

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 07, 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 two (2) Public Hearings and for their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING #1:

CDBG Community Revitalization Application (2008): the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County with regard to community development including community revitalization, infrastructure, housing development, water and sewer hookups and housing needs.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Public Hearing to order and stated this Public Hearing was for a CDBG Community Revitalization Application (2008). Chairman Prevatte requested that Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, inform the public on the rules that would be followed. Mr. Fowler orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings in its entirety.

Chairman Prevatte requested that William S. Clark, Columbus County Manager, state the purpose of this Public Hearing. Mr. Clark stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive views and opinions from the citizens of Columbus County with regard to community development including community revitalization, infrastructure, housing development, water and sewer hookups and housing needs.

COMMENTS:

Chairman Prevatte asked if anyone had any comments they would like to make, either orally or written.

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated: stated the following:

1. I am from Warsaw, North Carolina, and I am a consultant for this type of grant;
2. In general, this Public Hearing will address any type grant that falls under the 2008 CDBG Community Revitalization Program, which requires that two (2) public Hearings be held;
and
3. By conducting this public hearing tonight, you will only have to conduct the second required public hearing for any grant that falls under this program, and not have to conduct the first required public hearing.

Chairman Prevatte asked the Clerk to the Board if any comments had been received. The Clerk replied stating that no comments, either written or oral, had been received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman Prevatte stated this Public Hearing was closed.

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

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the July 07, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Bullard. 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:

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the following listed Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, and table the June 16, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, which was recessed until June 30, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

- A. June 05, 2008 Budget Workshop;
- B. June 09, 2008 Budget Workshop; **and**
- C. June 25, 2008 Final Budget Workshop.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for comments that anyone would like to make. The following spoke.

Anita Adams: stated the following:

1. I am a representative of the Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 962;
2. I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for budgeting the five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars to the Vietnam Moving Wall; **and**
3. I would like to thank the County for paving the parking lot at the Veteran Services Building.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of ADVERTISING CONTRACT with JOHN PECK ADVERTISING AGENCY:

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested Board approval of awarding the Transit Vehicles Advertising Agreement to John Peck Advertising Agency for a period beginning July 01, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the awarding of the Transit Vehicles Advertising Agreement to John Peck Advertising Agency for a period beginning July 01, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this agreement will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING DATE for RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP):

Charles Patton, Transportation Director, requested the Board to establish July 21, 2008, at 6:15 P.M., as the date and time for the required Public Hearing to be held for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP).

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to establish July 21, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the required Public Hearing to be held for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP), seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: Solid Waste - Approval of new Lease Agreements for Two (2) Convenience Centers as follows:

- A. **Eloise Byrd** -Byrdville Road Convenience Center; and
- B. **Selmon Stanley** -Mollie-Iron Hill Road Convenience Center.

Leroy Sellers, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval of the following new Lease Agreements for two (2) Convenience/Recycling Centers.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**LEASE**

This LEASE, made and entered into on this the _____ day of July, 2008, by and between **ELOISE BYRD** of Columbus County, North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "LESSOR" and **COLUMBUS COUNTY**, a body politic, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "LESSEE."

WITNESSETH

That in consideration of two thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$2,500.00) dollars per year, the LESSOR will lease to the LESSEE an area located at the junction of Byrdville Road and United States Highway 74-76 for use as a Convenience/Recycling Center. The agreed area will be one hundred fifty feet by one hundred fifty feet (150' x 150') with the beginning line being in close proximity to the existing road ditch which parallels United States Highway 74-76 and the front line being off of North Carolina Department of Transportation right-of-way and extending one hundred fifty (150') feet south down the Byrdville Road in the area where the Byrdville Road runs into United States Highway 74-76.

I. TERM OF LEASE

The term of the LEASE will be for five (5) years with option to renew in one (1) year increments. The LEASE may be terminated at the end of five (5) years by either party with notice being given in writing one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date and the same for extended leases.

II. TERMS OF PAYMENT

The LESSOR will receive annual payment on or before July 1 of each year in advance of the year of use.

III. INSURANCE

The LESSEE will be responsible for insurance on the leased premises.

IV. USE OF LEASED LAND

The LESSEE will use the specified leased property only for the purpose of a Convenience/Recycling Center. The property will be maintained in a neat and orderly appearance and will be landscaped for aesthetic appearances. The LESSEE will keep the premises in as good a condition as they are at the time of the date of this LEASE. With termination of LEASE, the LESSEE will have sixty (60) days to remove any fixtures placed there by the LESSEE and restore the property to its original appearance.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, this LEASE is valid upon signatures of the LESSOR and LESSEE and being properly sealed.

ELOISE BYRD (PROPERTY OWNER)

DATE

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD**
July 07, 2008

/s/ **JAMES PREVATTE (CHAIRMAN)**
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 07, 2008

CERTIFICATION

COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER

Provisions for the payment of monies to fall due under this Lease, has been made by application duly made, or by bonds or notes duly authorized as required by the County Fiscal Control Act.

This the 8th day of July, 2008

/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH**
COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

LEASE

This LEASE, made and entered into on this the _____ day of July, 2008, by and between **SELMON STANLEY** of Columbus County, North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "LESSOR" and **COLUMBUS COUNTY**, a body politic, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "LESSEE."

WITNESSETH

That in consideration of two thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$2,500.00) dollars per year, the LESSOR will lease to the LESSEE an area located on Mollie Iron Hill Road and State Road 1173 for use as a Convenience/Recycling Center. The agreed area will be one hundred fifty feet by one hundred fifty feet (150' x 150') with the beginning line being in close proximity to the existing road ditch which parallels State Road 1173 and the front line being off of North Carolina Department of Transportation right-of-way and extending one hundred fifty (150') feet south down the Mollie Iron Hill Road.

I. TERM OF LEASE

The term of the LEASE will be for five (5) years with option to renew in one (1) year increments. The LEASE may be terminated at the end of five (5) years by either party with notice being given in writing one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date and the same for extended leases.

II. TERMS OF PAYMENT

The LESSOR will receive annual payment on or before July 1 of each year in advance of the year of use.

III. INSURANCE

The LESSEE will be responsible for insurance on the leased premises.

IV. USE OF LEASED LAND

The LESSEE will use the specified leased property only for the purpose of a Convenience/Recycling Center. The property will be maintained in a neat and orderly appearance and will be landscaped for aesthetic appearances. The LESSEE will keep the premises in as good a condition as they are at the time of the date of this LEASE. With termination of LEASE, the LESSEE will have sixty (60) days to remove any fixtures placed there by the LESSEE and restore the property to its original appearance.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, this LEASE is valid upon signatures of the LESSOR and LESSEE and being properly sealed.

SELMON STANLEY (PROPERTY OWNER)

DATE

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD**
July 07, 2008

/s/ **JAMES PREVATTE (CHAIRMAN)**
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 07, 2008

CERTIFICATION

COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER

Provisions for the payment of monies to fall due under this Lease, has been made by application duly made, or by bonds or notes duly authorized as required by the County Fiscal Control Act.

This the 8th day of July, 2008.

/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH**
COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the two (2) new Leases for the Byrdville Road Convenience Center and the Mollie-Iron Hill Road Convenience Center, for a period of five (5) years to begin on July 01, 2008 and end on June 30, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: HEALTH - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board:

1. February 2007 = New software for Environmental Health installed.;
2. March 2007 = Bioterrorism/Preparedness Coordinator turned into the State our County Pandemic Influenza Plan for review. Our SNS plan was returned to us from the State with - have more work to bring the plan up to the States' standards.;
3. March 2007 = Ten (10) Health Department employees participated in New Hanover County Health Department's Pandemic Influenza Drive-Thru Exercise. We were able to "get credit for 1 of 2 exercises" we must have in order to receive money from the federal government for our bioterrorism budget.;
4. April 2007 = Our Pandemic Influenza Table Top Exercise was held on April 13, 2007. There were forty-four (44) people in attendance. The represented the county departments, county schools, SCC, Brunswick Electric, local towns, law enforcement (county and local), and the hospital.;
5. June 2007 = Received grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation in the amount of \$133,110.00 to establish a Colposcopy Clinic at our Health Department. We hope to be up and running by May, 2008.;
6. July 2007 = Health Department's security system went out. Took over a month to repair. In-house cameras went dead, have been unable to repair due to cost.;
7. July 2007 = Issued a warrant for a male individual who refused to take his TB medications; person arrested on July 19th; individual pleaded guilty on July 25th, was sentenced to "up to 2 years or until he is medically fit for release without being a danger to himself or the community". The individual remains in Central Prison (Raleigh) at this time.;
8. July 2007 = New Well Rules and fees were effective (in July, 2008, the State Well Rules are mandated).;
9. October 2007 = Arranged with the State to bring the mobile testing unit to Columbus County due to the recent high number of HIV cases. We tested in three (3) areas of the county, Green Acres (Tabor City, Dream Center (Whiteville), and Wilkes Street (Chadbourn). A total of 176 blood draws were done (GET REAL, GET TESTED Campaign).;
10. October 2007 = Received grant from Columbus County Partnership for Children for part-time Bilingual Health Check Coordinator - \$24,899.00.;
11. October 2007 = Child Services Coordination State audit.;
12. November 2007 = In one (1) community, twenty-five (25) people tested positive for TB, but had negative chest x-ray, these individuals must be treated with preventive medication for nine (9) months - five (5) of the twenty-five (25) were children under ten (10) years of age.;
13. November 2007 = had a warrant issued for Hispanic male with infectious TB, he refused to take the required TB medications. To date, this individual has not been found.;
14. December 2007 = Awarded grant from Columbus County Partnership for Children for a Child Care Health Consultant Nurse. This grant will fund a full-time nurse to visit day care centers in our county to assist the owners/workers in training/planning of health issues in day

- cares - \$33,498.55.;
15. December 2007 = Meeting for the Board of Health to discuss the Intensive Livestock Operation Rules. Board voted to amend the existing rules with the Poultry Federation guidelines.;
 16. Vital Records: Number of Births: 509, Number of Deaths: 498; **and**
 17. Environmental Health Stats: Annual = 1,427 Encounters, Total Revenue \$104,152.00.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER 2:

At 6:59 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter the second Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing #2:

Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Sewer Project in Dothan: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive citizen comments regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Public Hearing to order and stated this Public Hearing was for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for a Sewer project in Dothan. Chairman Prevatte requested that Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, inform the public on the rules that would be followed. Mr. Fowler orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings, in its entirety.

Chairman Prevatte requested that William S. Clark, Columbus County Manager, state the purpose of this Public Hearing. Mr. Clark stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive citizen comments regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a sewer project for thirty (30) houses in the Dothan Community.

COMMENTS:

No comments were received, either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 7:02 P.M., Chairman Prevatte stated the Public Hearing was closed.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:02 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING ADDITIONS to STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM for the FOLLOWING:

- A. Government Complex Road;**
- B. Lee Avenue and Pine Lane - Joseph Lynch Subdivision;**
- C. Leslie Newsome Avenue; and**
- D. Timber Cove Drive Extension, Hemlock Drive Extension and Juniper Court - Timber Cove Subdivision.**

Drew Cox, District Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, requested Board approval of the following four (4) Resolutions for road additions to the State Highway System.

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System**

Road Description: Government Complex Road

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria:

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 7th day of July, 2008.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 7th day of July, 2008.

(Official Seal) Clerk, Board of Commissioners, County of Columbus
/s/ JUNE B. HALL

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System**

North Carolina
County of Columbus

Road Description: Lee Avenue and Pine Lane - Joseph Lynch Subdivision

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria:

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 7th day of July, 2008.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 7th day of July, 2008.

(Official Seal) Clerk, Board of Commissioners, County of Columbus
/s/ JUNE B. HALL

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System**

North Carolina
County of Columbus

Road Description: Leslie Newsome Avenue

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria:

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 7th day of July, 2008.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 7th day of July, 2008.

(Official Seal) Clerk, Board of Commissioners, County of Columbus
/s/ JUNE B. HALL

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System**

North Carolina
County of Columbus

Road Description: Timber Cove Drive Extension, Hemlock Drive Extension and Juniper Court - Timber Cove Subdivision

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria:

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus at a meeting on the 7th day of July, 2008.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 7th day of July, 2008.

(Official Seal) Clerk, Board of Commissioners, County of Columbus
/s/ JUNE B. HALL

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the four (4) Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System Resolutions, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory, for the following:

- A. Government Complex Road;
- B. Lee Avenue and Pine Lane - Joseph Lynch Subdivision;
- C. Leslie Newsome Avenue; and
- D. Timber Cove Drive Extension, Hemlock Drive Extension and Juniper Court - Timber Cove Subdivision.

The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: FIRE and RESCUE - APPROVAL of LETTER of SUPPORT for ACME-DELCO-RIEGELWOOD FIRE-RESCUE, INCORPORATED:

Steve Camlin, Fire Chief, requested Board approval of the following Letter of Support for the Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire-Rescue, Incorporated.

July 07, 2008

Mr. R. David Paulison, Administrator
FEMA
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20472

**IN RE: EMW-2008-FO-10494 (Grant Application)
FEMA Fire ACT Grant
Letter of Support for A-D-R Fire-Rescue Department**

Dear Mr. Paulison:

This Letter of Support for the A-D-R Fire and Rescue Department is to apprise you of the full support of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Columbus County is a large county, geographically, with a population of approximately fifty-five (55,000) citizens, and has experienced numerous economic challenges. Our fire and rescue departments are faced with a constant challenge to meet the needs of the citizenry with their limited equipment and financial constraints.

The Fire Act Grant would provide a much-needed avenue for this department to obtain the required additional equipment needed, and required by the State. In addition, the grant would allow the department to replace gear for sets that are no longer compliant. The additional and replacement gear will enable them to provide faster and better service to our citizens, and meet the State requirements.

Thanking you in advance for any time and consideration you may expend toward this matter.

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

JEP/jbh
c.c. Steve W. Camlin

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire-Rescue, Incorporated, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: GOVERNING BODY - VOTING DELEGATE for NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Chairman Prevatte requested the appointment of a voting delegate for the NCACC 101st Annual Conference to be held August 21 - 24, 2008, at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center.

Commissioner Gore made a motion to appoint Chairman James E. Prevatte as the voting delegate for the NCACC 101st Annual Conference to be held August 21 - 24, 2008, at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: RESOLUTION - DESIGNATION of QUARTER-CENT (1/4 ¢) CENT SALES TAX PROCEEDS RESOLUTION:

Vice Chairman Bill Memory requested Board approval and adoption of the following Designation of Quarter-Cent (1/4 ¢) Cent Sales Tax Proceeds Resolution.

**DESIGNATION of QUARTER-CENT (1/4 ¢) CENT SALES TAX
PROCEEDS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on the November 4, 2008 Ballot, the citizens of Columbus County will be presented with the opportunity to vote for or against the Quarter-Cent (1/4 ¢) Sales Tax; **and**

WHEREAS, to educate the public concerning the use of proceeds from the sales tax, the designation of these funds are hereby made by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, funds provided to public education is a sound investment in the future of Columbus County and its citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, additional revenue monies to the Columbus County Governmental General Fund provide for the overall economic and financial stability of the County; **and**

WHEREAS, fifty (50%) percent of the Quarter-Cent (1/4 ¢) Sales Tax proceeds shall be hereby designated to Education - Capital Improvements, solely for Columbus County Schools; Whiteville City Schools and/or Southeastern Community College; in percentage amounts to be determined at a later date by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, fifty (50 %) percent of the Quarter-Cent (1/4¢) Sales Tax proceeds shall be designated to improve the Columbus County General Fund Balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the proceeds from the November 4, 2008 sales tax vote by Columbus County Citizens shall be hereby designated as follows:

1. Fifty (50%) percent of the Quarter-Cent (1/4 ¢) Sales Tax proceeds shall be hereby designated to Education - Capital Improvements, solely for Columbus County Schools; Whiteville City Schools and/or Southeastern Community College; in percentage amounts to be determined at a later date by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners; **and**
2. Fifty (50 %) percent of the Quarter-Cent (1/4¢) Sales Tax proceeds shall be designated to improve the Columbus County General Fund Balance.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 7th day of July, 2008.

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

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

Vice Chairman Memory stated the following:

1. If the Quarter-Cent (1/4 ¢) Cent Sales Tax passes in the November 04, 2008 Election, it will generate approximately \$950,000 to \$1 million;
2. We have been informed that we cannot change the wording on the November 04, 2008 Voting Ballot;
3. This amount of money would help our schools with additional funding, and improve the Columbus County General Fund Balance; **and**
4. This Resolution could educate the public on where these funds will be designated for use.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve and adopt the Designation of Quarter-Cent (1/4 ¢) Cent Sales Tax Proceeds Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item \$14: GOVERNING BODY - DISCUSSION of DESIGNATION of VENUS FLY TRAP as COLUMBUS COUNTY OFFICIAL PLANT:

Vice Chairman Memory requested a discussion of the designation of the Venus Fly Trap as the official plant for Columbus County. (This was tabled at the June 02 and June 16, 2008 Meetings.) Vice Chairman Memory stated the following:

1. The Venue Fly Trap is unique to Columbus County, and only grows in a few other places;
2. This is not a flower, it is an insect-eating plant, with a very unique appearance;
3. This could be displayed on our website;

4. I think we should designate the Venus Fly Trap as the official plant for Columbus County; **and**
5. I would like for a Resolution to be prepared and placed on the July 21, 2008 Agenda for discussion and possible adoption.

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

At 7:19 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- A. June 16, 2008 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting; **and**
- B. June 16, 2008 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**).

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Water and Sewer District, respectively.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDERS #1 AND 2 for NAKINA and GUIDEWAY SCHOOLS PROJECT:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval two (2) Change Orders for the Nakina and Guideway Schools Project.

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

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - ESTABLISHMENT of SECOND PUBLIC HEARING for POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDED DOTHAN ROAD SEWER PROJECT:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested the Board to establish July 21, 2008 as the date for the second Public Hearing for possible grant-funded Dothan Road Sewer Project.. A time for the Public Hearing needs to be determined.

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

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

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn the **Combination Meeting** of 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 #18: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested appointments, re-appointments and/or replacements to the following committees/boards.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council	IV	Lois Yoder Dr. Melvin Powell	06-30-2008 06-30-2008	Hold Hold

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors Motion: Commissioner Jacobs Second: Commissioner McKenzie	IV EB	Jim Graham Mitchel R. Tyler (At Large)	06-30-2008 06-30-2008	Re- Appoint Re- Appoint

Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendment:

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	14-4311-512200	Salaries & Wages - SWAT O/T	14,150
	14-4311-518100	FICA	1,081
	14-4311-518200	Retirement	696
	14-4311-518400	401-K Contribution	688
	14-4311-529902	Weapons	1,937
	14-4311-531100	Travel	1,224
	14-4311-531106	Training	2,000
Revenue	14-3431-440003	Drug Funds Appropriated	21,776

B. July 07, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the July 07, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Norris. Vice Chairman Memory presented several questions relative to the number of years being released and the amount of some of the releases. Due to the absence of the Columbus County Tax Administrator, Vice Chairman Memory recommended that the July 07, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases be tabled until an explanation could be given as to the questions that had been presented. Commissioner McKenzie withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Norris withdrew his second.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to table the July 07, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases until an explanation could be given by Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:

Commissioner Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):

Chairman Prevatte stated he had received a letter from David McPherson, Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. McPherson is requesting that the Board appoint a Commissioner to serve on this Committee.

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to table this matter until the July 21, 2008 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

Leroy Sellers (Public Utilities): stated that it took several people to get the paving done for

the parking lot at the Veterans Services Office.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated that we need to obtain the military monument for the Veterans Services Office that was discussed several months ago, and especially since the parking lot has been paved.
2. **Vice Chairman Memory:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like for a Resolution to be placed on the July 21, 2008 Agenda for discussion, and possible approval, to place a referendum on the November 04, 2008 Ballot for non-smoking restaurants and food stands in Columbus County;
 - b. I have discussed this matter with citizens from one side of this county to the other side (private individuals, tobacco growers, businesses, etc.), and they do not have a problem with this; **and**
 - c. We should let the citizens of Columbus County decide.
3. **Commissioner Gore:** stated the following:
 - a. Mr. Clark, you have been trying to find Columbus County some savings on our insurance, and have you been successful? Mr. Clark replied stating he had bid out the General Liability Insurance, the Property Insurance and the Worker's Compensation Insurance, and realized a savings of approximately four hundred and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars;
 - b. When was the last time the banking services was put out to bid to get a better rate?; **and**
 - c. I think we need to continuously bid these services out, at least every three (3) years, to capitalize on our funds.
4. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. I have discussed bidding these services out with Mr. Clark and with Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer;
 - b. I have asked them to do this and have given them the authority to do so; **and**
 - c. The bidding of these services is in process.
5. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - a. I have been contacted by several citizens relative to bidding out our services to get a better rate, and I concur with the earlier statements; **and**
 - b. I would like to see this matter on the July 21, 2008 Agenda.
6. **Commissioner Jacobs:** stated the following:
 - a. We have spread these services out more than people realize; **and**
 - b. There is always room for improvement.

C. County Manager William S. Clark: stated the following:

1. We have a meeting tomorrow, at 2:00 P.M., for a Progress Report with T.A. Loving on the construction in Water District V;
2. We have a meeting with McLamb at 2:30 P.M., for another progress report to hold everyone accountable to make sure our schools open on time with water and sewer;
3. On Thursday, July 10, 2008, we will have a reception for Mr. Hinkle from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. in the Administration Building;
4. On the Methane Recovery Program, the meeting in Raleigh was cancelled until further notice, but I do want to ask Kip to come back and give you a report on the progress that we are making on the Methane Recovery Project;
5. Leo Green, engineer for Water District IV, will be at the July 21, 2008 Board Meeting to present his plan for Water District IV; **and**
6. Water District IV will go out to bid in mid to late August, 2008, and we are hoping to get under construction by November, 2008, and this is about a nine (9) month project.

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

1. We are having a meeting tomorrow night on the Quarter (1/4 ¢) Cent Sales Tax; **and**
2. I need to add to the Closed Session tonight, Personnel - N.C.G.S. § 143-318-11 (6).

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (2) HONORARY AWARD and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 7:43 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (2) Honorary Award and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (2) HONORARY AWARD AND (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:02 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Monday, July 07, 2008

7:19 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

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- A. June 16, 2008 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting; **and**
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Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the above listed Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Norris 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.

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Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDERS #1 and 2 for NAKINA and GUIDEWAY SCHOOLS PROJECT:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval two (2) Change Orders for the Nakina and Guideway Schools Project. Mr. Sellers stated the following:

1. Change Order Number 1 is to establish a line item price for C900 Restrained Joint Pipe;
2. The increase for Change Order Number 1 is \$1,650.00;
3. Change Order Number 2 is for the upgrade of single-phase pumps to three (3) phase and associated electrical;
4. The increase for Change Order Number 2 is \$11,500.00; **and**
5. This is for the sanitary sewer to serve Nakina and Guideway Schools and will involve no

county funds.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve Change Order Number 1, in the amount of \$1,650.00, and Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$11,500.00, for the sanitary sewer to serve Nakina and Guideway Schools, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

A copy of Change Order Number 1 will be marked as Exhibit “B”, and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review. A copy of Change Order Number 2 will be marked as Exhibit “C”, kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - ESTABLISHMENT of SECOND PUBLIC HEARING for POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDED DOTHAN ROAD SEWER PROJECT:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested the Board to establish July 21, 2008 as the date for the second Public Hearing for possible grant-funded Dothan Road Sewer Project. A time for the Public Hearing needs to be determined. Mr. Sellers stated the following:

1. This is the second of the required two (2) Public Hearings to be held; **and**
2. This project is for sewer for thirty (30) houses in the Dothan Community.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to establish July 21, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time, for the second Public Hearing for possible grant-funded Dothan Road Sewer Project, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Norris 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.

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