

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****May 19, 2008****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 the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing and for their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday .

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**  
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Lynwood Norris

**6:30 P.M.****PUBLIC HEARING**

**Contracting to Provide \$77,426 Incentive Grant to a North Carolina Based Company:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to invite all interested persons to attend and present their views.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the May 19, 2008 Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties. Chairman Prevatte requested that Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney read the Policy on Public Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Fowler read the policy orally in its entirety.

William S. Clark, Columbus County Manager, stated this Public Hearing was relative to a \$77,426 Economic Development Incentive Grant to a North Carolina based company pursuant to the County Industrial Development Policy.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that on the behalf of the Economic Development Commission, of which I am a member, I would like to request that this incentive grant be awarded.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Clark if he was at liberty to say what type of business this was that was applying for this incentive grant. Mr. Clark replied he was not at liberty to say, but he could say that this company was in the distribution business.

No comments were received from the public, either orally or written.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 6:34 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the May 19, 2008 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 Bill Memory.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the May 05, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Prevatte stated that three (3) Public Comment Cards had been received. The following spoke.

1. **Jim Nance:** stated the following:
  - A. I have obtained a copy of the Noise Ordinance from Asheville, Fayetteville and Elizabethtown, and their Noise Ordinance is very similar to the one in Columbus County;
  - B. The three (3) places I have named are enforcing their Noise Ordinance;
  - C. The Sheriff has stated that our Noise Ordinance can not be enforced;
  - D. If I can be locked up with the existing Noise Ordinance, why can't other people be locked up?; **and**
  - E. Columbus County has a Noise Ordinance, and it needs to be enforced.
  
2. **James High:** stated the following:
  - A. I would like to speak in reference to the new budget;
  - B. I don't understand the \$ .82 tax rate, when the surrounding counties have a much lower tax rate;
  - C. I would like to know why you don't sell the hospital;
  - D. The citizens of Columbus County can not afford more taxes;
  - E. I would like for you to consider the taxpayers of Columbus County between now and June; **and**
  - F. You should have got rid of the Medicare certificate three (3) years ago.
  
3. **Robert Adams:** stated the following:
  - A. I think the Reverse 911 System will be a very good asset;
  - B. This system will definitely save lives; **and**
  - C. I would like for you to look into this matter and see if it would be feasible.

**Agenda Item #6: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - TRANSITION from ANALOG TELEVISION to DIGITAL TELEVISION:**

Jill Pender, Senior Attorney-Advisor, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, delivered the following presentation on what this transition means and what options are available. Ms. Pender stated the following:

1. It is my job to travel around the country and assist citizens with the transition from analog television to digital television;
2. In the Wilmington area, this change will occur on September 8, 2008;
3. The Wilmington area (Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties) is more technologically prepared for this transition, and has agreed to be the guinea pig;
4. The rest of the country will change over on February 19, 2009;
5. Today, most full-power TV stations are broadcasting in two (2) formats - digital and analog;
6. After September 08, 2008, full-power stations, WWAY (ABC), WSFX (FOX), and WECT (NBC) will broadcast only in digital format. Low-power stations, WILM (CBS) and W51CW (Trinity Broadcasting), will also broadcast only in digital. WUNJ-TV (PBS) will continue to broadcast in both digital and analog;
7. The Channel Changes are as follows:
 

<u>Current Channel</u>		<u>Digital Channel</u>
ABC	3	46
NBC	6	44
FOX	26	30
PBS	39	29
CBS	10	40
Trinity	20	51
My Network	47	27
8. Why are full-power TV broadcast stations switching to all-digital?:
  - A. Analog spectrum re-allocated for public safety
  - B. Digital is more efficient, so broadcast stations can offer:
    - Better TV picture/sound;
    - More programming options (multicasting); **and**
  - C. Analog spectrum auctioned for advanced wireless services;

9. What do I need to be ready for the DTV transition? You have three (3) choices:
  - A. Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box; **or**
  - B. Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner); **or**
  - C. Subscribe to a paid TV service (such as cable or satellite TV);
10. Will my analog TV still receive free over-the-air broadcasts?:
 

Yes - Analog TV's will work with a digital-to-analog converter box -

  - \$40 - \$70 retail cost
  - NTIA administering coupon program
  - U.S. households can request up to two (2) \$40 coupons
  - Coupons good for eligible boxes
  - Apply online, by phone, fax, or mail
  - For more information - visit <http://www.dtv2009.gov>, or call:
 

1-888-388-2009
1-877-530-2634 (TTY)
1-866-495-1161
(Spanish TTY)
11. DTV or HDTV?:
  - Transition is from analog to digital, **not** from analog to high definition
    - High definition TV (HDTV) is a form of DTV that provides higher resolution pictures and multichannel audio
  - DTV and HDTV sets are not the same -
    - DTV includes standard definition (SDTV) and high definition (HDTV) formats
    - **Not necessary** to purchase HDTVs in order to view DTV
    - SDTVs are comparably priced to analog TVs
  - Can view HDTV broadcasts on SDTVs and analog TVs connected to digital-to-analog converter boxes, just not in full HDTV quality;
12. If you subscribe to a paid service like cable or satellite TV:
  - Contact your provider about any additional components, such as a digital set-top box, that you may need to watch digital broadcast programming;
13. Low Power Television (LPTV):
  - While the majority of consumers in the U.S. can receive the programming of full-power over-the-air stations, there are three (3) other categories of broadcast TV stations - "**low-power**", "**Class A**", and "**Translator**" stations. There is currently no statutory deadline for these stations to convert to digital broadcasting. Your local low-power stations are: SMTM (My Network), WILM (CBS), and W51CW (Trinity Broadcasting).
14. DTV Closed Captioning:
  - Closed captioning displays the audio portion of television programming as text on the TV screen;
  - FCC rules require that:
    - DTV receivers include closed captioning display capability
    - Digital-to-analog converter boxes pass through closed captions;
    - Converter box captioning capabilities:
      - All converter boxes receive closed caption signals and can pass them through to your TV automatically;
      - Some converter boxes will generate captions through the converter box itself, enabling viewers to change the way captions appear on the TV, such as caption size, font (style), caption color, background color, and opacity;
  - FCC Closed Captioning Consumer Advisories.
15. The FCC is committed to ensuring that Americans are aware of the DTV transition and what they need to do to be ready for the end of full-power analog television broadcasting.

**Agenda Item #7: EMERGENCY SERVICES - FUNDING for REVERSE 911 SYSTEM:**

Stephen J. Dillon, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina, delivered the following presentation on the Foundation's interest in aiding the residents of Columbus County in setting up a Reverse 911 System.

1. I would like to introduce two (2) members of our Board of Directors, Betty McComas and Edward Barclay;
2. The Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina will offer to pay for a Reverse 911 Early Warning System for all residents and businesses in Columbus County;
3. A Reverse 911 System can send telephone messages to thousands of people in just minutes, warning them of natural or man-made disasters, giving people time to reach safety;
4. We are offering to provide a three (3) year grant to Columbus County for the set-up and operation of the system, and this is in response to the tragic events of November 16, 2006

- when a tornado killed eight (8) people and decimated the Riegelwood community;
5. This follows our recent \$42,000 grant to Acme Delco Riegelwood Fire Rescue for the purchase of a mass casualty trauma unit;
  6. The grant of \$30,000 will pay 100% of the first year start-up costs, 50% of the second year operating expenses, and 25% of the third year expenses. Columbus County would need to assume a portion of the expenses in years two and three, with the County funding the system entirely in subsequent years;
  7. Our mission is to encourage, facilitate, and increase philanthropy, for the betterment of the communities we serve;
  8. I have with me tonight a Reverse 911 Letter of Intent as follows:

The Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina proposes to provide three (3) years of funding to Columbus County, for the purpose of activating and operating a Reverse 911 Early Warning System.

A Reverse 911 System can help ease the public's prevalent fear of being caught off guard by another disaster of any sort. It can also prevent multiple casualties or loss of life by giving residents time to prepare for or flee from danger.

Specifically, the Community Foundation wishes to offer to Columbus County Government, a three (3) year grant, subject to the following provisions.

1. The Community Foundation will provide 100% funding for the set-up and operation of a Reverse 911 System for Year 1 (estimated at approximately \$15,000).
2. In Year 2, the Community Foundation will fund 50% of the system's continued operation. Columbus County government will provide the remaining 50% of funds.
3. In Year 3, the Community Foundation will fund 25% of the system's continued operation. Columbus County government will provide the remaining 75% of funds.
4. In Year 4, Columbus County Government will assume full financial responsibility for the system's continued operation.
5. Foundation funding will be in the form of cost reimbursement, following the County government's expenditure of funds to pay for the system's operation.
6. All applicable government policies, regulations, and procedures are adhered to regarding the set-up and continued operation of the System.
7. The cumulative total amount of the grant from the Community Foundation can not exceed \$30,000.

In addition, the Community Foundation will fund directly a public awareness campaign to inform Columbus County residents about the Reverse 911 system and its purpose.

This grant would come from the Community Foundation's Riegelwood Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund, which was established on November 16, 2006. The Fund was created by the Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina to provide for the long-term recovery and disaster preparedness needs of the greater Riegelwood community. Over 200 individuals, businesses, and community organization contributed \$97,526. The Fund received contributions from around the region and from across the country.

The Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you and other Columbus County officials to discuss further our proposal.

Sincerely,  
 Betty McComas, Member of the Board  
 Stephen J. Dillion, Executive Director

Vice Chairman Memory asked Mr. Dillon what would be the annual expense to operate. Mr. Dillion replied stating \$15,000 would be the set rate for three (3) years.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Dillion if the calls would be limited to 50,000, as per the proposal. Mr. Dillion replied stating this is just an example and it may change.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Dillon what type of message would be sent to the citizens in Columbus County. Mr. Dillon replied stating that would be up to the County officials involved to determine.

Vice Chairman Memory asked Mr. Dillon if this was just for the basic standard equipment for this type service and no added features, and what would be the lag time in getting the information from the initial start and delivery time. Mr. Dillon replied stating this would need to be discussed with the company submitting the proposal, and the lag time would be no more than two (2) minutes.

Commissioner Gore asked if the company could increase the fees at the end of the contract time. Mr. Dillon replied stating that this is possible with any contract.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that this money would be a tremendous help in putting this system in and it is badly needed.

Commissioner Memory made a motion to accept the Letter of Intent and take it under advisement during the Budget process, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #8: ANIMAL CONTROL - APPOINTMENT of TWO (2) ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATORS:**

Rossie Hayes, Animal Control Director, requested the appointment of Haywood Bass and Rhonda Caudill as Animal Cruelty Investigators.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to appoint Haywood Bass and Rhonda Caudill as Animal Cruelty Investigators, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: LANDFILL GAS PROJECT - UPDATE and REQUEST to JOIN LANDFILL METHANE OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

Kipling Godwin, Project Manager, delivered the following update to the Board on the Columbus County Landfill Gas Project, and introduced the Landfill Methane Outreach Program.

1. I thought I would have the proposal for you from Solvent Technologies on another Landfill Gas Utilization Project;
2. The said company has sent word that they are within days of having a proposal ready for you;
3. They are constantly running models to find the most advantageous method of utilizing the methane gas at the landfill;
4. This proposal should be ready by the June 02, 2008 Board Meeting;
5. I have provided to you a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who has a program that is called the Landfill Methane Outreach Program;
6. This program is free for people who are involved with landfill methane projects to join, and opens up a lot of doors;
7. It opens up doors for technical assistance from their offices, announcements for grant opportunities, etc.;
8. I have discussed this with Leroy Sellers; **and**
9. They have award programs also.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at no cost to Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: AGING - APPROVAL of the FOLLOWING for the HOME and COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT:**

- A. To appoint Columbus County Department of Aging as the Receiver Provider and continue to be Lead Agent for Columbus County;
- B. To allow all programs to remain as presently provided;
- C. On behalf of Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee, accept the Proposed Budget of allocations of \$553,019 with local match of 10%, \$61,447, for a total \$614,466; and
- D. To allow the Columbus County Department of Aging to accept any additional funds for the Budget Year 2008-2009.

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the above listed items. (This was

tabled at the May 05, 2008 Meeting.)

William S. Clark, County Manager, recommended to the Board that this Agenda item be tabled until the June 02, 2008 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to table the Agenda Item until the June 02, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: GOVERNING BODY - UPDATE on COMMISSIONER RE-DISTRICTING:**

Steve Fowler, County Attorney delivered the following update to the Board on Commissioner re-districting.

1. I have spoken with Attorney Anita Earls.;
2. On May 5, 2008, MIS Director Alan James and I spoke regarding his recent conversation with Bill Cooper, demographer, and Mr. James indicated that Mr. Cooper uses "Tiger" based data which differs from our County Land Records Management data.;
3. Mr. Cooper asked Mr. James several questions concerning our data. There appears to be no problem with reconciling data. However, any district water bodies will probably need to be manually adjusted.;
4. At that time, Mr. Cooper did not indicate any price or scheduling regarding work product, adjustments, etc. My opinion is that Mr. Cooper wants more specifics as to Commissioners' direction before proceeding with any additional work.; **and**
5. This office has recently investigated three (3) questions, as follows:
  - A. **Question 1:** The County has recently obtained a comparison of population data by race between the current districts and the proposed districts.;
  - B. **Question 2:** The County would like to know Mr. Cooper's rate per hour in this matter. Mr. Cooper charges an approximate hourly rate for non-community based groups.; **and**
  - C. **Question 3:** The length of Mr. Cooper's participation in this process would be determined by what the Board would want him to do and if Mr. Cooper would need to come to Columbus County for workshops or individual consulting time with Commissioners.

**Agenda Item #12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of INCENTIVE GRANT in the AMOUNT OF \$77,426:**

James Hinkle, Interim Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of an Incentive Grant in the amount of seventy-seven thousand, four hundred twenty-six, and 00/100 (\$77,426.00) dollars, to a North Carolina based company. (The required Public Hearing was conducted prior to this meeting.)

In the absence of James, Hinkle, William S. Clark, County Manager, stated the following:

1. This company is in the distribution business;
2. They have agreed to perform some environmental cleanup at the said site; **and**
3. They will employ eight (8) people.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the Incentive Grant in the amount of seventy-seven thousand, four hundred twenty-six, and 00/100 (\$77,426.00) dollars, to a North Carolina based company, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

After discussion was conducted relative to the type of product this company would be involved in. Vice Chairman Memory amended his motion to include approval contingent on the company meeting the requirements of the Columbus County Incentive Policy, and that they produce no toxic waste, Commissioner McKenzie amended his second. The amended motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: TRAVEL and TOURISM - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION for RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT (RBEG):**

Jennifer Long, Executive Director of Tourism Bureau, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Accepting the Conditions in the Letter of Conditions from USDA, Rural Development.

**RESOLUTION of the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**  
**ACCEPTING the CONDITIONS in the**  
**LETTER of CONDITIONS FROM USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

In conjunction with the Rural Business Enterprise Grant application that has been filed with USDA, Rural Development, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners will accept the Letter of Conditions when prepared by the USDA. The amount of the RBEG will be \$75,000.00.

That the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute all forms necessary to obtain a **Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG)** from Rural Development, including, but not limited to the following forms:

RD Form RD 1942-46	Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions
RD Form 1940-1	Request for Obligation of Funds
RD Form RD 400-1	Equal Opportunity Agreement
RD Form RD 400-4	Assurance Agreement
AD Form AD -1047	Certificate Regarding Debarment
AD Form 1048	Cert Regarding Debarment-Lower Tier
AD Form 1049	Cert Regarding Drug Free Workplace
RD Form 1940-Q Exhibit A-1	Certificate for Contracts
Certificate of Compliance	Federal, State, Local Requirements

This Resolution is to become a part of the official Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 19, 2008.

MOTION MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION**

MOTION PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

**May 19, 2008.**

Ms. Long stated the following relative to this grant:

1. This has not been approved yet by USDA;
2. This grant has moved to the second phase of its approval;
3. We can receive one (1) of these grants per program, per year;
4. We should know if this grant has been approved in two to three (2-3) months, and they are in the process of confirming what is in the application that was submitted;
5. This will be a revolving loan;
6. The project name is Carowoods;
7. Tourism will loan the money at a four (4%) percent fixed interest rate; **and**
8. The maximum amount of this grant is \$75,000, and the minimum amount is \$40,000.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Accepting the Conditions in the Letter of Conditions from USDA, Rural Development, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. When I first came on board, I made me a To-Do-List;
2. We are presently working on the Methane Gas Recovery Project;
3. I have a meeting tomorrow on the Joint Industrial Park with Brunswick County, at Southeastern Community College, to discuss the transportation issues;
4. We are no longer involved in the Western Sewer Project;

5. We are presently working on Water District IV, which will go out to bid late summer or early fall and hope to have actual construction in late fall of this year;
6. In Water District V, we have the sewer to Guideway and Nakina Schools and that is under construction;
7. We had our meeting with the Rural Courthouse Commission;
8. We are continuing the work on updating the EMS contract;
9. We had our Strategic Plan Workshop on April 02, 2008, at Southeastern Community College; **and**
10. Preparing on the presentation of the Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget.

**Agenda Item #15: FINANCE - DISCUSSION of the RESOLUTION of REIMBURSEMENT by the SITTING COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS to the COLUMBUS COUNTY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT ADOPTED FEBRUARY 20, 2006:**

Bobbie Haircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, will deliver a discussion on the following Resolution of Reimbursement by the Sitting Columbus County Board of Commissioners to the Columbus County General Fund Account, adopted February 20, 2006.

**RESOLUTION of REIMBURSEMENT  
by the SITTING  
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS  
to the COLUMBUS COUNTY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is a political subdivision organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the said County has made expenditures with respect to expenses incurred and were incurred in connection with the acquisition, construction and the production of certain Columbus County Water Districts' projects; **and**

**WHEREAS**, decisions were reached by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, by a majority vote, to expend monies from the Columbus County General Fund Account for certain Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoffs and projects; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the said funds expended from the Columbus County General Fund Account were the Columbus County taxpayers' dollars; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the legal and appropriate guideline to follow is to ensure the Columbus County General Fund Account is reimbursed from the fund benefitted; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the decision to expend monies, on the behalf of the Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoffs and/or projects, was reached on the stated condition that at the time the said project reaches the financial status of profitable operation, the said project will reimburse the Columbus County General Fund Account the full amount that has been expended on their behalf, plus interest, which will accrue annually and added to the principle amount; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the said interest on the Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoffs will be calculated annually and added to the principle amount in accordance with the stipulations of the prime rate; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the said Columbus County Finance Officer will be responsible for the calculation of the monetary amounts for the said Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoffs and/or projects, and will report to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on an annual basis; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the **then** sitting Columbus County Board of Commissioners will be held legally bound and responsible to pay the applicable amounts back to the Columbus County General Fund Account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the sitting Columbus County Board of Commissioners desires to commit to the following:

1. Reimbursement Resolution for any funds that have been expended on any Columbus County



- Water Districts' debt payoffs and/or project from the General Fund;
2. Interest will be added annually to the Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoff and/or project in accordance with the stipulations of the prime rate;
  3. At the time the certain project becomes operational in a profitable manner, the debt will be paid in a manner that is feasible;
  4. This Reimbursement Resolution legally binds all future Columbus County Board of Commissioners to the said Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoffs and/or project;
  5. This Resolution of Reimbursement will supercede the existing Resolution of Reimbursement adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on September 20, 2004; **and**
  6. This Resolution of Reimbursement will cover any and all expenditures paid from the Columbus County General Fund for certain Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoffs and/or projects.

**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **KIPLING GODWIN, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Ms. Faircloth stated the following:

1. At the May 02, 2008 Board Meeting, I discussed the Reimbursement Resolution that was adopted by the Board on September 20, 2004;
2. Since that time, I have been made aware of the preceding Reimbursement Resolution that was adopted by the Board on February 20, 2006, that supercedes the Reimbursement Resolution adopted on September 20, 2004;
3. I am asking for clarification on the Item Number 2 - Interest will be added annually to the Columbus County Water Districts' debt payoff and/or project in accordance with the stipulations of the prime rate; **and**
4. It is my interpretation that this means that I will calculate the interest on the payoff to the General Fund at the interest rate of the prime rate at the time the money was loaned.

After lengthy discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board that the rate of interest the Finance Officer would use would be the prime rate at the time the money was loaned.

**Agenda Item #16: FINANCE - BOARD APPROVAL of CONTRACT to AUDIT ACCOUNTS, with THOMPSON, PRICE, SCOTT, ADAMS, and COMPANY, P.A. for FY 2007-2008:**

Bobbie Haircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, requested Board approval of the Contract to Audit Accounts with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A., in the amount of thirty-two thousand, five hundred, and 00/100 (\$32,500.00) dollars.

After a brief discussion relative to the price increase from last year, and the fact that this contract would be bid out next year, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Contract to Audit Accounts with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A., in the amount of thirty-two thousand, five hundred, and 00/100 (\$32,500.00) dollars, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

**Agenda Item #17: CDBG - 2008 SCATTERED SITE CDBG PROGRAM \$400,000 - APPROVAL of The ADAMS COMPANY, INCORPORATED:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of The Adams Company, Incorporated, to be the administrator of the 2008 Scattered Site CDBG Program in the amount of \$400,000, contingent upon receiving official award.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve The Adams Company, Incorporated, to be the administrator of the 2008 Scattered Site CDBG Program in the amount of \$400,000, contingent upon receiving official award, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY over MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, and SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES in NORTH CAROLINA:**

Chairman James Prevatte, member of the Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority, presented the following details relative to the Resolution Supporting Local Government Authority over Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services in North Carolina:

1. This Resolution is in reference to what happened two (2) years ago;
- 2.. North Carolina did have mental health services in the counties, but they divested these services to regional Local Management Entities (LME's), and there are twenty-five LME's in the state;
3. We are part of Southeastern Regional Mental Health located in Robeson County;
4. We are a part of four (4) counties which make this group up;
5. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has made a proposal which has some people concerned;
6. Mental Health falls under Health and Human Services;
7. Secretary Dempsey Benton has made some propositions to divest the services further than what they exist at this time;
8. Secretary Benton wants to cut down from twenty-five Local Management Entities to nine (9), and he wants a legislative change in the makeup of the boards of mental health so the Governor will appoint one third (1/3) of those Board of Directors;
9. The Secretary would make the appointment of the Area Director;
10. Take further control or initiative of mental health services from local to the State level;
11. This Resolution does not speak negatively toward the Secretary but encourages local control over mental health facilities to be maintained instead of it being given to the State level;
12. From the information on the recent news broadcast, the new system they developed is not working well, and is costing the State more money; **and**
13. The following Resolution is being presented for your consideration.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY over  
MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, and SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
SERVICES in NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is committed to the promotion of an improved quality of life and services for the citizens of our county and region; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Statutes §122C-115 requires that “a county shall provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services,” **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners understands that it has been suggested by certain State government officials that the State should assume greater control of mental health staff and services including a change in the appointment of the Local Management Entity (LME) governing body; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes that the State-imposed mental health reform to date has adversely impacted the delivery of mental health services and increased cost of such services, therefore adversely impacting the quality of life of our residents; **and**

**WHEREAS**, no State government agency has adequately consulted with constituents or representatives of our county or region to discuss or review any advantages to be derived by our citizens being subject to more State control of mental health staff and services; **and**

**WHEREAS**, there does not appear to the Board of Commissioners to be any improvement of service or other benefit to offset the obvious disadvantages of the loss of local authority;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that local government authority over mental health staff and services be maintained as currently provided in the North Carolina General Statutes and that any movement for greater State government control be rejected; **and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this signed resolution be sent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Members of the North Carolina Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Secretary of Department of Health and Human

Services, as well as all State Legislators, County Commissioners, and LME Board Members in Columbus, Bladen, Robeson and Scotland Counties.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Supporting Local Government Authority over Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services in North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: BUDGET - PRESENTATION of the PROPOSED 2008 - 2009 COLUMBUS COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:**

Williams S. Clark, County Manager, presented the Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget, delivered the following Budget Message and requested that the date of June 02, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., be established for the Budget Hearing in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 159-12 (b).

**B U D G E T M E S S A G E**

**TO:** Mr. James Prevatte, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** William S. Clark  
Columbus County Manager

**DATE:** May 19, 2008

**IN RE:** Columbus County Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Message

**Overview**

The Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 is presented in accordance with the North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act, North Carolina General Statute 153A-82. North Carolina law states that a balanced budget must be publicly presented by June 1 and a balanced budget adopted by June 30. I am pleased to present a budget that is balanced without a proposed tax increase.

The Medicaid swap was an important factor in balancing our budget. The county's net Medicaid appropriation was reduced by approximately \$1 million dollars. An additional \$20 million dollars in assessed value in real property was also a factor in eliminating the need for a property tax increase. By bidding our employee health care insurance, premiums were reduced by \$428,000.00.

Special district taxes for Water Districts II and III are again proposed. However, reductions of 2 cents for Water Districts II and III are recommended. Unfortunately, double digit increases in fuel surcharges for Solid Waste's Waste Management contracts has necessitated an increase of \$7.00 in trash can user fees to \$200.00 for county residents and \$113.00 for municipal residents.

Below you will find a general overview of some of the highlights of this proposed budget:

<b>2008-2009 General Fund</b>	<b>2007-2008 General Fund</b>	<b>Decreased Dollars</b>	<b>%</b>
\$53,989,286	\$55,245,278	\$1,255,992	2%
<b>2008-2009 Total Budget</b>	<b>2007-2008 Total Budget</b>	<b>Decreased Dollars</b>	<b>%</b>
\$75,480,348	\$76,292,061	\$811,713	2%

**Expense & Capital Increases**

Additional Fuel Costs (General Fund)	\$100,000
Additional Fuel Surcharges-WM contract	\$500,000
Social Services-New Telephone System and Computer Upgrade	\$300,000
Sheriff's Office - Lease for 6 new vehicles	\$ 49,200
Finance/Personnel-Payroll Softwear	\$ 34,500

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Animal Control-Gas Chamber	\$ 30,000
Redistricting	\$ 50,000
Recreation-Chadbourn Parks & Rec subsidy	\$ 14,150
Contingency	<u>\$175,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,252,850</b>

## **Employee COLA Adjustments, 401K, and Insurance Premiums**

Cost of living adjustments (COLA) of 2.5% have been budgeted along with a 401-K contribution of 1% across the board. Health care insurance was again bid this year, and effective July 1, Blue Cross/Blue Shield will become the county's health care insurance provider. Insurance premiums will decrease by 12 %, for a total savings of \$428,000. Hospital deductibles, physician and prescription co-pays will remain the same.

## **Personnel Increases**

One new position for Elections and one RN position for the Health Department are proposed in this budget.

## **Enterprise Funds**

Solid Waste – Solid Waste fees are proposed as follows:

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Regular Tipping Fees	55.52/ton*	50.50/ton
LCID Tipping Fees	41.96/ton*	37.46/ton
Trashcan User Fees:	A) County Resident	\$200.00/year (Increase of \$7.00)
	B) Municipal Resident	\$113.00/year (Increase of \$7.00)

Tipping fee increases are necessary to offset a proposed CPI increase by Waste Management effective January 1, 2009. \*Also included in the tipping fees increase is a \$3.00 per ton solid waste disposal tax. \$2.00 of this tax was mandated by the Solid Waste Management Act of 2007, for cleanup of old landfills sites and to strengthen environmental standards for new landfills. The additional \$1.00 fee is for administrative fees charged by the county's garbage recipient in Sampson County. An additional \$500,000 in fuel surcharges has also been budgeted due to the continual escalation of diesel fuel prices.

**Water District I** – No rate change. Water District I's revenues are sufficient to pay its expenditures. The minimum charge for the first 2,000 gallons is \$21 and \$4.00 per thousand gallons for all usage over the first 2,000 gallons will remain the same as the previous year.

**Water District II** – No rate change. A decrease in the special district tax from 9 cents to 7 cents (projected at \$244,000) is proposed to help pay the projected debt service of approximately \$405,081 for fiscal year 2008-2009. A flat rate fee of \$25.00 per month and \$4.00 per thousand gallons for all usage over the first 2,000 gallons is again recommended for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

**Water District III** – No rate change. A decrease in the special district tax rate of 13 cents to 11 cents (approximately \$216,886) is proposed to continue to help pay the projected debt service of \$321,456. A flat rate of \$25.00 per month and \$4.00 per thousand gallons for all usage over the first 2,000 gallons is again calculated for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

**Water District IV** – No rate change. Rates in Water District IV are again proposed at the current rate of a \$24 minimum fee, and \$4.00 per thousand for all usage over the first 2,000 gallons.

**Water District V** – No rate change. Rates in Water District V are again proposed at the current \$21 minimum fee and \$4.00 per thousand for usage over the first 2000 gallons.

## **Additional Sources of Revenue**

**Ad-valorem Property Tax Collections** – Tax collections are calculated based on a collection rate of 96%, based on the current rate of 81.5 cents per 100.

**Transfers from Other Departments to the General Fund** – Total transfers to the General Fund from other departments are as follows:

- 1) \$169,984 - Aging
- 2) \$200,000 - Health Department
- 3) \$ 10,923 – WD I
- 4) \$ 99,808 – WD II

- 5) \$ 86,382 – WD III
- 6) \$ 1,097 – WD IV
- 7) \$ 545 – WD V
- \$568,739**

The transferred amount of \$568,739 is the equivalent of approximately one and three quarter cents of property tax that is not required in this fiscal year budget.

**Education**

Total allocations for city, county schools, and Southeastern Community College are funded at the same levels of fiscal year 2007-2008.

**Other Items of Interest**

**Special Appropriations** – A \$15,000 appropriation for the Columbus County Rope Rescue Team and a \$14,150 for Chadbourn Parks & Recreation are the only new programs funded.

**Conclusion**

Staff has worked hard to give you a proposed balanced budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 without a tax increase. I would like to thank Deputy Finance Officer Bobbie Haircloth and our department managers for their efforts in the development of this budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/ **William S. Clark**  
 Columbus County Manager

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to accept the Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget, and establish the date of June 02, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., for the Budget Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into a COMBINATION COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING**

At 8:29 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **Combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 05, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, respectively.

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

At 8:31 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the **Combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #21: APPOINTMENT - COMMITTEE:**

Melody Prevatte, Ed.D, Director of Volunteer Services, is requesting the following replacement appointment.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE
Columbus County Volunteer Services	EB	Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie	6-30-2010

Chairman Prevatte stated that he and Commissioner McKenzie had discussed this appointment and Commissioner McKenzie wishes to continue to serve on this committee.

**Agenda Item #22: GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO EDUCATE PUBLIC ON THE QUARTER-CENT (1/4¢) SALES TAX:**

Due to the absence of Commissioner Norris, no appointment was made.

**Agenda Item #23: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**A. Budget Amendment:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5166-5121000	Salaries	250
Revenue	10-3510-430036	State Funds	250

**B. May 05, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases:**

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
May 19, 2008**

Refunds Name: McColskey, Gerald Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 003 Account # 13-25257 Bill # 51341 Total \$177.00  
 Refund user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.  
 1694 Macedonia Ch. Rd. Evergreen NC 28438

Refunds Name: McColskey, Gerald Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 004 Account # 13-25257 Bill # 7615 Total \$177.00  
 Refund user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.  
 1694 Macedonia Ch. Rd. Evergreen NC 28438

Refunds Name: McColskey, Gerald Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 005 Account # 13-25257 Bill # 11621 Total \$177.00  
 Refund user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.  
 1694 Macedonia Ch. Rd. Evergreen NC 28438

Refunds Name: McColskey, Gerald Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 006 Account # 13-25257 Bill # 42809 Total \$193.00  
 Refund user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.  
 1694 Macedonia Ch. Rd. Evergreen NC 28438

Refunds Name: McColskey, Gerald Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 13-25257 Bill # 63138 Total \$193.00  
 Refund the user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler.  
 1694 Macedonia Ch Rd. Evergreen NC 28438

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
May 19, 2008**

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.17  
 Value: \$600.00 Year: 1998 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 8233 Total \$4.17  
 Release property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.17  
 Value: \$600.00 Year: 1999 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 9665 Total \$4.17  
 Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.32

Value: \$600.00 Year: 2000 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 0437 Total \$4.32

Release property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.68

Value: \$600.00 Year: 2001 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 0427 Total \$4.80

Release the property value and the Columbus Resuce. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.68

Value: \$600.00 Year: 2002 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 7891 Total \$4.80

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.68

Value: \$600.00 Year: 2003 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 8105 Total \$4.80

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$4.68

Value: \$600.00 Year: 2004 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 4241 Total \$4.80

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$10.22

Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 7878 Total \$10.50

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$10.71

Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 8565 Total \$10.99

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Baldwin, Lutisha (Heirs) Amount: \$11.41

Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-01120 Bill # 8506 Total \$11.69

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$64.26

Value: \$8,400.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 8655 Total \$76.02

Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (10.08) and Columbus Rescue (1.68). There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$68.46

Value: \$8,400.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 8598 Total \$80.22

Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (10.08) and Columbus Rescue (1.68). There is no deed on record for his property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$61.32

Value: \$8,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 7970 Total \$73.08

Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (10.08) and Columbus Rescue (1.68). There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$37.44

Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2004 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 4328 Total \$44.16

Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (5.76) and Columbus Rescue (.96). There is no deed on record for his property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$37.44

Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2003 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 8190 Total \$44.16

Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (5.76) and Columbus Rescue (.96). There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$37.44

Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2001 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 0513 Total \$44.16

Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (5.76) and the Columbus Rescue (.96). There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$34.56

Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2000 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 0519 Total \$34.56

Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$33.36  
 Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 1999 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 9737 Total \$33.36  
 Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$33.36  
 Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 1998 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 8312 Total \$33.36  
 Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ballard, William (Heirs) Amount: \$37.44  
 Value: \$4,800.00 Year: 2002 Account # 15-01320 Bill # 7971 Total \$44.16  
 Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (5.76) and Columbus Rescue (.96). There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.92  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2002 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 5914 Total \$11.20  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$11.41  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2007 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 7129 Total \$11.69  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$24.45  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 7128 Total \$25.05  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.71  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 7088 Total \$10.99  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$22.95  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 7087 Total \$23.55  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.22  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2005 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 6230 Total \$10.50  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$21.90  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 6229 Total \$22.50  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.92  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2004 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 2399 Total \$11.20  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is not deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$23.40  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 2398 Total \$24.00  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$21.60  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 8104 Total \$21.60  
 Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$23.40  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 6217 Total \$24.00  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$23.40  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 5913 Total \$24.00  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.92  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2001 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 8311 Total \$11.20  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.



Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$23.40  
 Value: \$3,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 8310 Total \$24.00

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.08  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2000 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 8105 Total \$10.08

Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dawson, Tony Amount: \$10.92  
 Value: \$1,400.00 Year: 2003 Account # 08-04620 Bill # 6218 Total \$11.20

Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ellis, Joyce H. Amount: \$354.53  
 Value: \$43,500.00 Year: 2007 Account # 04-02317 Bill # 8741 Total \$599.73

Release the value of a house, the Bolton Fire (43.50) and Columbus Rescue (8.70). The house is double listed in the name of Laura F. James.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$14.40  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 7632 Total \$14.80

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue that is doubled listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$13.90  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 6473 Total \$14.30

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$15.60  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 5853 Total \$16.00

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue. Property double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$15.60  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 507 Total \$16.00

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$14.60  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 423 Total \$15.00

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$15.60  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 8049 Total \$16.00

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue. Property is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$15.30  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 7509 Total \$15.70

Release the property value and Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$16.30  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 7746 Total \$16.70

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$15.60  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 6303 Total \$16.00

Release the property value and the Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ingram, Willa V. Amount: \$13.90  
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 1998 Account # 01-45580 Bill # 4550 Total \$14.30

Release the property value and Whiteville Rescue that is double listed in the name of Donnie & Ellen Price.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn Hill Baptist Church Amount: \$59.50  
 Value: \$7,300.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-02555 Bill # 2200 Total \$66.07

Release the property value, the Brunswick Fire (5.11) and Whiteville Rescue (1.46). The property is tax exempt.

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Release the Property Value in the name of Lynn Hill Baptist Church Amount: \$464.55  
Value: \$57,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-02555 Bill # 2201 Total \$515.85  
Release the property value, the Brunswick Fire (39.90) and Whiteville Rescue (11.40). The property is tax exempt.

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$15.60  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 939 Total \$17.20  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (1.20) and Columbus Rescue (.40). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$26.08  
Value: \$3,200.00 Year: 2007 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 5353 Total \$29.92  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (3.20) and Columbus Rescue (.64). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$24.48  
Value: \$3,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 4989 Total \$28.32  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (3.20) and Columbus Rescue (.64). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$23.36  
Value: \$3,200.00 Year: 2005 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 3757 Total \$25.92  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (1.92) and the Columbus Rescue (.64). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$15.60  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 745 Total \$17.20  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (1.20) and Whiteville Rescue (.40). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs)

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$15.60  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 2875 Total \$17.20  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (1.20) and Columbus Rescue (.20). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$14.40  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 311 Total \$15.60  
Release the property value and the Bolton Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$13.90  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 2987 Total \$15.10  
Release the property value and the Bolton Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$13.90  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 1998 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 0825 Total \$15.10  
Release the property value and the Bolton Fire. Property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Modern Home Const. Co. Amount: \$15.60  
Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 04-11760 Bill # 3490 Total \$17.20  
Release the property value, the Bolton Fire (1.20) and Columbus Rescue (.40). The property is double listed in the name of Wiley H. Webb (Heirs).

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs) Amount: \$17.16  
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 282 Total \$17.60  
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs) Amount: \$17.93  
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 9041 Total \$18.37  
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs) Amount: \$16.83  
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 8621 Total \$17.27  
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.

Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$16.06
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 7341	Total	\$16.50
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Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$17.16
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 3226	Total	\$17.60
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$15.84
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2000 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 585	Total	\$15.84
Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$15.29
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 1999 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 6097	Total	\$15.29
Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$15.29
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 1998 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 3808	Total	\$15.29
Release the property value that is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$17.16
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 6949	Total	\$17.60
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Powell, Vance (Heirs)	Amount:	\$17.16
Value: \$2,200.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-72500 Bill # 6273	Total	\$17.60
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Joann Batie.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$180.00
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 980	Total	\$180.00
Release the property value. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$195.00
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 7761	Total	\$200.00
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$266.51
Value: \$32,700.00 Year: 2007 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 0609	Total	\$273.05
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$250.16
Value: \$32,700.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 0172	Total	\$256.70
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$238.71
Value: \$32,700.00 Year: 2005 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 8880	Total	\$245.25
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$195.00
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 8470	Total	\$200.00
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$195.00
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 738	Total	\$200.00
Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$173.75
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 7452	Total	\$173.75
Release property value. There is no deed on record for this property.		
Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs)	Amount:	\$173.75
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 1998 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 5132	Total	\$173.75
Release property value. There is no deed on record for this property.		

Release the Property Value in the name of Richardson, Lum (Heirs) Amount: \$195.00  
 Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 04-13520 Bill # 4771 Total \$200.00  
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. There is no deed on record for this property.

Release the Property Value in the name of Stewart, Lillian (Heirs) Amount: \$187.45  
 Value: \$23,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-90160 Bill # 6196 Total \$298.05  
 Release the value of a house and the Whiteville Rescue. The house burned in 2006.

Release the User Fee in the name of Evans, Frankie Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-01143 Bill # 9146 Total \$193.00  
 Release user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, Blenda Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-02845 Bill # 5258 Total \$193.00  
 Release user fee. House vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Dorothy B. Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-19623 Bill # 6110 Total \$193.00  
 Release user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powers, Willie Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-05426 Bill # 9143 Total \$193.00  
 Release user fee. House was double listed in the name of Willie L. Powers. House has burned.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, Eddie Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-05752 Bill # 7546 Total \$106.00  
 Release one of five (5) user fees. One house is vacant and there is only (4) trash cans here.

**Agenda Item #24: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Heads:**

**Kimberly Smith (Health Department):** I would like to state that public health supports the 911 Reverse System.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** I concur with Ms. Smith on the 911 Reverse System.

2. **Vice Chairman Memory:** stated the following:

- a. Columbus County does not have an official designated plant;
- b. At the next Board Meeting, I would like this placed on the Agenda for discussion; and
- c. It is my recommendation that the Venus Fly Trap, which is unique to Columbus and Brunswick County, be designated as the official plant for Columbus County; **and**

3. Each one of you received an invitation to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the dedication of The Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, on June 1, 2008, at 10:00 A.M.

4. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:

- a. In 1994, five (5) fire departments went to a tax district;
- b. The fee districts got a set rate;
- c. North Whiteville and Evergreen Fire Departments are not a tax district;
- d. North Whiteville is a fire department that got a set rate, and has been operating on this rate since 1994;
- e. Mike Bartley has discussed this with me and wants to increase this fee;
- f. He has shown me his budget of \$170,000 of expenses with an income of \$100,000;
- g. We have met with Representative Dewey L. Hill and it has been recommended that the Board approve and adopt the following Resolution; **and**

- h. We have been advised to fax this Resolution to Representative Hill.

**Resolution of Support For  
North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department's  
Proposed Revision To The 1994 Fire Fee Schedule**

Whereas, in 1994 a fire fee district was established by the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 1991, Chapter 883, Senate Bill 1150, for the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department; and

Whereas, the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department has not requested an increase of fees in the fire fee district since 1994; and

Whereas, the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department has experienced significant increases in operational expenditures since 1994; and

Whereas, the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department wishes to amend the fee schedule established in 1994; and

Whereas, attached you will find the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department's proposed revision to the fire fee district; and

Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners understands that increased operational expenditures have placed a financial strain on the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department in recent years.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners understands the need for and thereby supports North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department's attached proposed fee schedule.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May, 2008.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, CHAIRMAN**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD**

**Attachment to  
Resolution of Support for the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department  
Proposed Revision for Fire Fee District  
Adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

**For dwellings, animal production and horticultural operations, and commercial facilities.**

<u>Value</u>	<u>Fire Fee</u>
\$0-\$25,00.00	\$25.00
\$25,000.00-\$50,000.00	\$38.00
\$51,000.00-\$100,000.00	\$75.00
\$101,000.00-\$150,000.00	\$100.00
\$151,000.00-\$200,000.00	\$140.00
\$201,000.00-\$250,000.00	\$175.00
\$251,000.00-\$300,000.00	\$210.00
\$301,000.00-\$350,000.00	\$250.00
\$351,000.00-\$400,000.00	\$280.00
\$401,000.00-\$450,000.00	\$315.00
\$451,000.00-\$500,000.00	\$350.00
\$501,000.00-\$550,000.00	\$385.00
\$551,000.00-\$600,000.00	\$420.00
\$601,000.00 and above	\$450.00

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, Proposed Revision for Fire Fee District, seconded

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by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #25: Adjournment:**

At 8:55 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
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**Monday, May 19, 2008**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:31 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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