

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 01, 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 first 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**

6:30 P.M.:

PUBLIC HEARING - Levy of a Local Sales Tax: the purpose of this Public hearing is to receive input from citizens regarding one-quarter (1/4¢) cent County Sales and Use Tax, in accordance with H1473 Medicaid Relief Components.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of this Public hearing is to receive input from citizens regarding the one-quarter (1/4¢) cent County Sales and Use Tax, in accordance with H1473 Medicaid Relief Components. Chairman Jacobs stated that two (2) county employees, namely Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, and Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, attended a workshop on this matter and requested they present an overview of the workshop.

Bobbie Faircloth stated the following:

1. We were presented with some valuable information;
2. The County employees cannot advocate this tax, but they can educate the public;
3. We have prepared a tri-fold brochure to provide information to the public; **and**
4. The advocacies can hold public meetings and hearings throughout the County to educate the public.

Jim Varner, County Manager, stated we have prepared a brochure entitled "Questions and Answers on the 1/4-Cent Sales Tax Proposal" that addresses six (6) questions which are as follows:

- Why is this additional tax being proposed?;
- Won't the relief from Medicaid costs result in more disposable income for the county?;
- Will the additional 1/4-cent sales tax benefit the citizens?;
- Why does the government need more revenue?;
- How much will this proposed tax affect my household spending?; **and**
- What happens if this additional 1/4-cent sales tax does not pass?.

Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, stated the following:

1. In 2002, the County starting spending Fund Balance without increasing revenue;
2. We have received Medicaid alleviation;
3. The State is taking away from the County, the Article 44 1/2¢ Sales Tax, the Article 39 1¢ Sales Tax and the Article 42 1/2¢ Sales Tax;
4. In the second year, the County will realize a gain; **and**
5. The 1/4-cent sales tax may reduce an increase in the property tax.

Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, stated the following:

1. The workshop was presented by Paul Myer, Senior Associate General Counsel, and Todd McGee; Communications Director with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners;
2. The November 2007 vote is an "advisory vote";
3. The Board of County Commissioners will have final approval of this tax by subsequent Board Action;

4. The Board cannot use Public funds to advocate passage of the Sales Tax, but public funds can be used to inform the citizens;
5. The Board can have any number of resolutions supporting this Sales Tax, any Commissioner individually can publicly support this measure;
6. “Specificity helps” - according to McGee, persons will be more inclined to vote for this measure if they know what it will be used for specifically, and a lack of specificity often translates into a lack of trust;
7. Medicaid Relief is not enough - a passed Sales Tax measure would provide: (a) property tax relief, in some form, to property tax owners; and (b) infrastructure revenues; **and**
8. Diversified tax base - a Sales Tax would diversify the County tax base to some extent, according to Karl Smith of the North Carolina Institute of Government, the Sales Tax spreads around the property tax burden.

Chairman Jacobs asked for any comments from the Board. The following spoke.

Vice Chairman Prevatte: stated the following:

1. I would like to thank the County employees who attended the workshop;
2. It appears this workshop was very informative; **and**
3. I support this tax due to the fact it will be evenly distributed.

Commissioner Memory: stated the following:

1. This tax will be spread around to everyone who makes a purchase;
2. This tax will generate approximately \$1 million of revenue for the County; **and**
3. I think this tax is a fair tax for everyone.

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. We need to remember the sales tax was at seven (7%) percent;
2. The State dropped the sales tax to six and three-quarters (6 3/4%) percent; **and**
3. This is a fair tax for everyone.

Commissioner Gore: stated the following:

1. The citizens of Columbus County have endured the burden of the increase in property tax long enough;
2. I support this tax; **and**
3. This is a fair tax for everyone.

Commissioner Norris: stated the following:

1. I concur with what has previously been stated;
2. I publicly support this tax; **and**
3. With this tax, everybody pays and not just a handful.

Commissioner McKenzie: stated the following:

1. I concur with what has previously been stated; **and**
2. I publicly support this tax.

Chairman Jacobs: stated the following:

1. I also concur with the previous statements; **and**
2. I publicly support this tax.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Ervin Stocks:** stated the following:
 - The State told you if you take the inventory tax off of the businesses, you would have more revenue and that turned out to not be true;
 - The State told the County Governments there were no funds to help with relief after Hurricane Floyd;
 - Taxes end up on the backs of little people and the businesses are getting richer; **and**
 - I want this Board to work with the legislators to get the inventory tax reinstated.
2. **Harry Foley:** stated the following:
 - I am in favor of the 1/4-cent sales tax; **and**
 - As has been stated earlier, if the gain will be realized in 2009, you should start planning how you are going to spend the additional money for the greater benefit of Columbus County.

3. **Robert Adams:** stated the following:
 -This is a fairer tax than property tax; **and**
 -I want this Board to send a resolution to Raleigh to do away with property tax completely and only have a sales tax.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:59 P.M., there being no further comments, either written or oral, Commissioner Memory made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Sammie Jacobs called the October 01, 2007 Regular Session to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Vice Chairman James E. Prevatte.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RECRUITMENT of AVAILABLE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES for MANAGEMENT POSITIONS:

Amy Stevens and David Smitherman, Bear Strategies, delivered the following presentation to the Board on the recruitment of available qualified candidates for management positions.

David M. Smitherman, Bear Strategies, stated the following:

1. We specialize in the recruitment of available qualified candidates for management positions;
2. We are both former North Carolina practitioners; **and**
3. We understand you are searching for a County Manager, and that is one (1) of the top three (3) most important decisions you will make.

Amy Stevens stated the following:

1. During my tenure as a former County Commissioner, I have dealt with four (4) different types of County Managers;
2. It is very important that you select a County Manager that is well suited for your county and what your plans are for your county's future.
3. An effective County Manager will blend with the citizenry and have their best interest as a top priority;
4. In finding a suitable County Manager, you will need to find compatible qualifications for the goals you are seeking to accomplish; **and**
5. If you should decide to utilize our company, we will have a facilitated meeting to decide exactly what you are looking for.

Mr. Smitherman added the following comments:

1. We like to have a two (2) part interview;
2. In between the first and second interview, we will do a background check, which involves the employers he did not list on his application, business people he has dealt with, employees and the general public, in order to get a more accurate picture of what they are really like;
3. After the second interview, if the applicant is chosen, there is a period of negotiations which would involve salary, contract, employee benefits, starting date, etc.;
4. The interview process will take at least sixty (60) days; **and**
5. The entire process will take ninety (90) from beginning to end.

Commissioner Gore asked how long this company had been established. Ms. Stevens stated they were established on January 01, 2007.

Commissioner Bullard asked how many clients had they assisted in finding a manager. Ms. Stevens stated that Spring Lake was their first client and had been their only client so far.

Commissioner Gore asked what the fee schedule was for the service they are offering. Mr. Smitherman replied stating the total cost would be anywhere between nine thousand and twelve thousand (\$9,000 - \$12,000) dollars, plus any incidental expenses that were incurred during the

process.

Commissioner Memory asked if they would guarantee Columbus County to find a suitable manager. Mr. Smitherman replied stating they will find a suitable County Manager, and if that manager did not work out after eighteen (18) months, we will find another manager for you at no charge.

MOTION:

Commissioner Memory made a motion to take this matter under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

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

- A. September 17, 2007 Regular Session Board Meeting.
- B. September 17, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III and IV Combination Board Meeting (4 Sets); and
- C. September 17, 2007 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #6. SOCIAL SERVICES - PRESENTATION of PROGRAM REVENUE:

Linda S. Fry, Social Services Director, delivered the following presentation on the total of program revenue for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

1. There are many positive things that are happening at the Department of Social Services;
2. This department remits monetary assistance to the needy, but we also generate a large amount of revenue for Columbus County;
3. The revenue that is generated based on program is as follows:

Medical Assistance	\$79,000,000
Food Assistance	\$9,000,000
Child Support	\$5,094,000
Rest Homes	\$500,000
Day Care	\$3,100,000
Work First	\$1,600,000
Foster Care & Adoptions	\$240,000
Adult Services	\$37,000
Children's Services	\$174,000
Program Integrity	\$99,000
Crisis Intervention	\$213,000
LIEAP	<u>\$192,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$99,249,000
4. As is evident from the listed figures, we generate approximately \$100 million of revenue for this county.

Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH:

Vickie Pait, Executive Director of Families First, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation (2007).

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION (2007)**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, it is the single largest cause of injury to American women, affecting six million of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; **and**

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers; and supported by societal indifference; **and**

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity,

security and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; **and**

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole; **and**

WHEREAS, in Columbus County, during 2006 - 2007, Families First, Incorporated served 722 victims of domestic violence and provided emergency shelter to 158 women and children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that October 2007, is **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to join in making every home a safe home and to support Families First in working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this the 1st day of October, 2007.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to approve the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation (2007), seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #8: SOLID WASTE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Leroy Sellers, Solid Waste Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. We man six (6) Convenience Centers;
2. We have collected sixty thousand and 00/100 (\$60,000.00) dollars in scrap metal;
3. We have received one hundred twenty (120) illegal dumping calls;
4. We have received sixty (60) illegal burning calls;
5. We were involved in a Spring and Fall Litter Sweep and a River Sweep this year;
6. I am Chairman of the Landfill Gas Task Force Board and we met with Enerdyne Power Systems, Incorporated, at 5:00 P.M., today, for a presentation entitled "Waste - to - Energy Possibilities for Columbus County, North Carolina", made by William Brinker; **and**
7. I have requested that Mr. Brinker make a brief presentation to the Board with a summation of the meeting we held.

PRESENTATION - ENERDYNE POWER SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED:

William Brinker with Enerdyne Power Systems, Incorporated, presented the following information to the Board:

1. The Columbus County Landfill has been opened since 1973 and it was closed in 1997;
2. The waste that is buried in the landfill produces methane gas;
3. We are offering you the opportunity to have us create a special purpose entity specific to your county that would build, operate and manage a gas control and collection system (GCCS), at no cost to the county;
4. What this process involves is as follows:
 - drilling a series of vertical gas collection wells;
 - connecting these wells with a series of horizontal HDPE piping;
 - extracting the landfill gas from the wells through the piping, using a blower that basically functions as a big vacuum;
 - flaring the gas extracted; **and/or**
 - utilizing the gas in a Green Power project;
5. Some benefits include the following:
 - a well-built GCCS at no cost to the county;
 - additional revenue to the county, after our initial investment has been repaid;
 - a solution to migratory problems before they become an issue;
 - air emission reductions - reducing green house gases;
 - an environmentally friendly image;

- fossil fuel offset - sustainable renewable resource; **and**
- an odor reduction solution;
- 6. Enerdyne's role will be as follows:
 - work closely with the county through the entire development process, if there becomes a higher and better use for the gas in the future, then we'll try to help facilitate that with appropriate 'step-in rights';
 - build/modify the GCCS at no cost to the county; **and**
 - make money to share with the county by: marketing the air emission reduction credits, generating and selling power, and monetizing tax credits;
- 7. What we need is as follows:
 - A. **Support from the county;**
 - B. **The gas rights to the LFG on-site; and**
 - C. **The county to either award an environmental services agreement or to go out on an RFP in the near future.**

Commissioner Memory stated there would be no cost to Columbus County, the company has agreed to share revenue with the county and this appears to be a win-win situation.

Vice Chairman Prevatte asked Mr. Brinker what is carbon credits. Mr. Brinker replied stating the following:

1. Carbon credits mean showing a controlling emission system that is negative on a violating basis, and this will be verified by a third party;
2. We will work with an international company who will purchase these credits; **and**
3. The price for these credits is guaranteed for three to five (3-5) years, and the process is guaranteed for ten (10) years.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Brinker if the school systems should eventually utilize this gas being produced from the landfill, and if it would require micro-turbine engines, who would pay for these engines. Mr. Brinker replied stating we will pay.

Commissioner Bullard asked Mr. Brinker was the profit sharing seventy-five to twenty-five (75 to 25). Mr. Brinker replied stating yes.

Vice Chairman Prevatte asked Mr. Brinker if he was asking for open-ended gas rights. Mr. Brinker replied stating yes.

MOTION:

Commissioner Memory made a motion for William Brinker with Enerdyne Power Systems, Incorporated, to furnish Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, with the necessary contracts and agreements for this project, Mr. Fowler is to report the findings to the Board at the next meeting, and for Enerdyne to furnish information on the ten (10) active LFG utilization projects they built in North Carolina for the purpose of being checked out for information. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Prevatte. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #9: FINANCE - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the EXECUTION and DELIVERY of an INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT in the AMOUNT of \$2,500,000 with RBC CENTURA BANK to FINANCE the CONSTRUCTION of the COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL located at 103 WASHINGTON STREET, WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA for use by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING the EXECUTION and DELIVERY of RELATED INSTRUMENTS, and DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS in CONNECTION THEREWITH:

Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Financing Contract in the Amount of \$2,500,000 with RBC Centura Bank to Finance the Construction of the Columbus County Jail located at 103 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina for use by the County of Columbus, North Carolina, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Related Instruments, and Determining Other Matters in Connection Therewith.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN
INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 WITH
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CAROLINA FOR USE BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA,
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED INSTRUMENTS,
AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the “Unit”):

Section 1. The governing body of the Unit does hereby find and determines:

- a) The Unit proposes the construction of the Columbus County Jail located at 103 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, as more fully described in the hereinafter mentioned Contract (collectively, the “Project”);
- b) After consideration, the governing body of the Unit has determined that the most advantageous manner of financing thereof is by an installment contract pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended;
- c) Pursuant to Section 160A-20, the Unit is authorized to finance the construction of the Project, by entering into an installment contract and a deed of trust or other security instrument that creates a security interest in the property financed to secure repayment of the financing;
- d) As required by Section 160A-20, on June 4, 2007 the Unit held a public hearing with respect to the financing of the Project through the Contract, after notice of such hearing was published at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing; and
- e) RBC Centura Bank (“RBC Centura”) has proposed that RBC Centura enter into an Installment Financing Contract with the Unit to finance the Project pursuant to which RBC Centura will lend the Unit the amount of \$2,500,000 (the “Contract”) and a related Escrow Agreement between the Unit and RBC Centura (the “Escrow Agreement”), to be secured by a Deed of Trust and Security Agreement with respect to the Project for the benefit of RBC Centura (the “Deed of Trust”).

Section 2. The governing body hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman and the Finance Officer to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Contract, the Deed of Trust and the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the Unit in such form and substance as the person executing and delivering such instruments on behalf of the Unit shall find acceptable. The Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the official seal of the County of Columbus, North Carolina to the Contract, the Deed of Trust and the Escrow Agreement and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of the Unit are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution, the Contract, the Deed of Trust and the Escrow Agreement.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any provision of the Contract, the Deed of Trust or the Escrow Agreement, no deficiency judgment may be rendered against the Unit in any action for breach of a contractual obligation under the Contract, the Deed of Trust or the Escrow Agreement and the taxing power of the Unit is not and may not be pledged directly or indirectly to secure any moneys due under the Contract, the security provided under the Contract and the Deed of Trust being the sole security for RBC Centura in such instance.

Section 5. The Unit 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”) as required so that interest on the Unit’s obligations under the Contract will not be included in the gross income of RBC Centura.

Section 6. The Unit hereby represents that it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities issuing obligations on behalf of the Unit will issue in the aggregate less than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations, including the Contract (not counting private-activity bonds

except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2007. In addition, the Unit hereby designates the Contract and its obligations under the Contract as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for the purposes of the Code.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 1st day of October, 2007.

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

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

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Financing Contract in the Amount of \$2,500,000 with RBC Centura Bank to Finance the Construction of the Columbus County Jail located at 103 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina for use by the County of Columbus, North Carolina, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Related Instruments, and Determining Other Matters in Connection Therewith, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #10: Finance - Board Authorization for Necessary Staff to Sign the following Documents Associated with \$2,500,000 Loan with RBC Centura Bank:

- A. Installment Financing Contract;
- B. Deed-of-Trust and Security Agreement;
- C. Escrow Deposit Agreement;
- D. Non-Arbitrage Certificate;
- E. Insurance Coverage Declaration;
- F. Incumbency and Authorization Certificate; and
- G. Informational Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligation (Form 8038-G).

Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, requested Board authorization for the necessary staff to sign the documents, as listed above, associated with the \$2,500,000.00 loan with RBC Centura Bank.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the authorization for the necessary staff to sign the documents, as listed above, associated with the \$2,500,000.00 loan with RBC Centura, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #11: Appointments - Committee/Boards: June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments/re-appointments be made to the following boards/committees.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Housing Advisory Committee	IV	Marshall Shepherd (Deceased)	06-30-2007	Hold
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III	Jerry Jacobs	06-30-2007	Hold
Library Board of Trustees	II	Robert L. Young	06-30-2007	Hold
Planning Board	IV	Ivan Wilson (Resigned)	09/30/2007	Hold

Agenda Item #12: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. **Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	14-4311-526001	Special Alcohol & Drug	\$2,000
Revenue	14-3431-499101	Drug Funds Appropriated	\$2,000
Expenditure	10-4150-512100	Salaries and Wages	\$65,920
	10-4150-518100	FICA	\$5,043
	10-4150-518200	Retirement Contribution	\$3,244
	10-4150-518300	Insurance Contribution	\$6,409
	10-4150-518400	401-K	\$1,319
	10-4150-518910	Christmas Bonus	\$50
Revenue	10-3150-489042	Miscellaneous Revenue - Legal Dept.	\$81,985
Expenditure	68-4520-560063	E&H Transportation Health	(\$20,000)
	68-4520-560065	E&H Transportation DSS	\$(,169)
	68-4520-560066	DSS Work First EMP Transportation	(\$4,000)
	68-4520-560067	E&H Transportation Mental Health	\$2,953
Revenue	68-3452-430080	NCDOT Interagency Transportation	(\$30,216)

B. **September 17, 2007 Tax Refunds and Releases:****TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
October 01, 2007**

Refunds Name: Hazelwood, Margaret Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 01-41723 Bill # 55679 Total \$193.00
 Refund user fee. The trash can was picked up in 2004.
 c/o Michael Cartrette, 16209 Chadbourn NC 28431

Refunds Name: Simmons, Joan G. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 13-36439 Bill # 73093 Total \$106.00
 Refund user fee. House is vacant. Has no power and no trash can.
 45960 Indian Way-Apt 614 Lexington Park MD 20653

Refunds Name: Soles, Allen D. Amount: \$33.39
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 06-33902 Bill # 74525 Total \$33.39
 Refund 2% discount that customer did not receive.
 861 Soles Cemetery Ln. Tabor City NC 28463

Refunds Name: Soles, Allen D. Amount: \$0.45
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 06-33902 Bill # 74526 Total \$0.45
 Refund 2% discount customer failed to receive.
 867 Soles Cemetery Ln. Tabor City NC 28463

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body from the Tax Office):
October 01, 2007)**

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Jerline Amount: \$251.02
 Value: \$30,800.00 Year: 2007 Account # 05-00184 Bill # 8459 Total \$490.22
 Release the value of a double wide, the Columbus Rescue (6.16) and W3 (40.04). The home was
 repossessed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Jerline Amount: \$235.62
 Value: \$30,800.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-00184 Bill # 8521 Total \$474.82
 Release the value of a double wide, the Columbus Rescue (6.16) and W3 (40.04). The home was
 repossessed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bridgers, James C. Amount: \$8.15
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 05-05148 Bill # 1223 Total \$10.49
 Release the value of a boat the Columbus Rescue (.20) and W3 (1.30). The boat is listed in Bladen County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$296.06
 Value: \$38,700.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-02042 Bill # 5094 Total \$520.02
 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams Fire (23.22) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.74). This home was never set up. Owner did not purchase home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$315.41
 Value: \$38,700.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-02042 Bill # 5107 Total \$539.37
 Release the property value, the Williams Fire (23.22) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.74). The home was never set up. Owner never purchased home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$327.60
 Value: \$42,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 13-01445 Bill # 0398 Total \$605.40
 Release the value of a double wide, the Klondyke Fire (29.40), Columbus Rescue (8.40) and W2 (63.00). The home burned in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$327.60
 Value: \$42,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 13-01445 Bill # 3929 Total \$542.40
 Release the value of a double wide, the Klondyke Fire (29.40) and the Columbus Rescue (8.40). The home burned in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$282.51
 Value: \$38,700.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-02042 Bill # 4241 Total \$490.47
 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams Fire (23.22) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.74). This home was never set up. Owner did not purchase home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$285.48
 Value: \$36,600.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-02042 Bill # 0397 Total \$491.76
 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams Fire (21.96) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.32). This home was never set up. Owner never purchased home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$285.48
 Value: \$36,600.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-02042 Bill # 4217 Total \$491.76
 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams Fire (21.96) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.32). This home was never set up. Owner never purchased home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph t. Amount: \$327.60
 Value: \$42,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 13-01445 Bill # 4218 Total \$542.40
 Release the value of a double wide, the Klondyke Fire (29.40) and the Columbus Rescue (8.40). The home burned in 2001.

Release the Property Value in the name of Coe, Joseph T. Amount: \$285.48
 Value: \$36,600.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-02042 Bill # 3928 Total \$491.76
 Release the value of a double wide, the Williams Fire (21.96) and the Whiteville Rescue (7.32) This home was never set up. Owner never bought home.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$69.78
 Value: \$10,040.00 Year: 1999 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 327 Total \$176.76
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$59.12
 Value: \$7,580.00 Year: 2004 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 2612 Total \$277.04
 Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00), the Columbus Rescue (1.52) and W3 (8.34). The home is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$54.50
 Value: \$6,687.00 Year: 2007 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 7358 Total \$288.11
 Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (1.39) and W3 (8.69). The home is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$53.05
 Value: \$6,935.00 Year: 2006 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 7310 Total \$286.90
 Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (1.39)
 and W3 (9.02). The home is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$52.12
 Value: \$7,140.00 Year: 2005 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 6439 Total \$270.19
 Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00) the Columbus Rescue (1.43)
 and W3 (9.28). The home is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$62.95
 Value: \$8,070.00 Year: 2003 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 6418 Total \$273.02
 Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00) and the Columbus Rescue
 (1.61). The home is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$67.24
 Value: \$8,620.00 Year: 2002 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 6116 Total \$252.86
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the
 name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$67.97
 Value: \$9,440.00 Year: 2000 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 8305 Total \$199.77
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$73.81
 Value: \$10,620.00 Year: 1998 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 5670 Total \$181.19
 Release the value of a mobile home that is double listed in the name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dewitt, Jerry Amount: \$71.45
 Value: \$9,160.00 Year: 2001 Account # 05-04717 Bill # 8509 Total \$245.61
 Release the value of a mobile home and the Columbus Rescue. The home is double listed in the
 name of Keysha Bradford.

Release the Property Value in the name of Harolds Auto Sales Amount: \$2.26
 Value: \$296.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-00701 Bill # 4834 Total \$2.68
 Release the business personal value, the Acme Delco Fire (.36) and the Columbus Rescue (.06). The
 business closed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Harolds Auto Sales Amount: \$2.02
 Value: \$248.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-00701 Bill # 5056 Total \$2.61
 Release the business personal value, the Acme Delco Fire (.30) and the Columbus Rescue (.05). The
 business closed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Pollard, Helen Amount: \$59.50
 Value: \$7,300.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-30220 Bill # 8579 Total \$262.72
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Acme Delco Fire (8.76) and the Columbus Rescue (1.46).
 The home is double listed in the name of Bryan Bowen.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Tonya Amount: \$54.50
 Value: \$6,687.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-24598 Bill # 0057 Total \$258.84
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.01) and the Columbus Rescue (1.34). The
 home was traded for a double wide and listed.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Tonya Amount: \$53.05
 Value: \$6,935.00 Year: 2006 Account # 09-24598 Bill # 9635 Total \$257.46
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.16) and the Columbus Rescue (1.39). The
 home was traded for a double wide and listed.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Tonya Amount: \$52.12
 Value: \$7,140.00 Year: 2005 Account # 09-24598 Bill # 8354 Total \$234.83
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.28) and the Columbus Rescue (1.43). The
 home was traded for a double wide and listed.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ray, Tonya Amount: \$59.12
 Value: \$7,580.00 Year: 2004 Account # 09-24598 Bill # 4243 Total \$248.71

Release the value of a mobile home, the Williams Fire (4.55) and the Columbus Rescue (1.52). The home was traded for a double wide and listed.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rowe, Julius Amount: \$20.72
Value: \$2,543.00 Year: 2007 Account # 16-12900 Bill # 1319 Total \$219.06

Release the value of a mobile home, the Cole Seervice Fire (2.54) the Columbus Rescue (.51) and W2 (2.29). The home is double listed in the same name on a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Thomas L. Amount: \$22.82
Value: \$280.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-14900 Bill # 3578 Total \$25.62

Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Nakina Fire (2.24) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.56). The property is double listed in the name of Kathleen Davis Ward.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Alvine M. Amount: \$7.65
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-84370 Bill # 3114 Total \$202.41

Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (.70) and the Columbus Rescue (.20). The home is double listed in the name of Kendrick Hill.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Alvine M. Amount: \$8.15
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-84370 Bill # 3641 Total \$202.96

Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (.70) and the Columbus Rescue (.20). The home is double listed in the name of Kendrick Hill.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Rudolph Amount: \$8.15
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-86502 Bill # 4326 Total \$202.96

Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (.70) and the Columbus Rescue (.20). Customer failed to receive the senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stocks, Ervin Amount: \$141.81
Value: \$17,400.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-26340 Bill # 6247 Total \$145.29

Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue. Customer failed to receive full senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of Taylor, Marion Amount: \$523.64
Value: \$64,250.00 Year: 2007 Account # 08-18800 Bill # 7300 Total \$536.49

Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue. Customer failed to receive full senior citizens exemption.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S Shell Homes Inc. Amount: \$32.76
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 2003 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 6361 Total \$36.96

Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.36) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.84). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes Inc. Amount: \$32.76
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 2693 Total \$36.96

Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.36) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.84). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes Inc. Amount: \$32.76
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 2001 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 7461 Total \$36.96

Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.36) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.84). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$29.19
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 1998 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 2263 Total \$32.55

Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Old Dock fire. Property is double listed in the name of Sherman A. Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$30.24
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 2000 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 6502 Total \$33.60

Release a portion of the property value and the Old Dock Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$29.19

Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 1999 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 4759 Total \$32.55
 Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Old Dock Fire. Property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$33.58
 Value: \$4,600.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 6873 Total \$38.18
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.68) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.92). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$35.19
 Value: \$4,600.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 8213 Total \$39.79
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.68) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.92). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$37.49
 Value: \$4,600.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 8824 Total \$42.09
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.68) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.92). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of U.S. Shell Homes, Inc. Amount: \$32.76
 Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 2002 Account # 03-25600 Bill # 5611 Total \$36.96
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Old Dock Fire (3.36) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.84). The property is double listed in the name of Sherman Surles.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vanderbilt Mortgage & finance Amount: \$447.44
 Value: \$54,900.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-02246 Bill # 8911 Total \$491.36
 Release the value of a double wide, the Hallsboro Fire (32.94) and the Columbus Rescue (10.98). The home was repossessed in 2006.

Release the Property Value in the name of Vogiatzis, Anastasios Amount: \$411.72
 Value: \$56,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-04327 Bill # 7159 Total \$490.68
 Release the value of a double wide, the Acme Delco Fire (67.68) and the Columbus Rescue (11.28). The home was repossessed in 2004

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Garland Amount: \$7.34
 Value: \$900.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-30040 Bill # 2326 Total \$8.27
 Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue fee. The boat was sold in 2006.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, Barbara Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-01028 Bill # 8292 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, James Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-01780 Bill # 8307 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee on land that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bailey, James Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-04388 Bill # 8305 Total \$64.32
 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 Bryant, James Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 11-04183 Bill # 2181 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have any power.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cerro Gordo United Methodist Ch. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 18-00359 Bill # 3851 Total \$70.64
 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 Christain, Willie Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-50022 Bill # 4710 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have any power.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dale, Robert Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-11320 Bill # 6604 Total \$193.00

Release one of three user fee. Only two trash cans here.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Daniels, Wilbert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-19120 Bill # 6734	Total	\$128.64

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 Davis, Alma (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 03-04520 Bill # 2057	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on vacant house that has no power.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Davis, Alma (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 03-04520 Bill # 5889	Total	\$177.00

Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have any power.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Davis, Alma (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-04520 Bill # 6743	Total	\$193.00

Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have any power.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Davis, Alma (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-04520 Bill # 6778	Total	\$193.00

Release user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have any power.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Duncan, Connie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-03580 Bill # 7890	Total	\$193.00

Release one of two user fees. One trash can has been picked up.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Elliott, Marion	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 05-03526 Bill # 8677	Total	\$193.00

Release user fee. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Freeman, Jerry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 04-03554 Bill # 1002	Total	\$87.00

Release a portion of the user fee. The house is inside the town limits.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Garrell, Evelyn	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-30510 Bill # 1516	Total	\$160.00

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 Gibbs, Vernelle	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 10-05880 Bill # 2055	Total	\$106.00

Release user fee. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Gore, Herbert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-04248 Bill # 2781	Total	\$96.50

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 Hinson, Roy E. (etal)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-01230 Bill # 6807	Total	\$193.00

Release user fee. House is vacant.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Hodge, Beatrice	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-14920 Bill # 6916	Total	\$193.00

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

Release the User Fee	in the name of Holy Ghost Fire Deliverence Ministr	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 18-00426 Bill # 7583	Total	\$87.00

Release user fee. Church dissolved years ago.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Holy Ghost Fire Deliverence Ministr	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 18-00426 Bill # 1759	Total	\$87.00

Release user fee. Church dissolved years ago.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Holy Ghost Fire Deliverence Ministr	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 18-00426 Bill # 3196	Total	\$106.00

Release user fee. Church dissolved years ago.

Release the User Fee in the name of Holy Ghost Fire Deliverence Ministr Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 18-00426 Bill # 3909 Total \$106.00
 Release user fee. Church dissolved years ago.

Release the User Fee in the name of Holy Ghost Fire Deliverence Ministr Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 18-00426 Bill # 1275 Total \$87.00
 Release user fee. Church dissolved hears ago.

Release the User Fee in the name of Inman, Steven Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 16-02849 Bill # 7893 Total \$106.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Mary E. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-04451 Bill # 9009 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lee, Tony J. (etal) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-05132 Bill # 0832 Total \$128.64
 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 Long, Beatrice Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-01311 Bill # 1606 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of McNeil, Gene F. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-03207 Bill # 3936 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Carolyn Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 05-04284 Bill # 4061 Total \$193.00
 Release one of three user fees. Only two houses occupied.

Release the User Fee in the name of McPherson, Mattie Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-19820 Bill # 4255 Total \$579.00
 Release all user fees. Property vacant and sold to Beaverdam Baptist Church.

Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, Eudell Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-12055 Bill # 4956 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee that is double listed in the name of James & Jamie Milligan.

Release the User Fee in the name of Moore, Shirley Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-03340 Bill # 5683 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. Mobile home is unlivable and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Mullins, Leonard (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-64100 Bill # 5872 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Murphy, Shirley Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-11480 Bill # 5954 Total \$128.64
 Release user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Murphy, Shirley Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-11480 Bill # 5955 Total \$193.00
 Release user fee. House is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of New Life Church Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 18-00372 Bill # 3266 Total \$106.00
 Release user fee on land that is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of New Life Church Amount: \$0.00

Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 18-00372	Bill # 3862	Total	\$106.00
Release user fee on land that is vacant.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Plowman, Walter			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 07-02429	Bill # 8516	Total	\$96.50
Release a portion of the user fee. This is a vacation home.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Powers, Elizabeth			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 01-72557	Bill # 9122	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ray, Anthony			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 07-13380	Bill # 9954	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Robinson, Hazel			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 01-76883	Bill # 0867	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant and trash can picked up.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Sarvis, Danny			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 09-03625	Bill # 1635	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, trash can picked up.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Smith, Christopher			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 01-84664	Bill # 3742	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant and does not have a trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Soles, Charles			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 06-02109	Bill # 4549	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is unlivable, has no power and no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Son Fish Corp.			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 01-87365	Bill # 4769	Total	\$106.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, unlivable, and does not have a trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Spearman, Richard			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 15-02839	Bill # 5139	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 Stanley, Herbert			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 09-28900	Bill # 5616	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Stanley, Herbert			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 09-28900	Bill # 5618	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Strickland, Dorothy			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 12-04954	Bill # 6494	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Surles, Mae			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 03-24920	Bill # 7035	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant and trash can picked up.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Vanderbilt Mort. & Finance			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 11-02246	Bill # 8911	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee. House was repossessed in 2006.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Wells Fargo Bank FA			Amount:	\$0.00	
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2007	Account # 06-03225	Bill # 1125	Total	\$193.00
Release user fee that was prepaid by Ernest Fox in February 2007.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Whaley, Raymond			Amount:	\$0.00	

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-00742 Bill # 1244 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. Old shop is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Suzanne Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-01739 Bill # 9590 Total \$177.00
Release user fee. House abandoned. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Suzanne Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-01739 Bill # 5910 Total \$177.00
Release user fee. House abandoned. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williams, Suzanne Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-01739 Bill # 0104 Total \$177.00
Release user fee. House abandoned. No trash can here.

Agenda Item #13: COMMENTS:

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

A. Public:

1. **Harry Foley:** stated the following:
 - a. In regards to the presentation on the Landfill, you need to find out how long this will be for before you make any commitment; **and**
 - b. In regards to the presentation on the recruiting of a County Manager, I do not think you need to spend that sum of money when you have qualified people on staff that could do the same thing as this company does.
2. **Jim Nance:** I would like to invite each one of you to my house this Friday and Saturday night so that you can witness one of the most dustiest, rowdiest, loudest and wildest events you can see in a long time, that will be going on in the area.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Item #1: Resolution - Resolution Approving the Financing by Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, of up to \$195,000 for Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck Project and Gear:

Jerry Gore, Brunswick Fire Chief, is requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Approving the Re-Financing by Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, of up to \$195,000 for Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck Project and Gear.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING the REFINANCING
by BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCORPORATED
of up to \$195,000 for PUMPER/TANKER FIRE TRUCK PROJECT and GEAR**

WHEREAS:

Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, has determined to refinance the Anchor Richey Multi-Purpose Brush/Service Vehicle, mounted on a 2006 Chevrolet chassis, VIN 1GBE5E32X5F517770, along with purchasing six (6) SCBA Breathing Devices and spare bottles, and ten (10) sets of turn-out gear, in an amount of up to one hundred ninety-five thousand and 00/100 (\$195,000.00) dollars. The United States Internal Revenue Code requires that for such financing to be carried out on a tax-exempt basis, this Board must first approve the financing. The Fire Department has held a public hearing on the financing after published notice, as required by the Code. The Fire Department has reported the proceedings of the hearing to this Board.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, as follows:

The County approves the Fire Department's entering into the financing, as required under

the Code for the financing to be carried out on a tax-exempt basis. The Fire Department's conduct of the required public hearing is approved.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of October, 2007.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Jerry Gore Brunswick Fire Chief, stated they were refinancing the balance on the pumper/tanker fire truck and purchasing thirty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$35,000.00) dollars of equipment that was required by the State.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Approving the Re-Financing by Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, of up to \$195,000 for Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck Project and Gear, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #2: DISCUSSION - HOW to HANDLE MISSED/DELAYED RESCUE CALLS:

Commissioner Bullard requested Board discussion on how to handle missed/delayed rescue calls.

Commissioner Bullard asked, "What is the Steering Committee's recommendations on missed/delayed calls?"

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

1. The recommendation made by the Steering Committee was to Jim Varner, County Manager, and it is to levy a penalty of five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars for each missed call;
2. The Steering Committee needs to start off by determining what a missed call is;
3. It is my opinion this penalty is too steep at the onset, but could be justifiable if the missed calls are continued over a period of time;
4. This matter needs to be looked at again by the Steering Committee and they need to clearly define what exactly a missed call is and the determining factors;
5. I think we should use a graduated scale with the fine;
6. All citizens deserve the same level of service; **and**
7. It is my understanding we are at the point, where we haven't signed the contracts.

Commissioner Memory stated the following:

1. What are we going to do with the money that is collected from the fines;
2. If too many fines are imposed, some of the departments would soon not be financially able to operate any longer;
3. A large number of our squads are based on volunteers; **and**
4. Our EMS system was built on the backs of volunteers.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated that our departments render mutual aid to one another which is very important to our system, and during the times of rendering mutual aid, it cannot be determined that they missed a call.

Commissioner Bullard stated that he wanted every rescue and fire department to know that he only wants to help them and not hurt them, and in the process, provide the same level of service to all of our citizens.

Commissioner McKenzie stated the following:

1. We are very fortunate to have volunteers on our rescue and fire departments;
2. These people work hard and make many sacrifices in order to deliver the service; **and**
3. There is a fine balance here that we need to seriously consider.

Commissioner Gore stated the following:

1. I truly commend each member of the fire and rescue departments for the good job they are doing;
2. The Steering Committee needs to define what a missed/delayed call is; **and**

3. If a call is missed or delayed for an unjustifiable reason, then a penalty needs to be imposed to avoid this from happening in the future.

Commissioner Norris stated the following:

1. I really appreciate the fire and rescue departments we have here in Columbus County;
2. When you find yourself in a position of desperate need, you realize just how valuable they are, and I have been in that position; **and**
3. We do not need to place such stiff penalties on these squads to where they cannot operate.

Chairman Jacobs stated the following:

1. In the year of 1969, I personally witnessed my father's house burning to the ground due to the lack of sufficient coverage;
2. Since that time, everyone in the area has worked hard and have been able to establish fire and rescue service;
3. I commend each and every member of the fire and rescue departments for their service and the work they have done; **and**
4. We have a fine balance to consider and still deliver the needed service to our citizens.

COMMENTS (cont'd):

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Prevatte:** I would like for a Resolution to be prepared to adopt policies for illegal immigration, and for this to be placed on the October 15, 2007 Agenda.
2. **Commissioner Gore:** Has there been a Work Schedule released for Water District V? Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, replied stating no, and they had been working with Hobbs and Upchurch to get one, but had not received the schedule as of this date.

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

At 8:21 P.M., Commissioner Memory 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 Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #14: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) PERSONNEL.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION

At 9:37 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

OTHER:

APPOINTMENT - INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to appoint Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Officer, as the Interim Columbus County Manager, effective on October 08, 2007, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

GOVERNMENT COMPLEX ROAD - RECOMMENDATION:

Chairman Jacobs orally read the following memo which was distributed to each Board member before the meeting.

MEMO

Date: October 1, 2007
 To: Chairman Jacobs
 County Commissioners
 Jim Varner, County Manager

From: Leo Hunt, Interim Finance Director
Stuart Carroll, CLGPO
Purchasing Director
Subject: Governmental Complex Road

I have spoke with both DOT and Billy Duncan Surveying in regards to surveying the remaining property at Governmental Complex. The best price on the surveying is with Billy Duncan at a cost of \$1200. I have also spoken back with Paul Masten of S&ME and inquired if he foresees any other cost associated with our needs. He stated he didn't see any other cost, other than the survey and delineation of wetlands.

Now as I'm sure you are aware, if we consider future development, you will only be able to impact 0.03 acres of wetlands before we would be in an Individual Permit situation. This process will become very lengthy and will also be more costly.

Another thing to consider, just because we have the remaining property delineated for wetlands now, doesn't mean in the future the wetlands will have not changed. Again more cost for processing.

I would like to recommend to the Board, not to spend the money to have the property surveyed or delineated for wetlands at present, move forward with the original plans of developing the road, and send the Corp a letter stating that at this present time we are not considering any future development.

This will save us money that we presently don't have, we get the road built and in place as planned and allow us time to properly consider our future plans for the area as well as be financially prepared.

Commissioner Bullard asked how long were we saying there would be no future development. Chairman Jacobs replied stating we were saying the immediate future only.

Vice Chairman Prevatte stated it was his understanding that any other area other than the wetlands could be developed, and not be affected by this, it was only the wetlands.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to accept the recommendation by Stuart Carroll, as presented in the October 01, 2007 Memo, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Agenda Item #15: ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 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