total release \$242.29 instead of \$242.01.

Release the property value in the name of Keith Prince. The total district amount should be \$26.00

instead of \$19.50. This will make the total release \$274.63 instead of \$266.13.

Release the value of a single wide home in the name of Gregory Sibbett for the year 2006. Amount released should be \$71.68 instead of \$71.69

Release the value of a house in the name of Frances Toon for the year 2006. Amount to release should be \$218.79 instead of \$218.00. This will make total release \$330.51 instead of \$329.72.

Refund the user fee in the name of Macon Brown Sr. The user fee to refund should be \$177.00 instead of \$193.00.

Release the use fee in the name of Carroll Gore. The correct account number is 01-33042 instead of 01-32040.

B. April 02, 2007 Tax Releases:

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the following April 02, 2007 Tax Releases, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office)
April 02, 2007**

Release the Property Value in the name of Campbell, Asalene Amount: \$237.92
Value: \$31,100.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-04553 Bill # 3369 Total \$293.90
Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Klondyke Fire (21.77) a portion of the Columbus Rescue (6.22) and a portion of W2 (27.99). The house was billed as a stick build home, should be a double wide.

Release the Property Value in the name of Cribb, Anthony R. Amount: \$45.90
Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-03430 Bill # 6177 Total \$246.10
Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Cerro Gordo Fire (6.00) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (1.20). The house has fire damage. It is no longer livable.

Release the Property Value in the name of Green, Hope Amount: \$26.06
Value: \$3,570.00 Year: 2005 Account # 05-01152 Bill # 714 Total \$231.98
Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (.71) and W2 (3.21). The home is double listed in the name of Buddy Taylor Adams.

Release the Property Value in the name of Green, Hope Amount: \$27.92
Value: \$3,650.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-01152 Bill # 3747 Total \$252.81
Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (.73) and W2 (3.29). The home is double listed in the name of Buddy Taylor Adams.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith Amount: \$23.40
Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2887 Total \$23.40
Release the deferred tax. Property is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith Amount: \$28.86
Value: \$3,700.00 Year: 2002 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2893 Total \$28.86
Release the deferred tax. The property is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith Amount: \$28.86
Value: \$3,700.00 Year: 2003 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2892 Total \$28.86
Release the deferred tax. The property is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith Amount: \$58.40
Value: \$8,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2889 Total \$67.20
Release the deferred tax, the Columbus Rescue (1.60) and W2 (7.20). The land is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith Amount: \$23.40
Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 12-10671 Bill # 2886 Total \$23.40
Release the deferred tax. Property is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith Amount: \$23.40
Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2885 Total \$31.50

Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire (3.00) the Columbus Rescue (.60) and W2 (4.50). Property is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith	Amount:	\$28.86
Value: \$3,700.00 Year: 2004 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2891	Total	\$35.15

Release the deferred tax, the Columbus rescue (.74) and W2 (5.55). The property is in the Land Use Program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hammond, Judith H.	Amount:	\$43.07
Value: \$5,900.00 Year: 2005 Account # 12-10673 Bill # 2883	Total	\$55.46

Release the deferred tax, the Cole Service Fire (5.90) the Columbus Rescue (1.18) and W2 (5.31). Property is in the land use program.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardie, William	Amount:	\$57.42
Value: \$7,362.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-03027 Bill # 9752	Total	\$246.64

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.42) and the Columbus Rescue (1.47). The home is double listed in the name of William Hardee.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardie, William	Amount:	\$50.55
Value: \$6,925.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-03027 Bill # 658	Total	\$233.10

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.16) and the Columbus Rescue (1.39). The home is double listed in the name of William Hardee.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardie, William	Amount:	\$51.29
Value: \$6,705.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-03027 Bill # 4695	Total	\$255.32

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.02) and the Columbus Rescue (1.34). The home is double listed in the name of William Hardee.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Allene	Amount:	\$21.29
Value: \$2,730.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-05721 Bill # 3593	Total	\$111.02

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. Home never set-up. Turned back in to dealer.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Allene	Amount:	\$22.92
Value: \$3,140.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-05721 Bill # 554	Total	\$110.55

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home was never set-up and was turned back into dealer.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Allene	Amount:	\$24.52
Value: \$3,205.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-05721 Bill # 5222	Total	\$133.68

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home was never set-up and was turned back into the dealer.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Allene	Amount:	\$23.40
Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-05721 Bill # 4028	Total	\$113.40

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. Home never set-up. Turned back into dealer.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, Allene	Amount:	\$26.01
Value: \$3,335.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-05721 Bill # 37	Total	\$116.35

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home was never set-up. Turned back into dealer.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Susan	Amount:	\$41.98
Value: \$5,750.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-00738 Bill # 598	Total	\$43.13

Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold in 1999 in Virginia.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Susan	Amount:	\$37.39
Value: \$4,888.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00738 Bill # 6575	Total	\$38.37

Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue. The boat was sold in 1999 in Virginia.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Susan	Amount:	\$45.63
Value: \$5,850.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-00738 Bill # 559	Total	\$51.48

Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Resue. The boat was sold in 1999 in Virginia.

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Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Susan Amount: \$48.75
Value: \$6,250.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-00738 Bill # 5348 Total \$55.00
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold in 1999 in Virginia.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Susan Amount: \$42.20
Value: \$5,410.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-00738 Bill # 4910 Total \$47.61
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue. The boat was sold in 1999 in Virginia.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hinson, Susan Amount: \$55.77
Value: \$7,150.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-00738 Bill # 7115 Total \$62.92
release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold in 1999 in Virginia.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hunt, Margaret Amount: \$327.60
Value: \$46,400.00 Year: 2001 Account # 11-13761 Bill # 7911 Total \$526.20
Release the value of a double wide, the Hallsboro Fire (25.20) and the Whiteville Rescue (8.40). The home was repossessed in 2001 and taken off the lot in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$30.88
Value: \$4,037.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 1822 Total \$40.18
Release the value of a boat and jet ski, the Acme Delco Fire (4.84) and the Columbus Rescue (.81). They were sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$15.45
Value: \$1,981.00 Year: 2001 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 8622 Total \$17.44
Release the value of a boat and jet ski and the Columbus Rescue. They were sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$23.72
Value: \$3,294.00 Year: 2000 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 8187 Total \$26.09
Release the value of a boat and jet ski that was sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$14.99
Value: \$1,922.00 Year: 2002 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 6439 Total \$16.91
Release the value of a boat and jet ski and the Columbus Rescue. They were sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$18.06
Value: \$2,315.00 Year: 2003 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 6901 Total \$28.02
Release the value of a boat and jet ski the Riegelwood Sanitary (6.95) and the Columbus Rescue (.46). They were sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$8.15
Value: \$1,045.00 Year: 2004 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 104 Total \$10.57
Release the value of a boat and jet ski, the Acme Delco Fire (1.25) and the Columbus Rescue (.21). They were sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$34.68
Value: \$4,750.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-01317 Bill # 037 Total \$45.46
Release the value of boat and jet ski, the Acme Delco Fire (5.70) and the Columbus Rescue (.95). They were sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jacobs, Priscilla Amount: \$22.89
Value: \$3,294.00 Year: 1999 Account # 15-01817 Bill # 1998 Total \$25.18
Release the value of a boat and jet ski that was sold in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jordan, Andrew Amount: \$21.61
Value: \$2,825.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-49017 Bill # 9209 Total \$130.40
Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Larry & Donnie Jones.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jordan, Andrew Amount: \$20.15
Value: \$2,760.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-49017 Bill # 102 Total \$107.70
Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Larry and Donnie Jones.

Release the Property Value in the name of Jordan, Andrew Amount: \$22.89
Value: \$2,935.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-49017 Bill # 154 Total \$112.83

Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home double listed in the name of Larry & Donnie Jones.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelly, Ida Amount: \$49.80
 Value: \$6,384.00 Year: 2002 Account # 13-01851 Bill # 7708 Total \$238.11
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (4.47) and the Columbus Rescue (1.28). The home was destroyed by a storm in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelly, Ida Amount: \$47.95
 Value: \$6,147.00 Year: 2003 Account # 13-01851 Bill # 8198 Total \$235.83
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (4.30) and the Columbus Rescue (1.23). The home was destroyed by a storm in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Kelly, Ida Amount: \$47.30
 Value: \$6,064.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-01851 Bill # 430 Total \$244.13
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (4.24) the Columbus Rescue (1.21) and W2 (9.10). The home was destroyed by a storm in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Magnilia Manor Amount: \$12.06
 Value: \$1,576.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-05027 Bill # 1998 Total \$12.38
 Release the business personal value and the Columbus Rescue. The business was closed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$48.75
 Value: \$6,250.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 994 Total \$237.50

Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (5.00) and the Columbus Rescue (1.25). The home is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$42.85
 Value: \$5,870.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 2001 Total \$230.59
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.70) and the Columbus Rescue (1.17). The home is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$42.15
 Value: \$5,510.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 3204 Total \$245.43
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.41) and the Columbus Rescue (1.10). The home is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$51.64
 Value: \$6,620.00 Year: 2003 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 1713 Total \$241.09
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (5.30) and the Columbus Rescue (1.32). The home is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$65.82
 Value: \$9,470.00 Year: 1997 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 7322 Total \$172.40
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$61.30
 Value: \$8,820.00 Year: 1998 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 9243 Total \$167.43
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$55.22
 Value: \$7,080.00 Year: 2002 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 1148 Total \$245.53
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (5.66) and the Columbus Rescue (1.42). The home is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$57.62
 Value: \$8,290.00 Year: 1999 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 1304 Total \$163.38
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$56.16
 Value: \$7,800.00 Year: 2000 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 612 Total \$186.78
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$58.81

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Value: \$7,540.00 Year: 2001 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 194 Total \$231.35
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of McKeithan, Jimmy Amount: \$75.82
Value: \$9,720.00 Year: 1996 Account # 03-15822 Bill # 7321 Total \$150.98
Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Alvie L. Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Maurice Amount: \$127.53
Value: \$16,350.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-00242 Bill # 7359 Total \$230.88
Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Maurice Amount: \$102.43
Value: \$13,390.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00242 Bill # 9016 Total \$221.62
Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Maurice Amount: \$143.06
Value: \$19,870.00 Year: 2000 Account # 01-00242 Bill # 970 Total \$222.37
Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name on a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Maurice Amount: \$119.42
Value: \$15,310.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-00242 Bill # 3621 Total \$221.73
Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Maurice Amount: \$136.81
Value: \$17,540.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-00242 Bill # 6683 Total \$254.86
Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (12.28) and the Whiteville Rescue (3.51). The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pridgen, Maurice Amount: \$148.00
Value: \$28.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-00242 Bill # 679 Total \$242.01
Release the value of a mobile home and the Whiteville Rescue. The home is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Prince, Keith Amount: \$248.63
Value: \$32,500.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-30201 Bill # 9174 Total \$268.13
Release the property value, the Columbus Rescue (6.50) and the Williams Fire (19.50). The property is double listed in the name of Altman Properties LLC.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Titus Amount: \$278.86
Value: \$38,200.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-01708 Bill # 9209 Total \$497.88
Release the value of a mobile home, the Columbus Rescue (7.64) and the W3 (34.38). The home is double listed in the name of Kenneth Kozakovsky.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Titus Amount: \$265.98
Value: \$34,100.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-01708 Bill # 5095 Total \$500.95
Release the value of a mobile home, the Columbus Rescue (6.82) and the W3 (51.15). The home is double listed in the name of Kenneth Kozakovsky.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Titus Amount: \$265.98
Value: \$34,100.00 Year: 2003 Account # 13-01708 Bill # 8791 Total \$449.80
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Kenneth Kozakovsky.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Titus Amount: \$265.98
Value: \$34,100.00 Year: 2001 Account # 13-01708 Bill # 0048 Total \$437.80
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus rescue. The home is double listed in the name of Kenneth Kozakovsky.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Titus Amount: \$265.98
Value: \$34,100.00 Year: 2002 Account # 13-01708 Bill # 8080 Total \$449.80
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the name of

Kenneth Kozakovsky.

Release the Property Value in the name of Robinson, Titus Amount: \$292.23
 Value: \$38,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-01708 Bill # 0490 Total \$527.25
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Columbus Rescue (7.64) and the W3 (34.38). The home is double listed in the name of Kenneth Klzakovsky.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$40.65
 Value: \$5,568.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 0180 Total \$227.83
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.45) and the Columbus rescue (1.11). The home burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$46.24
 Value: \$5,928.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 6068 Total \$234.39
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.74) and the Columbus Rescue (1.19). The home burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$46.68
 Value: \$5,985.00 Year: 2003 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 9743 Total \$234.94
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.79) and the Columbus Rescue (1.20). The home burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$48.38
 Value: \$6,230.00 Year: 2002 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 9041 Total \$237.04
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.96) and the Columbus Rescue (1.24). The home burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$49.84
 Value: \$6,390.00 Year: 2001 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 0985 Total \$221.23
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$47.45
 Value: \$6,590.00 Year: 2000 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 0156 Total \$177.20
 Release the value of a home that burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Scott, Peggy Amount: \$40.85
 Value: \$5,346.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-20744 Bill # 1461 Total \$243.81
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (4.27) and the Columbus Rescue (1.07). The home burned in 1998.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sibbett, Gregory Amount: \$71.69
 Value: \$9,370.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-03324 Bill # 2410 Total \$280.10
 Release the value of a single wide home, the Williams Fire (5.62) and the Columbus Rescue (1.87). The home was traded for a double wide and listed.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sibbett, Gregory Amount: \$72.71
 Value: \$9,960.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-03324 Bill # 1122 Total \$88.75
 Release the value of a single wide home, the Williams Fire (5.98) and the Columbus Rescue (1.99). The home was traded for a double wide and listed.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, James W. Amount: \$149.94
 Value: \$19,600.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-85420 Bill # 3481 Total \$167.58
 Release the value of a house, the Brunswick Fire (13.72) and the Whiteville Rescue (3.92). The house has fallen in and is no longer livable.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, James W. Amount: \$143.08
 Value: \$19,600.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-85420 Bill # 2190 Total \$160.72
 Release the house value, the Brunswick Fire (13.72) and the Whiteville Rescue (3.92). The house has fallen in and is not livable.

Release the Property Value in the name of Strickland, Doreen Amount: \$302.64
 Value: \$38,800.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-05357 Bill # 5291 Total \$525.40
 Release the value of a double wide, the North Whiteville Fire (50.00) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.76). The loan was never approved on the house.

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Release the Property Value in the name of Sustainable Forests LLC Amount: \$87.21
Value: \$11,400.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-13540 Bill # 6547 Total \$103.17
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (13.68) and the Columbus rescue (2.28). The property is double listed in the name of Brunswick Timber LLC.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Frances Amount: \$148.72
Value: \$28,600.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-96240 Bill # 0268 Total \$148.72
Release the value of a house for the Town of Brunswick that burned Dec. 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Toon, Frances Amount: \$218.00
Value: \$28,600.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-96240 Bill # 7695 Total \$329.72
Release the value of a house, the Whiteville Rescue. The house burned Dec. 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walking By Faith Outreach Amount: \$195.84
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-01434 Bill # 8924 Total \$200.96
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is tax exempt.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Betsy Amount: \$22.11
Value: \$2,890.00 Year: 2006 Account # 07-01855 Bill # 1582 Total \$27.50
Release the value of a boat, the Nakina Fire (2.31) and the Columbus Rescue (.58). The boat is listed in Brunswick County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Betsy Amount: \$24.82
Value: \$3,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 07-01855 Bill # 0174 Total \$31.04
Release the value of a boat, the Nakina Fire (2.72) and the Columbus Rescue (.68). The boat is listed in Brunswick County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Betsy Amount: \$26.52
Value: \$3,400.00 Year: 2004 Account # 07-01855 Bill # 598 Total \$32.91
Release the value of a boat, the Nakina Fire (2.72) and the Columbus Rescue (.68). The boat is listed in Brunswick County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Betsy Amount: \$28.47
Value: \$3,650.00 Year: 2003 Account # 07-01855 Bill # 9660 Total \$32.12
Release the value of a boat the Nakina Fire (2.92) and the Columbus Rescue (.73). The boat is listed in Brunswick County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Yeoman, Juliet Amount: \$78.26
Value: \$10,230.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-01661 Bill # 2903 Total \$285.59
Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco Fire (12.28) and the Columbus Rescue (2.05). The home is double listed in the name of Okeon & Tyesha Wilson.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brigman, Sarah Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-02400 Bill # 1276 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Macon O. Sr. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-05257 Bill # 1874 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Walter L Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-29563 Bill # 2056 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Keith Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-08880 Bill # Total \$193.00
Release one of two user fees. Shop does not have a can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Freeman, Clayton Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-04938 Bill # 0748 Total \$106.00
Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Carroll Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-32042 Bill # 2420 Total \$193.00
Release user fee that is paid by Thurston Gore.

Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 3748	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power and no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 1997 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 7059	Total	\$100.00
Release user fee. Mobile home vacant, no power and no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 1998 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 1281	Total	\$100.00
Release user fee. Mobile home unlivable, no power and no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 1999 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 3125	Total	\$100.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power and no can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2000 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 4179	Total	\$125.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power and no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2001 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 4490	Total	\$165.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2002 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 2219	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power and no can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 2603	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 8816	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power and no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Green, Hope	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 05-02521 Bill # 715	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable, no power and no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hilburn, John D.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 10-02438 Bill # 6062	Total	\$106.00
Release one of two user fee. The store is using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Jacobs, Alvin M.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-09703 Bill # 7914	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Elda	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-05148 Bill # 499	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. House unlivable, no power, no can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Elda	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-05148 Bill # 8601	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is unlivable, no power, no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lowery, French	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 04-02008 Bill # 687	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Mobile home unlivable. Does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lowery, French	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 04-02008 Bill # 0657	Total	\$177.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable. Does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lowery, French	Amount:	\$0.00

894

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-02008 Bill # 1820 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable. Does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ray, Joseph Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-30707 Bill # 9578 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. There is no house on this land.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shaw, James Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-04617 Bill # 2016 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. This is a storage building. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Todd, Shawn Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-04755 Bill # 7626 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. There is no trash can for 2006.

Release the User Fee in the name of Watson, Sandra Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-05519 Bill # 0033 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, trash can picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Annie Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-39060 Bill # 1111 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is unlivable. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Annie Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2000 Account # 13-44300 Bill # 9609 Total \$273.22
Release overcharge on user fee. There is only one trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Annie Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2001 Account # 13-44300 Bill # 0657 Total \$330.00
Release overcharge on user fee. There is only one trash can here.

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

A. **Public:**

Jim Nance: stated the following:

-On April 07, 2007, I spent twelve (12) hours in the Columbus County Jail due to playing loud music late at night;

-I have been told that Columbus County's Noise Ordinance is unenforceable, and, if that is the case, why did I spend this time in jail?

-I would like to know the status of the Columbus County Noise Ordinance; **and**

-I have requested that Deputy Purryear with the Sheriff's Department present the details of what happened the night of April 07, 2007 prior to my arrest.

Deputy Purryear stated the following:

-The Columbus County Sheriff's Department received a call at 2:20 A.M. with a complaint of excessive noise at the residence of Jim Nance;

-When I arrived at Jim Nance's residence, I discovered a home stereo system on top of Mr. Nance's truck with music playing so loud that I could not effectively communicate with him;

-I advised Mr. Nance that he could not play music that loud, but he refused to turn the music down;

-I then advised Mr. Nance that if did not agree to turn the music down, he would be incarcerated.

-Mr. Nance asked me to incarcerate him; **and**

-I delivered Mr. Nance to the Columbus County Sheriff's Department.

B. **Department Heads:**

1. **Ed Worley:** I would like to recognize Robert Adams for becoming a Great Grandpa today.

2. **Caroll Worrell:** we held eighteen (18) Easter Egg Hunts this past weekend, and they went very well.

3. **Edward Davis:** stated the following:

-The Waccamaw River Project is in the final inspections now;

-There are still some unfinished work to be done; **and**

-The finished work looks good.

C. **Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Chairman Jacobs:** I am instructing Donna Register with Soil and Water Conservation to schedule a Beaver Management Program Committee Meeting as soon as she can.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like to know what this page of information is relative to vacancies on the Board of Commissioners. Steve Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, replied stating that page is the attachment to the Rules of Procedure.
3. **Vice Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - A. Several months ago we received multiple amendments to the Columbus County Personnel Policy Manual, and I would like for the County Manager to present an update on the status of where this is. Mr. Varner replied stating a meeting had been scheduled for April 17, 2007.
 - B. Jackie Roseboro and Mr. Varner were to meet for the purpose of obtaining some clarification on committee members, and I would like an update from Mr. Varner on the status of this. Mr. Varner replied stating they had met and discussed this, but Jackie was not ready at this time, but she would present this at the May 07, 2007 Board Meeting.
4. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A, I was summoned for Grand Jury Duty, and was at the Columbus County Courthouse for an entire week;
 - B. During this week, I was given a grand tour by Shelia Pridgen, Columbus County Clerk of Court, of the Courthouse and saw what bad shape this building is in;
 - C. There were three hundred, plus, (300+) citizens in the Courthouse that week and the majority of these citizens confronted me about the bad disarray the building was in; **and**
 - C. This Board does not need to wait much longer before we do some renovations and badly needed repair.

Commissioner Memory stated that staff was to review this situation and report their findings to the Board.

Agenda item #20: MEETING RECESSED:

At 8:31 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess this meeting until Friday, April 20, 2007, at 7:00 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 16, 2007

7:13 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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Lynwood Norris
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Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Leo Hunt, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:13 P.O., Chairman Jacobs called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: PUBLIC UTILITIES - RECOMMENDED CHANGES to the UNIFORM RULES for all WATER DISTRICTS and RETAIL WATER FACILITIES:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the recommended changes to the Uniform Rules for all Water Districts and Retail Water Facilities Operated by the Columbus County Public Utilities Department. This will be the **second reading**.

Reference may be made to the April 02, 2007 Minutes for a full listing of the Uniform Rules for all Water Districts and Retail Water Facilities Operated by the Columbus County Public Utilities Department.

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4. That is a total of twenty (20) days for the customer to pay after being billed.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the recommended changes to

the Uniform Rules for all Water Districts and Retail Water Facilities Operated by the Columbus County Public Utilities Department, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

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SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

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ADJOURNMENT:

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APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 16, 2007

7:15 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
James 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**
Leo Hunt, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:15 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING for the ISSUANCE of \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES:

Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 6:30 P.M., on April 16, 2007.

Present: Chairman Sammie Jacobs, presiding, and Commissioners Amon McKenzie, James Prevatte, Bill Memory, Lynwood Norris, Ricky Bullard and Ronald Gore.

Absent: None

Commissioner Lynwood Norris introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
\$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1. Said Board has determined and does hereby find, declare and represent:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), was adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the District (the "Board"), on April 2, 2001, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 29, 2001.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued and that no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds.

(c) That it is necessary to issue \$4,564,000 notes at this time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of said bonds.

Section 2. In anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of said bonds, the issuance of \$4,564,000 notes of the District is hereby authorized, which notes shall be designated "General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes" and dated May 8, 2007 (the "Notes"). The Notes shall mature on February 6, 2008, without option of prior payment, and shall bear interest from their date at a rate to be determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at the time the Notes are sold, which interest shall be payable at the maturity of the Notes on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Notes shall be in a denomination or denominations of not less than \$100,000, and both the principal of and the interest on the Notes shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

The Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of Note certificates to be made except as hereinafter provided. One fully-registered Note certificate in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), will be issued and required to be deposited with DTC and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence beneficial ownership of the Notes in the principal amount of \$100,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000, with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The principal of each Note shall be payable to Cede & Co. or any other person appearing on the registration books of the District hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of such Note or his registered assigns or legal representative at such office of the Note Registrar mentioned hereinafter or such other place as the District may determine upon the presentation and surrender thereof as the same shall become due and payable. Payment of the interest on each Note shall be made by the Note Registrar on the interest payment date to the registered owner of such Note (or the previous Note or Notes evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by such Note) at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding the interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on such registration books. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be

the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Notes by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. The District will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Notes or (b) the Interim Finance Director of the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County") determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Notes would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Notes, the District will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the District identifies another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the District will make arrangements with DTC and such other depository to effect such replacement and deliver replacement Notes registered in the name of such other depository or its nominee in exchange for the outstanding Notes, and the references to DTC or Cede & Co. in this resolution shall thereupon be deemed to mean such other depository or its nominee. If the District fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the District will deliver replacement Notes in the form of fully registered certificates in the denomination of \$100,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000 ("Certificated Notes") in exchange for the outstanding Notes as required by DTC and others. Upon the request of DTC, the District may also deliver one or more Certificated Notes to any participant of DTC in exchange for Notes credited to its account with DTC.

Unless indicated otherwise, the provisions of this resolution that follow shall apply to all Notes issued or issuable hereunder, whether initially or in replacement thereof.

Section 3. The Notes shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board and the Clerk to the Board and the corporate seal or a facsimile of the corporate seal of the District shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Notes.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to be endorsed on all Notes shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of said Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Note Registrar to be endorsed on all Notes shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the District or the Local Government Commission of North Carolina whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on any Notes shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Notes, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and any Note may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such Note shall be the proper officers to sign such Note although at the date of such Note such persons may not have been such officers.

No Note shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Note Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The Note to be registered in the name of Cede & Co. and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

No. R-1 \$4,564,000

United States of America
 State of North Carolina
 County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V
 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Cusip</u>
February 6, 2008

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

CEDE & CO.

or registered assigns or legal representative on the date specified above, upon the presentation and surrender hereof, at the office of the Interim Finance Director of said County (the "Note Registrar"), the principal sum of

FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS

and to pay interest on such principal sum on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the rate per annum specified above from the date hereof to the maturity hereof. The interest so payable will be paid to the person in whose name this note (or the previous note or notes evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by this note) is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on the note registration books of said District. Both the principal of and the interest on this note shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This note is given for money borrowed in the amount of the face of this note in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of Water Bonds, duly authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of said District, on April 2, 2001, which was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 29, 2001. This note is issued pursuant to

and in full compliance with The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 9, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and a resolution duly passed by said Board on April 16, 2007 (the "Resolution").

This note is being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates to be made except as provided in the Resolution. This note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of DTC, and is required to be deposited with DTC and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence beneficial ownership of this note in the principal amount of \$100,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of this note by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. Said District will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In certain events, said District will be authorized to deliver replacement notes in the form of fully-registered certificates in the denomination of \$100,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000 in exchange for the outstanding notes as provided in the Resolution.

At the office of the Note Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Resolution, this note may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of notes of the same maturity, of authorized denominations and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Note Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of notes. The transfer of this note may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Note Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this note a new note or notes, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this note have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

This note shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this note shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Note Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said District, pursuant to the Resolution, has caused this note [to be manually signed by] [to bear the facsimile signatures of] the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and [a facsimile of] its corporate seal to be [printed] [impressed] hereon, all as of the 8th day of May 2007.

/s/ SAMMIE JACOBS

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

/s/ JUNE B. HALL

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within note has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Secretary, Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This note is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

Interim Finance Director of the County of
Columbus, North Carolina, as Note Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within note and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney to register the transfer of said note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Certificated Notes issuable hereunder shall be in substantially the form of the Note registered in the name of Cede & Co. with such changes as are necessary to reflect the provisions of this resolution that are applicable to Certificated Notes.

Section 4. The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Section 5. Notes, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Notes of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

The transfer of any Note may be registered only upon the registration books of the District upon the surrender thereof to the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Note a new Note or Notes, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Note so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which Notes shall be exchanged or the transfer of Notes shall be registered hereunder, the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time Notes in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All Notes surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Note Registrar. The District or the Note Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such exchange or registration of transfer of Notes sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the District or the Note Registrar for exchanging or registering the transfer of Notes under this resolution.

As to any Note, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such Note and the interest on any such Note shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note and interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The District shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of Notes within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Notes. The Interim Finance Director of the County is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Notes (collectively the "Note Registrar"), subject to the right of the governing body of the District to appoint another Note Registrar, and as such shall keep at his or her office the books of the District for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the Notes as provided in this resolution.

Section 6. The Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, as requested by DTC in connection with the issuance of the Notes and in the form presented at this meeting, is hereby approved, and the Interim Finance Director of the County is hereby authorized to complete and execute such Letter of Representations and to deliver the same to DTC for and on behalf of the District.

Section 7. The actions of the County Manager and the Interim Finance Director of the County in applying to the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve, advertise and

sell the Notes are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed, and the Local Government Commission of North Carolina is hereby requested to ask for bids for the Notes by printing and distributing circulars and other means relating to the sale of the Notes.

Section 8. The District covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), relating to the issuance of the Notes, except to the extent that the District obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the Notes being includable in the gross income of their owners for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 9. The District hereby finds, declares and represents that (a) it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the District (all within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Code) will not issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting certain current refunding obligations and private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2007 and (b) no entity has been or will be formed or availed of to avoid the limits described above. In addition, the District hereby designates each of the Notes as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 10. The County Manager and the Interim Finance Director of the County and their designees are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions and to execute and deliver such other documents, certificates, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the issuance of the Notes.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon Commissioner Lynwood Norris moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,564,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES", and Commissioner Ronald Gore seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon McKenzie, James Prevatte, Sammie Jacobs, Bill Memory, Lynwood Norris, Ricky Bullard and Ronald Gore.

Noes: None.

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I, June Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of a regular meeting of said Board held on April 16, 2007, the record having been made in Minute Book No. 1 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 124 and ending at page 133, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the issuance of \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes of said District.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex located at

112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 P.M., except that regular meetings that are scheduled to be held on a holiday are instead held on the following business day, has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said District, this 17th day of April 2007.

/s/ JUNE B. HALL

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bullard asked what is this \$4,564,000.00 for. Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, stated the following:

1. A Bond Referendum was voted in by the citizens in 2001;
2. USDA, Rural Development has been holding this money for Columbus County since 2001;
3. One (1) year after I came on board, I received a telephone call from Ronnie Pope with Rural Development stating that if we did not soon use this money, it was going back to Washington, DC; **and**
4. These bonds are to be sold April 26, 2007

Commissioner Memory stated the construction bids came in at \$2.7 million (+/-), and asked where is the other \$2 million going? Adam Kiker, engineer with Hobbs, UpChurch and Associates, stated that was the sum of three (3) bids for Water District V.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,564,000 General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #17: CONTRACT NUMBER 1 - CANCELLATION of CONTRACT with GOODYEAR CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED and RE-AWARD CONTRACT to T.A. LOVING COMPANY:

Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, requested Board approval to release Goodyear Construction, Incorporated from its contractual obligations and re-award Contract Number 1 to T.A. Loving Company. Mr. Varner stated the following:

1. Josh Goodyear with Goodyear Construction, Incorporated passed away at forty-one (41) years old;
2. Mr. Goodyear has the contractor's license and his wife owns the business, but she cannot pursue this without a contractor's license;
3. We have dropped to the second lowest bidder who is T.A. Loving with a bid of \$2,875,890.00;
4. There are some concerns relative to the difference of the bid for Goodyear Construction, Incorporated at \$2,708,365.00, and the bid for T.A. Loving at \$2,875, 890.00, which equates to a difference of \$167,525.00 more; **and**
5. I recommend not doing the Performance Bond due to the fact the bonding company will fight against this.

Lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing the Performance Bond. Commissioner Gore stated it was the bonding company's duty to

absorb the difference in the two (2) contracts. Mr. Varner stated we had to give the bonding company a fifteen (15) day notice if we decided to pursue, and then wait another twenty (20) days, and the time would be out in November, 2007 for \$2.7 million. Adam Kiker stated a Notice to Proceed was sent to Goodyear Construction the day he passed, and T.A. Loving would like an Award of Contract by May 01, 2007.

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess this meeting until Steven Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, Jim Varner, Columbus County Manager, and Adam Kiker, Engineer with Hobbs, UpChurch and Associates, could contact the bonding company and get an answer and bring back to the Board for further discussion and/or approval. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman