

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**October 20, 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 their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
 Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the October 20, 2008 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky 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:

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

- A. September 29, 2008 Manufactured Home Park Ordinance Workshop;
- B. October 06, 2008 Re-Districting Workshop; **and**
- C. October 06, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Kipling Godwin:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to introduce Hugh Whalen, Business Developer with Environmental Credit Corporation, who is here tonight and he has an overview of a proposal that he would like to present and will bring back a final copy for your consideration, hopefully at the next meeting;
 - B. I would like to introduce Stan Steury from Appalachian State University Energy Center; **and**
 - C. I will turn this over to Hugh Whalen for his presentation.
2. **Hugh Whalen (Environmental Credit Corporation):** stated the following:
 - A. We are funded out of Europe;
 - B. We specialize in agriculture and agricultural products;
 - C. We have three (3) projects in North Carolina;
 - D. We have two (2) landfills through a non-profit organization;
 - E. We came across Columbus County through Appalachian State University and was asked to do a bid on the carbon credits at the closed Columbus County Landfill;
 - F. As part of the bid, we were asked to pay for the installation purchase of equipment for a gas collection system;
 - G. For Columbus County, we will pay for the following:
 1. All necessary monitoring and measuring equipment;
 2. Monthly servicing of that collection system;
 3. Any major maintenance of the system; **and**

4. Hold insurance on the system;
- H. We will share revenues with the County from day one with the carbon credits;
- I. When our capital costs have been paid, we would increase the share of revenue that Columbus County receives;
- J. We do have some things that we hope that Columbus County would be responsible for and I will go into these in more detail at a later stage;
- K. In terms of the gas, the gas collection system generates a significant volume of gas which can be used for beneficial use;
- L. We, the company, focus on carbon credits and we have no use for that gas, we don't want anything for it, but what we do ask is that if you do use the gas for some productive purpose, we sit down and negotiate in good faith and that we be compensated for the additional risks that is being incurred by us. (For example: if you use the gas for electricity purposes, and that electricity generation went down, we don't want to be combusted for a short period of time.)
- M. Our only revenue through this program is carbon credits;
- N. There is additional risk, if you use the gas, and I have got a clause in the contract here basically says not to exceed an amount which we will negotiate. The amount is no more than ten (10%) percent of the pipeline value of the gas. We will ask and negotiate that in good faith;
- O. Essentially, we will install the gas collection system and what you want to do with the gas is up to you. We hope that you use it because that means the partnership that you are interested in keeping the gas collection system up-to-date, and we are interested in because our revenue comes from carbon credits which we will share with you.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Whalen what were the additional responsibilities that the County would be responsible for. Mr. Whalen replied stating the following:

1. The installation of the electricity line to the site;
2. The cost of the electricity at the site;
3. Disposal of refuse generated at the site;
4. Storage removal of the condensate **and**
5. Ongoing daily monitoring of the system.

Mr. Whalen stated what we have tried to do is to take as many of the costs away from the County as possible, we cover all costs of the risks, we cover all costs in terms of the monetary costs of the carbon credits.

Kipling Godwin stated that he would submit a request to be placed on the November 03, 2008 Agenda at which time they would supply more details.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - UPDATED INFORMATION on STATE'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM and LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY (LME):

Sharen Prevatte, Area Director and CEO of Southeastern Regional Mental Health, presented the following updated information on the State's Mental Health System and Local Management Entity (LME):

1. Mental Health Reform has been highly publicized over the last few years, and has been problematic in trying to get stable and trying to get implemented all the things that we are changing;
2. I believe we are beginning to get to the point where stability is happening;
3. LME is Local Management Entity;
4. A few years ago you had a facility located at the Health Department and that was the primary provider of mental health services, and then Mental Health Reform basically said that those services had to be given to private providers, and that we, as the former area program, was to do the management side of it;
5. That management entails screening from any source, clinicians are on call around the clock and year round, and they can set up appointments while the person is on the telephone, based on the need presented;
6. In addition to that, we offer state-wide dollars;
7. We offer coordination, work with care providers, and monitoring;
8. We have a Customer Service Division which handles good and bad comments of the service being provided, Client's Rights and working with Consumer and Family Advocacy Groups

(CFAG);

9. The chairman of the CFAG serves on our area board and he is my boss, James E. Prevatte, Kipling Godwin, Fredica Stell, Frank Carroll and Bill Herring;
10. Collaboration with other agencies is a major part;
11. We have a Crisis Intervention Team which is strictly for Law Enforcement;
12. We have programs for geriatric patients;
13. We have youth villages;
14. Columbus County Statistical Data:
-07/01/08 to 09/30/08 268 consumers from Columbus County screened for appointments with Providers for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services by our triage staff;

-In Columbus County, there are 60 endorsed providers with physical sites to do services;

-68 Clinical home providers in the SRMHC catchment areas which cover Bladen, Columbus Robeson and Scotland Counties.

-July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 5 Admissions and 10 discharges to State Operated Facilities;
40 Admissions from Columbus County to the Psychiatric Inpatient Unit at Southeastern Regional Medical Center;

-Southeastern Regional Mobile Crisis Team served 29 consumers from Columbus County from July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008; **and**

-Providers in Columbus County had a total of 82 new admissions for services from July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into PUBLIC HEARING:

At 7:00 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing: Contracting to Make Cash Grant to a North Carolina Based Company: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed appropriation and expenditure of funds for the Project River incentive grant.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Prevatte opened the duly called for and duly advertised Public Hearing, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments on contracting to make a cash grant to Project River. I am requesting that Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, explain to the public what this project is.

Mr. Smith stated the following:

1. This company is Atlantic Automotive Enterprises which is presently based in Longs, South Carolina;
2. They will provide twenty-three (23) jobs over a period of three (3) years;
3. They will move to a location in Tabor City;
4. This is a five hundred sixty thousand and 00/100 (\$560,000.00) dollars investment;
5. This company is an automotive parts remanufacturer who specializes in steering and hydraulic components;
6. This incentive grant will be performance based; **and**
7. I would like to thank Petina Cox, Promotions Director for the Town of Tabor City, for her help with this project.

No public comments were received, either oral or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 7:03 P.M., there being no further comments or questions, Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously

passed.

Agenda Item #7: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - APPROVAL of CHAIRMAN or MANAGER to SIGN CONTRACTS, and AUTHORIZATION for FIDUCIARY REPRESENTATION of COUNTY DIRECTOR in MANAGEMENT of COUNTY RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS:

Jackie Roseboro, County Extension Director, requested Board approval to award to the County Extension Director limited delegation of co-signature authority for program delivery on contracts made to Columbus County, as well as authorization for fiduciary representation of County Director in management of County resource allocations for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Columbus County. Ms. Roseboro stated the following:

1. County Extension Directors sign agreements with various agencies, and most of these agreements fall under the auspices of Memorandums of Understanding;
2. Over the recent years, Extension has gotten into writing grants and some of those grants have entailed employing people, and the questions arose as to whose employee was this;
3. We have a committee that is a Government Partnership Group that is made up of County Managers, State Extension people from State and A&T, and the four (4) County Extension Directors;
4. We came up with a document that spells out what the County will do and what the State will do relative to fiduciary items as well as personnel items;
5. This basically gives the County Extension Director the authority to sign those kinds of agreements; **and**
6. Most of these agreements in Columbus County are Memorandums of Understanding.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve to award to the County Extension Director limited delegation of co-signature authority for program delivery on contracts made to Columbus County, as well as authorization for fiduciary representation of County Director in management of County resource allocations for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: HUD - APPROVAL of UTILITY ALLOWANCE SHEET and RESOLUTION:

NaTonya Hassell, HUD Executive Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution 2008-01, Establishing a Utility Allowance Resolution for use in the Administration of the Columbus County Public Housing Agency Program Effective November 2008

ESTABLISHING A UTILITY ALLOWANCE RESOLUTION FOR USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PROGRAM EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2008

Resolution 2008-01

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Public Housing Agency, of Columbus County, North Carolina may annually adjust the Utility Allowance Schedule used in the Housing Choice Voucher Program to compute tenant rent portions and housing assistance payments; **and**

WHEREAS, the current Columbus County Public Housing Agency allowance has increased by 10 percent in the past year; **and**

WHEREAS, we have identified limitation in the analysis that lead to the adoption of the current allowance; **and**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT by the Columbus County Public Housing Agency that a revised Utility Allowances Schedule is hereby established for the Housing Choice Voucher Program attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, effective November 01, 2008.

ADOPTED this the 10-20-2008 by Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

William S. Clark, County Manager, in the absence of Natonya Hassell, stated the following:

1. At present, we are using the 2006 utility allowance;
2. We need to upgrade since this information is outdated; **and**
3. David Sims and Associates out of Wilmington did a study on these rates and are recommending the attached rates.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-01, Establishing a Utility Allowance Resolution for use in the Administration of the Columbus County Public Housing Agency Program Effective November 2008, and Utility Allowance Sheets as prepared by David Sims and Associates, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. This information will be marked as Exhibit "A" and will be kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 3, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for review.

Agenda Item #9: VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE DISTRICT PROGRAM (VAD) - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING for the VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE DISTRICT ORDINANCE and APPROVAL of VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE DISTRICT ORDINANCE, on its SECOND READING:

Edward Davis, Director of Soil and Water Conservation, requested the Board to establish a Public Hearing for November 03, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. for the Voluntary Agriculture District Ordinance.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to establish November 03, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the Voluntary Agriculture District Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of INCENTIVE GRANT for PROJECT RIVER:

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Incentive Grant for Project River. (The required Public Hearing was conducted at 7:00 P.M. on this date.)

Project River

Investment: \$560,000 23 Jobs
County Tax Rate: 0.815

Tax Year	Taxes Pd on \$1 M Investment	Percentage	Grant Amount
1	\$4,564	85%	\$3,879.40
2	\$4,564	80%	\$3,651.20
3	\$4,564	75%	\$3,423.00
4	\$4,564	70%	\$3,194.00
5	\$4,564	70%	\$3,194.80
Year Period	\$22,820	76%	\$17,343.20

*This hypothetical does not include depreciation of the equipment, which will affect the property taxes paid and incentives grant awarded.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the above listed incentive grant for Project River, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: FIRE MARSHAL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Shannon Blackmon, Acting Fire Marshal, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. The Fire Marshal's Office has been very busy this year;
2. We have handled one hundred forty-six (146) calls this year as follows:
 - A. 69 Structure Fires
 - B. 10 Vehicle Fires

- C. 7 Grass Fires
- D. 60 Illegal Burns
- 3. Seventy-six (76) civil citations have been issued, forty-three (43) warnings have been issued, a total of one hundred nineteen (119) citations issued for the year;
- 4. Sixty (60) citations have been paid and we have criminal summons issued now for citations that have not been paid;
- 5. We have had six (6) arrests for arson cases this year, with three (3) cases pending;
- 6. For the year 2007, the department responded to forty (40) calls (twenty-four (24) structure fires, fifteen (15) illegal burns and one (1) vehicle fire for us to investigate);
- 7. In 2006, there were only twenty-two (22) calls that were investigated;
- 8. There have been two hundred three (203) fire inspections done in the county this year, excluding schools;
- 9. Schools have to be inspected twice each year;
- 10. Currently we are working on a system to notify businesses and churches and tell them when we need to do a fire inspection if we are unable to get in contact with anyone;
- 11. We are working with two (2) daycares in the county that were allowed to open under previous rules that were not in compliance with the fire alarm systems, and I have been working with childcare development;
- 12. I am working with a boat manufacturer that is currently not in compliance with the North Carolina Fire Codes;
- 13. I am currently working with the contractors on the plans for the fuel farm being installed at the Airport;
- 14. I am working on new projects, with five (5) sets of plans just received;
- 15. Working on trying to help teach the daycares about fire safety;
- 16. Working on a project to help educate the senior citizens about house fires;
- 17. Working with the new project at the Industrial Park, the burrito manufacturing company.

Agenda Item #12: POLICY - APPROVAL OF IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION POLICY:

Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, requested Board approval of the Identity Theft Prevention Policy, on its second reading. The first reading was held at the October 06, 2008 Board Meeting. The contents of this document will be listed in the October 06, 2008 Minutes.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the Identity Theft Prevention Policy, on its second reading, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: POLICY - PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING ASSISTANCE FUNDS RECIPIENTS:

Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, requested Board approval of the Procedure for Monitoring Assistance Funds Recipients Policy, on its second reading. The first reading was held at the October 06, 2008 Board Meeting. The contents of this document will be listed in the October 06, 2008 Regular Session Board Minutes.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Procedure for Monitoring Assistance Funds Recipients Policy, on its second reading, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: PLANNING BOARD - REQUEST FOR THE REMAND OF DRAFT MANUFACTURED HOME PARK ORDINANCE BACK TO PLANNING BOARD:

Don Eggert, Interim County Planner, requested the Board to remand the draft Manufactured Home Park Ordinance back to the Planning Board for consideration. William S. Clark, County Manager, stated this is a request from the Columbus County Planning Board that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners officially ask the Planning Board to continue to work on the Manufactured Home Park Ordinance.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to remand the draft Manufactured Home Park Ordinance back to the Columbus County Planning Board for consideration, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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 7:33 P.M., Commissioner Norris 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:

October 06, 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 district, respectively.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL OF SEWER FEES:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, and Carmela Williams, Office Manager, are requesting Board approval of the sewer fees that Columbus County will charge customers.

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 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 #17: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Bicentennial Committee	IV	Rob Cross	N/A	HOLD
Whiteville (City of) Planning and Zoning Board (Outside City) MOTION: Memory SECOND: Norris	EB	Tom Ray	08-01-2010	TABLE

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-4310-526001	Dept Supplies	1,000
Revenue	10-3431-440035	Grants - Good Shepherd Home	1,000
Expenditure	10-5302-519922	Adult Day Care	1,582
Revenue	10-3530-430072	Social Services Block Grant	1,582
Expenditure	14-4311-598000	Transfer to General Fund	31,759

	10-4310-440035	Dept Supplies	31,759
Revenue	10-3431-440035	Grants	31,759
	14-3431-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	31,759
Expenditure	10-4960-550000	Capital Outlay	7,000
Revenue	10-3496-499110	No-Till Drill Account	7,000
Expenditure	10-5170-526007	WIC Misc Client Services	5,506
	10-5170-531104	WIC Travel Client Services	5000
Revenue	10-3510-430055	WIC Revenue	10,506

B. September 15, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases:

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

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
October 20, 2008**

Refunds Name: Strickland, Harry R. Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 004 Account # 16-14480 Bill # 20554 Total \$177.00
 Refund the user fee. There has never been a trash can at the shop.
 779 Page Mill Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

Refunds Name: Strickland, Harry R. Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 005 Account # 16-14480 Bill # 24709 Total \$177.00
 Refund the user fee. There has never been a trash can at the shop.
 779 Page Mill Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

Refunds Name: Strickland, Harry R. Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 006 Account # 16-14480 Bill # 56006 Total \$193.00
 Refund the user fee. There has never been a trash can at the shop.
 779 Page Mill Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

Refunds Name: Strickland, Harry R. Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 16-14480 Bill # 76537 Total \$193.00
 Refund the user fee. There has never been a trash can at the shop.
 779 Page Mill Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

Refunds Name: Strickland, Harry R. Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 16-14480 Bill # 84886 Total \$200.00
 Refund the user fee. There has never been a trash can at the shop.
 779 Page Mill Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
October 20, 2008**

Release the Property Value in the name of Brewer, Elizabeth Amount: \$163.82
 Value: \$20,100.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-01056 Bill # 9056 Total \$167.84
 Release a portion of the property value and a portion of the Columbus Rescue. Billed with incorrect value on boat.

Release the Property Value in the name of Dubar, Marva Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-12409 Bill # 5630 Total \$12.39
 Release the 2% discount not absorbed by computer.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hayes, James D. Amount: \$358.60
 Value: \$44,000.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-38440 Bill # 3465 Total \$447.48
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Brunswick Fire (30.08) and a portion of Whiteville Rescue (8.80). House is only 35% complete.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Lois V. Amount: \$297.48
 Value: \$36,500.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-07560 Bill # 7071 Total \$533.98
 Release the value of a double wide, the Welches Creek Fire (29.20) and Whiteville Rescue (7.30). This home does not exist.

Release the Property Value in the name of King, Deanna Amount: \$75.80
 Value: \$9,300.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-09967 Bill # 8026 Total \$285.10
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Nakina Fire (7.44) and Columbus Rescue (1.86). The home is double listed in the name of James T. Elderdice.

Release the Property Value in the name of Nance, Teresa Amount: \$30.64
 Value: \$3,760.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-28999 Bill # 4455 Total \$240.05
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (2.63), the Columbus Rescue (.75) and W2 (2.63). The home is double listed in the name of William Strickland.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Hartford T. Amount: \$16.76
 Value: \$2,057.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-20847 Bill # 2177 Total \$211.61
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (1.44) and Whiteville Rescue (.41). The home was junked and sold to Gracie White.

Release the Property Value in the name of Sellers, Hartford T. Amount: \$27.38
 Value: \$3,360.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-20847 Bill # 0564 Total \$230.40
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (2.35) and Whiteville Rescue (.67). The home was junked and sold to Gracie White.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Terry Amount: \$409.95
 Value: \$50,300.00 Year: 2007 Account # 07-15561 Bill # 4390 Total \$653.25
 Release the value of a double wide, the Nakina Fire (40.24) and Columbus Rescue (10.06). The home was repossessed and moved to S. C.

Release the Property Value in the name of Smith, Terry Amount: \$409.95
 Value: \$50,300.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-15561 Bill # 2788 Total \$660.25
 Release the value of a double wide, the Nakina Fire (40.24) and Columbus Rescue (10.06). The home was repossessed and moved to S.C.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williams, Ulysses Amount: \$15.49
 Value: \$1,900.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-29740 Bill # 0463 Total \$20.87
 Release the property value, the Evergreen Fire (5.00) and the Columbus Rescue (.38). This is a family cemetery and should be exempt.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, James Amount: \$301.55
 Value: \$37,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-30941 Bill # 2394 Total \$572.25
 Release the value of a double wide, the Cerro Gordo Fire (37.00), the Columbus Rescue (7.40) and W2 (33.30). The home is double listed in the name of Larry Hinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, James Amount: \$301.55
 Value: \$37,000.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-30941 Bill # 0722 Total \$571.85
 Release the value of a double wide, the Cerro Gordo Fire (37.00), Columbus Rescue (7.40) and W2 (25.90). The home is double listed in the name of Larry Hinson.

Release the Property Value in the name of Woolard, J.L. Amount: \$14.67
 Value: \$1,800.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-40020 Bill # 1245 Total \$17.19
 Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (2.16) and Columbus Rescue (.36). This is a cemetery and should be exempt.

Release the User Fee in the name of Angle, Danny Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-04317 Bill # 5779 Total \$100.00
 Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Arthur Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-00680 Bill # 6959 Total \$200.00
 Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant and trash can has been picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bellamy, Leon Amount: \$0.00

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Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-04435 Bill # 7493	Total	\$66.68
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Bozeman, Roscoe	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-02085 Bill # 8913	Total	\$50.01
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Cape Fear Baptist Church	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 18-00133 Bill # 2037	Total	\$66.68
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Dubar, Flecksie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-12423 Bill # 5625	Total	\$196.06
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hewett, Jerry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-01509 Bill # 4058	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. Customer should be totally exempt.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Reta E.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05734 Bill # 4790	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler at the shop.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ivey, Sylvester (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-11775 Bill # 6023	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, William K.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-12419 Bill # 7544	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Larrimore, Richie (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-16643 Bill # 0570	Total	\$193.00
Release the user fee. There is no trash can at the shop.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Larrimore, Richie (Heirs)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-16643 Bill # 8653	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. There is no trash can at the shop.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Catherine	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 05-03663 Bill # 9019	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. This is a vacant lot now and the trash can has been picked up.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Allene L.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-01517 Bill # 9701	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Henry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-23460 Bill # 9849	Total	\$200.00
Release one of two user fees. The mobile home is used for storage.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Peterson, D. J.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-05122 Bill # 6311	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. Mobile home is vacant and does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Ransom, Herbert (Deceased)	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 05-05442 Bill # 8169	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. Mobile home is vacant and does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Sarvis, Danny R.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-03625 Bill # 0009	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Small, Tommy	Amount:	\$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-14903 Bill # 1979 Total \$200.00
Release the user fee. The mobile home has not been set up yet. There is no trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Lorie Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-36530 Bill # 4310 Total \$200.00
Release the user fee, House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stubbs, Gaston Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-26439 Bill # 5145 Total \$200.00
Release the user fee. Mobile home is vacant, has no trash can. The home is now in the name of Melvin Gaston Stubbs.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, Rhonda W. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-00902 Bill # 8605 Total \$83.35
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Worley, Roger D. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-34600 Bill # 1413 Total \$200.00
Release the user fee. The house is vacant and the trash can picked up.

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

Justin Smith (Economic Development): stated the following:

1. I have been informed about the boat manufacturer in the Delco area being out of compliance, and I have shown this company three (3) other buildings in the county, two (2) of which have sprinkler systems and could potentially house their needs, and we have spoken to staff members of various agencies about possibly getting some grant funds to upfit their building ; **and**
2. I worked with the Rapid Response Team from Raleigh on Friday at Georgia Pacific meeting with management there, and starting next week, agencies will be meeting with small groups of those employees, staff from Employment Security Commission and staff from Southeastern Community College trying to get them on benefits, get them retrained, and places for them to go to jobs.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** I would like to thank Leroy Sellers and the Health Department for the mosquito spraying.
2. **Vice Chairman Memory:** I would like to encourage everyone to get out and vote.
3. **Commissioner Gore:** I would like to ask Leroy Sellers if we have a different security deposit on the water lines for homeowners and renters. Mr. Sellers replied stating no we do not. We were returning the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars deposit after one (1) year of service if the account was in good stranding, but when Leo Hunt was here, he changed the return of the deposit to at the end of service.

After a lengthy discussion relative to the benefits of changing the time frame of the return of the deposit which would be for all five (5) water districts, it was the general consensus of the Board for William S. Clark, County Manager, to discuss this matter with Leroy Sellers and bring this information back to the Board.

4. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like to thank Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, for the letter he sent to Georgia Pacific asking if there was anything the County could do to help keep the plant open.
5. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to comment about a memorandum that I received today from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in reference to the

national and state economic outlook and what we see, according to their forecast, for the next time period;

- B. Sales tax will be decreasing because people do not have the money to spend, therefore the State budget will be affected, in addition to County budgets;
- C. Statewide, the unemployment rate has jumped to seven (7%) percent;
- D. There is information relative to the impact on the County;
- E. As jobs are decreasing, there will a greater demand on the public services;
- F. Several agencies have been asked to de-obligate their funds;
- G. Some counties have already implemented cuts on their budgets and restrictions on travel;
- H. The State has placed restrictions on travel;
- I. It is time for Columbus County to start looking at some of these measures;
- J. These financial conditions are widespread and needs to be took under careful consideration.

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:

- 1. The Personnel Committee continues to meet and we are going through the Personnel Handbook section by section; **and**
- 2. The Bicentennial Celebration is scheduled for November 22, 2008, Saturday, starting at 10:00 A.M., with a parade, there will a lot of festivities at the Fairgrounds, the committee has been working hard and I hope we can all get out and celebrate our two-hundredth (200th) birthday.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (1) and (3):

At 8:09 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (1) and (3), seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. (Five (5) minute recess)

Agenda Item #20: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (1) and (3):

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:52 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:

APPROVAL and OPENING of CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

- 1. The Board reviewed and approved, **in total**, the General Accounts of the Closed Sessions for 2004; **and**
- 2. In response to a Public Records Request, and with waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege, only to the extent of the released documents, the Board released, with informed consent, wholly or in part, the General Accounts of the following Closed Sessions:

January 05, 2004	February 02, 2004	February 16, 2004
April 05, 2004	May 03, 2004	May 17, 2004
June 07, 2004	July 06, 2004	August 02, 2004
September 07, 2004	October 18, 2004	December 06, 2004.

COMMENT by COMMISSIONER BULLARD:

Commissioner Bullard stated that I would like to state on record that I support all of these Closed Session Minutes being released , but I also expressed my feelings in Closed Session that there were other Closed Session Minutes that would not be frustrating to the purpose.

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:57 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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7:33 P.M.

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COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Sammie Jacobs

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the October 06, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Minutes of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL OF SEWER FEES:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, and Carmela Williams, Office Manager, are requesting Board approval of the following sewer fees that Columbus County will charge customers:

1. \$40.00 Inspection Fee
2. \$40.00 New Account Fee
3. \$50.00 Security Deposit on Account for homeowners
4. \$75.00 Security Deposit on Account for renters
5. \$2.00 Administration Fee.

Mr. Sellers stated the following:

1. The fees for Grand Strand have already been approved;
2. We have met and tried to get these two (2) fees worked into the system of which we have not attached these fees to the bills yet;
3. Basically, the only fees the county is adding to this is their electrical inspection fee, and it is a forty and 00/100 (\$40.00) dollars fee, and a two and 00/100 (\$2.00) dollars Administrative Fee;
4. The remaining fees are deposit fees, homeowners' deposit fees are less than renters, and those deposits will go to Grand Strand and be reverted back to the homeowners when they leave the system;
5. The Administrative Fee will be charged on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the sewer fees Columbus County will charge customers, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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