

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 18, 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 June 18, 2007 Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ronald Gore. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman James E. Prevatte.

**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. May 31, 2007 Budget Workshop Minutes;
- B. June 04, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes
- C. June 04, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes; **and**
- D. June 04, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes.

**Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - AWARD OF \$75,000 CHECK FOR CDBG GRANT FOR DREAM CENTER:**

Gloria Nance Simms, accompanied by Vickie Miller and Tom King, made the following presentation:

- 1. I am with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance;
- 2. We work with three (3) major programs which are Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Main Street and Community Planning;
- 3. Tom King, our Senior Planner in the Fayetteville Office, is here tonight;
- 4. I have enjoyed working with Columbus County and have discovered that Columbus County is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century county, and a Tier I county;
- 5. I have been with this division for ten (10) years;
- 6. I have been working closely with Columbus County;
- 7. This grant will provide funds for the Dream Center;
- 8. The Dream Center will use these funds on training and learning more about our programs;
- 9. I would like to present the following Certificate of Award to Columbus County:

**North Carolina Department of Commerce  
Division of Community Assistance**

**Community Development Block Grant Award  
(CDBG)**

**Presented to**

**Columbus County**

**June 18, 2007**  
**for**  
**Capacity Building Grant Award**

/s/ **GLORIA NANCE SIMS** Director

10. In addition, I will present a check in the amount of seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars to Columbus County on behalf of the Dream Center.

Ms. Evelyn Troy, Director of the Dream Center, stated she was very thankful for the award of this grant, and that Columbus County and the Dream Center had collaborated on many projects together, and hoped to continue to do so in the future.

**AGENDA ADD-ON:**

**Item #2: DREAM CENTER - APPROVAL to ACCEPT CDBG GRANT NUMBER 06-C-1605:**

Jim Varner, County Manager, requested Board approval of the following documents to accept the CDBG Grant Number 06-C-1605, in the amount of seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars, on behalf of the Dream Center:

- A. Grant Agreement;
- B. Funding Approval; **and**
- C. Signatory Resolution (Signatory Form and Certification Cards).

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement, the Funding Approval and the Signatory Resolution for the CDBG Grant Number 06-C-1605, in the amount of seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars, on behalf of the Dream Center, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried. A copy of these documents will be marked as Exhibit "A" and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review, in the Clerk to the Board's office.

**Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the Columbus County Transportation System, Fitness for Duty Policy, Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Mr. Patton stated this policy had been updated recently and needed Board approval.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Transportation System, Fitness for Duty Policy, Drug and Alcohol Testing Program, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "B" and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review, in the Clerk to the Board's Office.

**Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL NCDOT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the Supplemental Agreement, Project Number 07-CT-076, WBS Element Number 36233.28.6.3, with the State of North Carolina, County of Wake, Department of Transportation and Columbus County.

Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. I requested an additional one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars; **and**
2. This Agreement needed to be revised to allow for the additional funding.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement, Project Number 07-CT-076, WBS Element Number 36233.28.6.3, with the State of North Carolina, County of Wake, Department of Transportation and Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried. This document will be on file in the Public Transportation File, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for your review.

**Agenda Item #8: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDER:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of an extension of one (1) year to the contract with Laidlaw Transit Services, Incorporated.

Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. This is required to go out to bid every five (5) years, which will be coming up soon;
2. This requirement has been changed, and if our Public Transportation is okay with it, we will not have to put it out to bid at that time; **and**
3. This may be going regional in the very near future.

Commissioner McKenzie stated this may need to be reviewed next year to allow for a possible provider with a lower bid.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the extension of one (1) year of the Extension Agreement with Laidlaw Transit Services, Incorporated, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried. This document will be on file in the Public Transportation File, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for your review.

**Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME FOR RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP):**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested the Board to establish July 02, 2007, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP).

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to establish July 02, 2007, at 6:15 P.M., as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP), seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #10: AGING - APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF BID TO BATEMAN AND COMPANY, COMPASS GROUP USA, INCORPORATED, FOR NUTRITION SERVICES:**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the award of the Bid to Bateman and Company, for Nutrition Services.

Mr. Worley stated that only one (1) bid was received and it was a very competitive price.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the award of the bid for Nutrition Services to Bateman and Company, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #11: AGING - APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SFY 2007/08 ALLOCATIONS FOR THE TITLE III-D, SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH FUNDING:**

<b>A.</b>	<b>Health Promotion:</b>	<b>\$5,116</b>	<b>\$568 (10% Local Match)</b>	<b>\$5,684</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Medication Management</b>	<b>\$1,746</b>	<b>\$194 (10% Local Match)</b>	<b>\$1,940</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Senior Center Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,471</b>	<b>\$490 (25% Local Match)</b>	<b>\$1,961</b>
<b>D.</b>	<b>Family Care Giver Support</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>	<b>-0- N/A</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$38,085</b>

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the above listed funding through the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the above listed SFY 2007/08 Allocations for the Title III-D, Senior Center Outreach Funding, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #12: AGING - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENTS ON DEPARTMENT OF AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, recommended the following replacement appointments to the Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council:

District I	Amon McKenzie	Atlas Williamson (Replacing Billy Mac Watson);
District V	Lynwood Norris	Rachel Gore (Replacing Maxie Watts); <b>and</b>
District VI	Ricky Bullard	Ila V. Penny.

Commissioner McKenzie appointed Atlas Williamson, 2276 Chadbourn Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: 640-2285, to replace Billy Mac Watson, with term expiring June 30, 2008.

Commissioner Norris appointed Rachel Gore, Post Office Box 34, Tabor City, North Carolina 28463, Telephone: 653-3153 (Work), 653-3630 (Home), to replace Maxie Watts who has resigned, for a three (3) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2010.

Commissioner Bullard appointed Ila V. Penny, 10762 James B. White Highway South, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: 653 2827, to fill the vacancy of Earl Cribb who is deceased, for a three (3) year term, with term expiring June 30, 2010.

**Agenda Item #13: PARKS AND RECREATION - BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT PARTF GRANT and APPROVAL of N.C. PARKS and RECREATION TRUST FUND PROJECT AGREEMENT:**

Carol Worrell, Parks and Recreation Director, requested Board approval to accept the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant in the amount of forty-nine thousand, eight hundred twenty-three and 00/100 (\$49,823.00) dollars, and approval of the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Project Agreement.

Ms. Worrell stated the following:

1. We have been working on this grant for two (2) years and these grants are very difficult to obtain;
3. The maximum amount of this grant will be \$49,823.00;
4. This project will be done over a period of three (3) years;
5. Columbus County will have to expend the dollars first and then be reimbursed;
6. These funds will be used for improvements to the Riegelwood Park which is owned by Columbus County;
7. The total amount of the project is \$99,000+; **and**
8. There is one-third (1/3) of this amount in the budget for 2007-2008.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to accept the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant in the amount of forty-nine thousand, eight hundred twenty-three and 00/100 (\$49,823.00) dollars, and approval of the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Project Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

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

**AYES:** Chairman Jacobs, Commissioners McKenzie, Memory, and Norris  
**NAYS:** Vice Chairman Prevatte, Commissioner Bullard and Gore.

The motion passed on a four (4) to three (3) vote. A copy of the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Project Agreement will be marked as Exhibit "C" and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #14: FIRE MARSHALL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Kay Worley, Interim Emergency Services Director, and Shannon Blackman, Fire Inspector, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. All County schools were inspected on schedule for the year;
2. All day cares, foster homes and group homes there were due for inspection have been completed;
3. Idaho Timber has had their CO signed off by the Fire Marshal's Office;
4. Issued a burring ban within one hundred (100') feet of any structure in conjunction with the North Carolina Forestry Service. The ban has since been lifted and no citations were issued

- during the ban;
- 5. We conducted a walk through of the new prison in Tabor City on June 14, 2007. The prison is coming together very quickly. The superintendent over the job said this has been a very smooth job to this point. They are in the process of getting temporary power on the building.;
- 6. At the present time, the Fire Marshal’s Office has been busy with new construction plan reviews. We have sixteen (16) commercial building jobs pending completion;
- 7. We also have three (3) large jobs that are still in the planning stages, which are:  
 -Top Tobacco addition;  
 -Adding sprinkler system to old flea market in Chadbourn; **and**  
 Renovations of all Food Lion stores in County; **and**
- 9. We are working on doing revisions to the existing Fire Ordinance.

**Agenda Item #15: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUDGET FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BE APPROVED BY JULY 01, 2007:**

Chairman Jacobs requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Requesting the Budget for the State of North Carolina be Approved by July 01, 2007.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING the BUDGET for  
 the STATE of NORTH CAROLINA  
 be APPROVED by JULY 01, 2007**

       **WHEREAS**, General Statue § 159-8(b) requires counties to adopt a balanced Budget Ordinance each year by July 1<sup>st</sup>; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina hands down mandates yearly that must be funded by local governments, as well as other legislation directly affecting county budgets; **and**

**WHEREAS**, there are still numerous bills in the General Assembly that, if passed, will affect county budgets significantly; **and**

**WHEREAS**, counties still don’t know the outcome of Medicaid relief - whether there will be **any** relief or how much, and if there is any relief, whether it will be temporary or permanent; **and**

**WHEREAS**, without Medicaid relief, many low-wealth counties will have to either raise taxes or cut employees, programs and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the Governor of North Carolina has the State’s Budget approved by July 1<sup>st</sup> so counties will know how to complete their budgets according to State Statues.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be sent to all one hundred (100) counties and to all North Carolina legislators asking for their support of this request.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 /s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**  
**ATTESTED BY:**  
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting the Budget for the State of North Carolina be Approved by July 01, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, is requesting the following appointments/re-appointments be made to the following boards/committees.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
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Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council	II V VI VII	Barbara Featherson Maxie Watts ( <b>Resigned</b> ) Earl Cribb ( <b>Deceased</b> ) Esther Moses Doris Dockery	06-30-2007 06-30-2007 06-30-2007 06-30-2007 06-30-2007	<b>Re-appoint</b> <b>Rachel Gore</b> <b>Hold</b> <b>Re-appoint</b> <b>Re-appoint</b>
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	VII	J.C. Formy Duval, Jr	06-30-2007	<b>Hold</b>
Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council	I	C.W. Williams	06-30-2007	<b>Re-appoint</b>
Housing Advisory Committee	IV	Marshall Shepherd ( <b>Deceased</b> )	06-30-2007	<b>Hold</b>
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III V	Jerry Jacobs <b>-Vacant-</b>	06-30-2007 06-30-2007	<b>Hold</b> <b>Hold</b>
Library Board of Trustees	II	Robert L. Young	06-30-2007	<b>Hold</b>
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee <b>Motion: Vice-Chairman Prevatte</b> <b>Second: Commissioner Bullard</b>	EB	2 Vacancies (Penny Reynolds and Diane Garcia)	01/03/2007	<b>Flora White</b>
Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees	III	Randy Britt	06-30-2007	<b>Hold</b>
Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment ( <b>ETJ Member</b> ) <b>Motion: Vice Chairman Prevatte</b> <b>Second: Memory</b>	EB	<b>-Vacant-</b>	N/A	<b>Dean Nealy</b>

**Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Budget Amendments (inclusive of AGENDA ADD-ON, Item #1):**

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-510-7400	Capital Outlay	\$13,783
	10-510-1700	M&R Vehicles	\$14,366
<b>Revenue</b>	10-335-0000	Miscellaneous General Fund	\$13,783
	10-335-0000	Miscellaneous General Fund	\$13,546
	10-335-0000	Miscellaneous General Fund	\$419
	10-335-0000	Miscellaneous General Fund	\$401
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-575-33	Departmental Supplies	\$8,777
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-0503	State Grant Food and Lodging	\$8,777
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-576-02	Salaries	\$2,550
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-0601	Childhood Lead Poisoning-State Grant	\$2,550
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-577-0201	Longevity	\$85
	10-577-0902	401-K Regular	\$450
	10-577-11	Telephone	\$4,900
	10-577-33	Departmental Supplies	\$13,680

<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-0506	State Grant	\$17,500
	10-348-0509	State Grant	\$1,615
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-589-14	Travel	\$500
	10-589-33	Departmental Supplies	\$3,000
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-0801	State Grant	\$3,500
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-591-0902	401-K Regular	\$1,650
	10-591-4600	Drugs and Supplies	\$20,818
<b>Revenue</b>	10-348-0700	State Grant TANF	\$10,268
	10-348-0700	State Grant WHSF	\$1,895
	10-348-0700	State Grant Title X	\$6,930
	10-348-0700	State Grant Title X	\$3,375
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-480-9200	Conveyance Tax	\$76,000
<b>Revenue</b>	10-325-0200	Conveyance Tax	\$76,000

**B. June 18, 2007 Tax Releases:**

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

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
June 18, 2007**

Release the Property Value in the name of Donahue, Crystal Amount: \$225.68  
Value: \$29,500.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-02149 Bill # 7465 Total \$255.18  
Release a portion of the house value, a portion of the Nakina Fire (23.60) and a portion of the Columbus rescue (5.90). The house being remodeled. Unlivable at this time.

Release the Property Value in the name of Edwards, Jessie M. Amount: \$81.47  
Value: \$10,650.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-00705 Bill # 8322 Total \$319.55  
Release the value of a mobile home, the Evergreen Fire (25.00), the Columbus Rescue (2.13) and W2 (9.59). The home is double listed in the name of Robert Kittell.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hardee, Mitchell E. Amount: \$55.08  
Value: \$7,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-00912 Bill # 4637 Total \$162.52  
Release the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue. The house burned and was torn down in 2005

Release the Property Value in the name of Pineland Wood Products Amount: \$12.95  
Value: \$1,660.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-03523 Bill # 2611 Total \$14.61  
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. Boat has been sold.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pineland Wood Products Amount: \$12.12  
Value: \$1,660.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-03523 Bill # 6708 Total \$13.70  
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat has been sold.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pineland Wood Products Amount: \$10.79  
Value: \$1,411.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-03523 Bill # 8008 Total \$12.18  
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Resue fee. The boat has been sold.

Release the Property Value in the name of Price, John W. Amount: \$218.79  
Value: \$28,600.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-18120 Bill # 8890 Total \$247.39  
Release a portion of the house value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (22.88) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (5.72). Billed with second story. Attic unfinished, no heat.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rainey, Reginald Amount: \$19.81  
Value: \$2,540.00 Year: 2001 Account # 09-03158 Bill # 045 Total \$187.35  
Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue fee. The home was moved to S.C. in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rainey, Reginald Amount: \$20.28  
 Value: \$2,600.00 Year: 2002 Account # 09-03158 Bill # 7055 Total \$201.60  
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.56) and the Columbus Rescue (.52). The home was moved to S.C. in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rainey, Reginald Amount: \$20.63  
 Value: \$2,645.00 Year: 2003 Account # 09-03158 Bill # 7739 Total \$202.03  
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.59) and the Columbus Rescue (.53). The home was moved to S.C. in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rainey, Reginald Amount: \$22.89  
 Value: \$2,935.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-03158 Bill # 4018 Total \$204.76  
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (1.76) and the Columbus Rescue (.59). The home was moved to S.C. in 2000.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rainey, Reginald Amount: \$7.30  
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-03158 Bill # 8127 Total \$185.10  
 release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (.60) and the Columbus Rescue (.20). The home was moved to S.C. in 2000

Release the Property Value in the name of Snyder, Carolyn Amount: \$171.21  
 Value: \$22,380.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-05409 Bill # 3976 Total \$401.03  
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Hallsboro Fire (13.48) and the Columbus Rescue (4.48). The home is double listed in the name of Patricia Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of Turbeville, Michael Amount: \$1,147.50  
 Value: \$150,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-04403 Bill # 7952 Total \$1,520.50  
 Release the property value, the Yam City Fire (150.00) and the Columbus Rescue (30.00). The property is double listed in the name of Jennifer C. Spencer.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Cente Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 7511 Total \$177.00  
 Release user fee. Center out of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Center Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2001 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 3598 Total \$165.00  
 Release user fee. Center out of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Center Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2002 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 134 Total \$177.00  
 Release user fee. Center our of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Center Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 1202 Total \$177.00  
 Release user fee. Center out of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Center Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 1688 Total \$177.00  
 Release user fee. Center out of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Center Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 3125 Total \$193.00  
 Release user fee. Center out of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Armour Community Center Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2000 Account # 18-00185 Bill # 1127 Total \$125.00  
 Release user fee. Center out of operation since 1999.

Release the User Fee in the name of Branyon, Otis J. Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-00149 Bill # 1159 Total \$193.00  
 Release user fee. House vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph Amount: \$0.00



Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-08061 Bill # 0565 Total \$193.00

Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fowler, Ralph D. Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-08064 Bill # 0568 Total \$193.00

Release user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Mitchell Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-02711 Bill # 4635 Total \$193.00

Release user fee that is double listed in the same name with a different account number.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hardee, Mitchell Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-02711 Bill # 4636 Total \$193.00

Release the user fee that is double listed in the same name on a different account number.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hutsell, Uleah Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-11737 Bill # 7438 Total \$144.72

Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Betty L. Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-16837 Bill # 9171 Total \$193.00

Release user fee. House vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Charles K. Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 11-04647 Bill # 1620 Total \$112.56

Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worley, Bardin Jr. Heirs Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 16-18120 Bill # 2385 Total \$193.00

Release the user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

### C. Amendment to June 18, 2007 Tax Releases:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Amendment to the June 18, 2007 Tax Releases, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

Release the value of a mobile home in the name of Carolyn Snyder. The Hallsboro Fire amount to be released should be \$13.43 instead of \$13.48.

### Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

#### A. Public:

**Jim Nance (private citizen):** stated the following:

1. All of you know what my problem is;
2. I have been informed by the Sheriff's deputies that the Board of Commissioners needs to untie the Sheriff's hands so they can do their job when it comes to my problem; **and**
3. I would like for this to be done in the near future.

#### C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Memory:** I have invited William Horne with the Environmental Health Department, and Kimberly Smith, Columbus County Health Director, to be present tonight to give the Board an update on the status of the septic system at the planned Charter School in the Western Prong area.

**William Horne (Environmental Health)** stated the following:

- On February 2, 2007, we received an application from the Charter School for one hundred fifty (150) students originally, and to add additional students annually;
- The said Charter School was seeking flow reduction which is on the State level of authority;

- the Charter School was informed they needed to file an application with the State for the requested flow reduction;
- On approximately June 04, 2007, Steve Smith contacted me and stated they would no longer pursue the flow reduction, but would use under three thousand (3,000) gallons);
- We had valid concerns which were engineer related and needed to be addressed by the engineering firm;
- The Charter School has a deadline of July 23, 2007;
- At this time, the concerns we had have been addressed by the engineering firm, and if everything else goes accordance to specifications, we should be able to put out the permit from Environmental Health by the end of this week.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like for Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, to give the Board what his opinion is of the credit card situation we are being faced with. Mr. Hunt replied stating there were too many credit cards being used, the expenditures were not falling in line with the intended purpose and there was not enough control being exercised over the cards.

Discussion was conducted relative to why the excessive number of credit cards, the accrued interest being paid on unpaid balances and what corrective measures need to be taken. Commissioner Bullard stated he wanted Mr. Hunt to come up with a solution to this problem with the credit cards, and to bring this solution back to the Board for their discussion and consideration.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner Memory made a motion for Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, and staff to find a workable solution to the credit card situation, and bring this solution back to the Board for their discussion and consideration, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

3. **Vice Chairman Prevatte:** I have three (3) items for discussion, as follows:
  - A. **Centex (Balfour Beatty):** What is the status of the unpaid water bill that Balfour Beatty approached the Board about? Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, replied stating this company had made an offer to pay fifteen (15%) percent above what Tabor City is charging Columbus County for the water. Jim Varner, County Manager, declined to accept this offer. We have documentation from the meter company that the meters were functioning properly and the water, did indeed, pass through the meter. A copy of this documentation is to be provided to the Board for their review.
  - B. **Budget Workshop and D.O.T. Workshop:** The Board needs to set a Budget Workshop due to the shortness of time before the end of June. We also need to set a workshop with the Department of Transportation before the tentatively scheduled July 16, 2007 Public Hearing on Secondary Road Construction.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to establish June 25, 2007, at the time of the end of the Resumed Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte, as the date and time for the next Budget Workshop, and to establish Tuesday, June 26, 2007, for a Budget Workshop, if needed. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte, and unanimously carried.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to establish July 9, 2007, at 6:00 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, as the date and time for the Workshop with the Department of Transportation, seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

- C. **Closed Session:** I would like a brief Closed Session before the end of this meeting for Personnel.

4. **Commissioner Gore:** Ed Worley, Aging Director, has forwarded information to the Board members relative to two (2) of his employees receiving national awards for their programs, I would like for these two (2) employees to be recognized for their work. Jim Varner, County Manager, stated the recognition would be done at the July 02, 2007 Board Meeting.

**OTHER:**

Commissioner Memory stated the Board would need to call for a Special Called Meeting on June 29, 2007 for the consideration of adoption of the Proposed 2007 - 2008 Columbus County Operating Budget.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to set June 29, 2007, at 8:00 A.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, as the date and time for the **Special Called Meeting** for the consideration of adoption of the Proposed 2007 - 2008 Columbus County Operating Budget, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

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

At 7:33 P.M., Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:35 P.M., Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

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

At 7:36 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

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

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

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting until 6:15 P.M. on June 25, 2007, in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #19: RECESS REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:40 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session until June 25, 2007, to resume at the end of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV  
BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 18, 2007  
7:36 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 IV 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 7:36 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Chairman Jacobs stated that a Public Hearing had been scheduled, and duly advertised, for the extension of the boundary lines of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV for June 25, 2007, at 6:15 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners' Chambers, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472.

**RECESS MEETING:**

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess the June 18, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, until June 25, 2007, at 6:15 P.M., seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

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