

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, January 22, 2009

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 Thursday, this being due to inclement weather on the third Tuesday, January 22, 2009, the third Monday being a legal holiday, and the meeting being re-scheduled.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Giles E. Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

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 January 22, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard.

ADJUSTMENT to JANUARY 22, 2009 AGENDA:

Chairman Prevatte stated due to a request by Sheriff Christopher Batten, we need to adjust the January 22, 2009 Agenda. I am recommending that Item Number 9 be moved to Item Number 11, and Item Number 11 be moved to Item Number 9.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to move Agenda Item Number 11 to Agenda Item Number 9, and to move Agenda Item Number 9 to Agenda Item Number 11, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for Public Input. There was no public input.

Agenda Item #6: CDBG - SSH GRANT # 08-C-1819 - APPROVAL of STATE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval of the following twelve (12) documents that are State required, for the CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant Number 08-C-1819:

1. Grant Project Ordinance;
2. 519 Resolution - Debarment from Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations;
3. Flood Plain Certification;
4. Signatory Card;
5. Citizen Participation Plan;
6. Section 3 Plan;
7. EEO and Procurement Plan;
8. Section 504 Compliance/Grievance Procedure;
9. Performance Based Contract;

- 10. Anti-Displacement Plan;
- 11. Certification of Administrator; **and**
- 12. Certification of Regarding Debarment.

Mr. Adams stated the following:

- 1. These documents are routine documents; **and**
- 2. They are grant specific and state requirements.

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
2008 CDBG PROGRAM
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Community Development project described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement # 08-C-1819 between this unit and the Department of Commerce. This project is more familiarly known as the Columbus County 2008 Community Development Project.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Community Development Grant		\$400,000.00
	TOTAL	\$400,000.00

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

C-1 Clearance		\$ 27,000.00
C-1 Relocation		273,000.00
C-1 Rehabilitation		53,000.00
C-1Planning		7,000.00
C-1Administration		40,000.00
	TOTAL	\$400,000.00

Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Funds for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7. The finance officer is directed to report annually on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 9. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2009 .

/s/ **James Prevatte, Chairman**

Attested By:

/s/ **June B. Hall**

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the twelve (12) documents as listed above for the CDBG - SSH Grant Number 08-C-1819, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. The remaining eleven (11) documents will be marked as Exhibit "A" through Exhibit "K" and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

Agenda Item #7: LANDFILL METHANE GAS PROJECT - UPDATE:

Hugh Whalen, Environmental Credit Corporation, and Kipling Godwin, Project Manager, requested Board approval of the Landfill Gas Collection and Control Services Agreement. (This matter was tabled at the November 03, 2008 Meeting, the December 01, 2008 Meeting and the January 05, 2009 Meeting.) In Mr. Godwin's stead, Chairman Prevatte requested that Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, to deliver any updates that have happened since that time. Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, stated the following:

1. There were two (2) issues brought up at the last meeting where this matter was discussed;
2. The issue relative to North Carolina General Statute § 22B-2, has been discussed with Mr. Whalen, and it is his contention that anything Environmental Credit Corporation places on the site will not be considered permanent improvements, because they can be readily removed;
3. This statute will not apply due to the temporary nature of ECC's landfill gas system;
4. The second issue relative to the contract being in accordance to the laws of the State of New York, he is stating the following:
 - a. Any lawsuit potentially between Environmental Credit Corporation and Columbus County will be agreed to by the parties to be heard in an appropriate Federal District Court as filed by the Plaintiff in the lawsuit, is my understanding of his discussion with me, presumably this will be either a Federal District Court in North Carolina or New York; **and**
 - b. If ECC sues Columbus County, then either party would have the opportunity to challenge venue under Federal law, is my understanding of what Mr. Whalen has said;
5. In that regard, subject to the two (2) changes to the contract that the Board may wish to consider; I think that would be fairly appropriate, in my personal opinion.

Vice Chairman Bullard expressed concerns about the stated cost to Columbus County being eight thousand, five hundred, and 00/100 (\$8,500.00) dollars. Discussion was conducted and discovery was made that Public Utilities was to check into the details of what this cost entailed.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Fowler if Columbus County enters into a contract with Environmental Credit Corporation, would we be in violation of NCGS § 22B-2. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. Let me just tell you what Mr. Whalen has told me;
2. It is my understanding that the word improvement, as defined by NCGS § 22C-3 is defined as to build or erect on a permanent basis, and Mr. Whalen is stating, and I do not know that for a fact, but he is stating that all these things there will be readily movable and not a permanent concrete type matter on the grounds.
3. Mr. Whalen is stating that he has discussed this with his attorney and he is conveying this information back to my office;
4. From my understanding, the term improvement means a permanent improvement to the property according to Mr. Whalen's definition, if that seems to be true, and that is the business of landfill gas, then all these items would be readily movable;
5. This relates to the business of landfill gas, and according to the information we have been provided, everything would be readily movable.

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

- AYES:** Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris;
and
NAYS: Commissioners Byrd and Gore.

The motion passes on a five (5) to two (2) vote. Due to the length of the Landfill Gas Collection and Control Services Agreement (33 Pages), this document will be marked as Exhibit "L" and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

Agenda Item #8: COLUMBUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP for CHILDREN - PRESENTATION of RESOURCE GUIDE:

Selena Rowell and Teresa Triplett, Southeastern Community College, presented a copy of the Columbus County Resource Guide to Chairman Prevatte. Ms. Triplett stated the following:

1. We do appreciate you putting us as a link to the County website so we can electronically update this information;
2. It will not cost us as much to update in the future as it has in the past;

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3. I would like to tell you, on behalf of all the citizens who now probably are looking for services than ever before, it is great that you would allow us to do that; **and**
4. It is a part of Discover Columbus Project, a program for North Carolina.

Agenda Item #9: SHERIFF - PERMISSION to ACCEPT GRANT through GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY TRAFFIC TEAM:

Sheriff Batten requested permission to accept a grant through the Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Team. Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. I have with me tonight two (2) representatives from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, Darryl Jernigan and Greg Moss;
2. Sergeant Stroud, the team leader of the Traffic Team in Sampson County, is present, and this program was initiated in Sampson County in 2005;
3. From the Columbus County Sheriff's Department, Martin Lewis, the statistics keeper for the Governor's Highway Safety Program, is also present;
4. I tried to initiate this program approximately four or five years ago with sixteen (16) members and a traffic team of six (6) by approaching Administration;
5. I was informed by Administration that it was not the time to be doing this;
6. I approached Administration once more about this program and was informed again that it was not the time to be doing this.
7. We would like to establish this team to do the following:
 - a. Educating the public;
 - b. Educating our school children;
 - c. The average seatbelt use is only sixty-eight (68%) percent; **and**
 - d. In 2008, in Columbus County, twenty-five (25) people lost their lives and out of this number of fatalities, nine (9) people were ejected from the vehicle from not wearing their seat belts;
8. After we passed two (2) opportunities to receive this grant, I decided to approach the County Commissioners with this information; **and**
9. In 2007, we did an experimental program on our own which proved to be very productive, but due to insufficient staff, I was forced to abort this program and place these employees back in their usual positions.

Darryl Jernigan, Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Program, stated the following:

1. Columbus County has a problem with alcohol-related traffic fatalities;
2. From the statistics in the handouts, you can see Columbus County has ranked second or third in the State in crashes and crash-related fatalities from 2004 and 2007;
3. Based on this ranking, it is apparent that Columbus County has a problem that needs to be addressed;
4. The average annual cost for a crash is \$116,723,700;
5. Since Sampson County initiated this program, their average annual crash cost went down twelve (12%) percent, and all other related costs went down;
6. In Sampson County, their fatal crash rate went down thirty-two (32%) percent and their alcohol related crashes went down eight and one-half (8 ½) percent;
7. There is an economic impact that effective Traffic Safety can have on your county or municipality;
8. What we do with the Governor's Highway Safety Program is we administer federal grant monies and the concept contract the Sheriff passed around shows you the amount of federal dollars versus your contribution to the program;
9. We pay federal dollars in the following percentages:
 - a. Eighty-five (85%) percent the first year;
 - b. Seventy (70%) percent the second year;
 - c. Fifty (50%) percent the third year;
 - d. By the fourth year, we would hope Columbus County would recognize this as being effective enough to continue and expand; **and**
10. This is a reimbursement process which means the County would spend the dollars up-front and be reimbursed.

Commissioner Gore asked if a large percentage of the crashes that we are experiencing was a result of Hispanic drivers. Sheriff Batten replied stating that the culture in Mexico is quite different and an organization so entitled "El Pueblo" was established to educate the Hispanics about the dangers and results of crashes and alcohol-related crashes.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Sheriff Batten if additional personnel would be needed for this program. Sheriff Batten replied stating he would need to hire two (2) additional people for this program.

Sergeant Stroud from Sampson County stated the following:

1. We are out from under the grant with the Governor's Highway Safety Program;
2. This program has been phenomenal for Sampson County;
3. Our crash rates have come down;
4. We have been in operation since 2005 and we have an approval rate of eighty-nine (89%) percent from the citizens of Sampson County;
5. The name of our team is the Highway Enforcement Awareness Team;
6. The awareness is our most important aspect and I think that is what keeps us running today;
7. On the traffic side of this, we, six (6) guys have accomplished the following:
 - a. Took 230 impaired drivers off the road;
 - b. Cited over 1500 driving while license revoked;
 - c. Over 2,000 with no operators license;
 - d. Had over 500 alcohol violations;
 - e. Over 500 no insurance;
 - f. Over 1800 Registration violations;
8. While performing these traffic sites, we are getting misdemeanor drug charges as follows:
 - a. Over 450 misdemeanor drug charges with 200 felony drug charges;
 - b. Seized 76 firearms
 - c. Recovered 12 stolen vehicles;
 - d. Located 146 fugitives;
 - e. We have took 1,063 service calls and solved almost 292 of our cases on breaking and entering because we target high-crime areas;
9. We don't do the Highway Parol's job, we supplement;
10. This is proactive law enforcement;
11. During all these traffic stops, this is the one (1) thing that really hit home with our Commissioners in these three (3) years:
 - a. We seized \$375,000;
 - b. We seized 56 pounds of marijuana; **and**
 - c. We sized 461.6 pounds of cocaine;
12. Eighty (80%) percent of this money comes back to the Sheriff's Department; **and**
13. This program is very effective.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked Sheriff Batten if he could create enough money in the first year to pay for the match to this grant. Sheriff Batten replied stating I am optimistic to say that we have enough drugs in the heavily traveled beach areas that we could fund a portion of the match.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked what would happen if we decided not to continue the program after two (2) years. Mr. Jernigan replied stating there were two (2) options as follows:

1. The County could return all the equipment, excepting uniforms, and we could give this equipment to another agency in the state; or
2. The County could purchase the equipment at the remaining useful life of that equipment;
3. This will be a pro-rated purchase; **and**
4. This is a three (3) year contract and is renewed every year due to the match changing.

Chairman Prevatte asked William S. Clark, County Manager, what his opinion was of this program. Mr. Clark replied stating the following:

1. I think it would be great for the County;
2. We do not have the money in this year's budget; **and**
3. Is this something we could possibly budget for starting July 1, 2008?

Mr. Jernigan replied to this question by stating the following:

1. From a money standpoint, we could go ahead and fund this;
2. Our contract period runs from October 1st to September 30th; **and**
3. Most of our contracts begin on October 1st.

Commissioner Gore asked if we could increase the number of personnel as the grant progresses. Mr. Jernigan replied stating yes the personnel could be increased.

Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF - PERMISSION TO PARTNER WITH BLADEN COUNTY ON PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Sheriff Batten requested Board approval to partner with Bladen County on the Project Safe Neighborhood. Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. We would like to make you aware of this program that we are working on;
2. Sheriff Bunn and I have been working on this for over a year;
3. I have with me tonight Larry Guyton who is a Lieutenant with the Bladen County Sheriff's Department;
4. We have a lot of activities that cross over between the Bladen County line and the Columbus County line;
5. This is a grant called Project Safe Neighborhood with the U.S. Attorney's Office;
6. We applied for this grant and have already received it;
7. Bladen County has created the position for Larry to work in as an employee for the Project Safe Neighborhood as a grant coordinator;
8. We will be doing community involvement activities by going throughout the communities and educating the community on how to provide safe communities;
9. Larry will be working as our gun tracer here in Columbus County and in Bladen County;
10. This year's grant is for \$34,000 - \$35,000 for his portion of the salary and a small educational portion, and we are going to renew, and we will probably get a significant amount of more funds to start our community awareness program;
11. At the present time, he is just getting the ground work set and getting started with it.

Larry Guyton, Lieutenant with Bladen County, stated the following:

1. The concept behind Project Safe Neighborhood is, it is a Federal program;
2. This program has been ongoing for ten (10) years;
3. It is targeted at repeat offenders, felons with firearms;
4. Illegal aliens with firearms;
5. Anyone who falls under the Federal No Firearms Restrictions who are your felons, habitual felons, armed career criminals, people that are under domestic violence orders, and other Federal criteria that the State does not have;
6. The aim of this is to push as many State level cases to Federal Court as we can because in Federal Court and the Federal Prison System, there is not parole, you pull your time;
7. I am a sworn Special Deputy of the United States Marshall enabling me to take cases from Bladen and Columbus County;
8. Once we turn the case over to the U.S. Attorney's Office, we will have an answer in sixty (60) days;
9. Gives more teeth to what we are doing;
10. I will be spending two (2) days per week in Columbus County and two (2) days in Bladen County and the fifth day I will go where I am needed;
11. I will only be working gun cases;
12. Another component in that we go out and identify people that are on bubble, by that, I mean people that we know are violent criminals and they have criminal histories;
13. We do public outreach to partner with community entities, civic groups, church groups and anybody that can give someone an opportunity;
14. We are getting a lot of cross-county crimes; **and**
15. The Federal Government pays one hundred (100%) percent of this grant.

Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. This involves participation from the County departments;
2. This grant is renewable every year; **and**
3. We will be conducting a series of community meetings starting on February 05, 2009.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to permit the Columbus County Sheriff's Department to partner with Bladen County on the Project Safe Neighborhood, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: SHERIFF - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION ADOPTING a POLICY for MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with other LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

Sheriff Batten requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance with other Law Enforcement Agencies that will permit the Sheriff's Department to enter into mutual assistance agreements with other law enforcement agencies. (This matter was tabled at the January 05, 2009 Meeting.)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR MUTUAL

ASSISTANCE WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-288, the governing body of a county may adopt appropriate guidelines for the purpose of mutual assistance with other municipal and county law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said laws, the law enforcement assistance to be rendered authorizes lending officers to work temporarily with officers of the requesting agencies, including in an undercover capacity, and lending equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the citizens of Columbus County to adopt a reasonable policy and guidelines whereby reciprocal law enforcement assistance can be both rendered to and obtained from other governmental jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, such reciprocal assistance is necessary for effective law enforcement for the protection of the citizens of Columbus County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into mutual assistance arrangements with other municipal and county law enforcement agencies, provided that the head of the requesting law enforcement agency makes such a request in writing.
2. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to permit officers of the Columbus County Sheriff's Office to work temporarily with officers of the requesting agency, including in an undercover capacity, and the Sheriff may lend such equipment and supplies to requesting agencies as he deems advisable.
3. All such request and authorizations shall be in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-288, as applicable.
4. While working with a requesting agency, an officer shall have the same jurisdiction, powers, rights, privileges and immunities (including those relating to the defense of civil actions and payment of judgments) as the officers of the requesting agency in addition to those the officer normally possesses.
5. While on duty with the requesting agency, an officer shall be subject to the lawful operational commands of the officer's superior officers in the requesting agency, but the officer shall, for personnel and administrative purposes, remain under the control of the officer's own agency, including for purposes of pay. An officer shall furthermore be entitled to worker's compensation and the same benefits to the extent as though he were functioning within the normal scope of the officer's duties.
6. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into mutual assistance agreements with other law enforcement agencies in accordance with such reasonable arrangements, terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective heads of the law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Norris moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Commissioner Russ seconded the motion and, upon vote, the same was adopted.

This the 22nd day of January, 2009.

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

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

Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. The North Carolina Sheriffs Association, at our fall conference, our Executive Director brought to our attention that we needed a uniform Mutual Aid Agreement between all agencies in North Carolina; **and**
2. This will be used in instances when services are requested from other counties.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance With Other Law Enforcement Agencies, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion

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unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested the Board to establish February 16, 2009 as the date for a public hearing for NCDOT's Public Transportation Funding. (The time needs to be set for this hearing.) Mr. Patton stated that this is the annual funds from the State.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish February 16, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Funding, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPOINTMENTS to BRUNSWICK-COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL PARK BOARD of DIRECTORS:

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to appoint (2) members to the Brunswick-Columbus International Board of Directors.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to appoint Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Dewey L. Hill to the Brunswick-Columbus International Park Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: LIBRARY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Morris Pridgen, Library Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. Columbus County Library developed from bookmobile service that began in 1946. Whiteville City Library and Columbus County Library shared quarters until 1958, when the county built what is now the Senior Center.;
2. Columbus County receives library service through the headquarters library in Whiteville and five (5) branches located in Riegelwood (East Columbus Library), Fair Bluff, Tabor City, Lake Waccamaw (Rube McCray Memorial Library), and Chadbourn. Homebound services are available for elderly and disabled person in homes, senior centers, and nursing care facilities. A bookmobile brings library services to areas of the county not served by a fixed library site. Children's Library Specialists visit day care centers and Head Start facilities for story programs.;
3. We provide books, magazines, newspapers, videocassettes, DVDs, audio books, public access Internet computers, educational programs, telephone reference, and reader's advisory service for children and adults. Staff can provide specialized assistance with North Carolina historical and genealogical research.; **and**
4. Some of the highlights for 2008 are as follows:
 - 122,910 Patrons visited the library system;
 - 60,249 Patrons used the computers in the library system;
 - A total of 195,184 materials circulated in the library system;
 - Bookmobile and Library Specialists visited 998 outreach sites;
 - Patrons in the library asked 31,285 reference questions;
 - Columbus County Public Library received the Opportunity Online Grant which is a two (2) year grant that totals \$33,800;
 - Columbus County Public Library System was awarded \$35,831.13 for E-rate funds; **and**
 - We have received an increase of support from Library Boards and Friends Groups.

Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION - REDUCTIONS TO BUDGET ALLOCATIONS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, delivered the following update to the Board on the recommended proposed five (5%) percent budget reductions.

**BUDGET REDUCTIONS (5%)
January 22, 2009**

Department	Unencumbered Balance	Amount	Percentage
Governing Body	\$102,265.64	\$3,068.00	3.00%

Administration	\$136,598.68	\$4,500.00	3.29%
Personnel	\$65,709.01	\$3,351.64	5.10%
Purchasing	\$107,323.65	\$5,366.60	5.00%
Finance	\$240,568.69	\$12,029.00	5.00%
Tax Office	\$488,146.56	-0-	-0-
Legal Department	\$111,544.04	\$2,800.00	2.51%
Elections	\$109,798.72	\$5,714.00	5.20%
Register of Deeds	\$244,449.58	-0-	-0-
M.I.S.	\$159,022.59	\$8,000.00	5.03%
Central Garage	\$10,328.92	\$520.10	5.04%
Maintenance	\$656,597.23	-0-	-0-
Sheriff	\$1,901,189.22	\$60,000.00	3.16%
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,476,136.79	\$115,107.00	7.80%
EMS	\$14,495.35	\$2,000.00	13.80%
Emergency Services	\$606,932.38	\$31,229.00	5.15%
Fire Marshal	\$119,736.77	\$6,033.00	5.04%
Coroner Medical Examiner	\$44,784.58	\$2,239.23	5.00%
Animal Control	\$94,845.41	-0-	-0-
Airport	\$422,704.71	\$21,234.00	5.02%
Planning	\$59,259.29	\$2,962.96	5.00%
Building Inspections	\$118,488.73	-0-	-0-
EDC	\$80,776.01	\$4,038.80	5.00%
Soil Conservation	\$62,127.00	\$3,106.00	5.00%
Health Department	\$638,780.00	\$31,939.00	5.00%*
DSS	\$3,810,000.00	\$190,500.00	5.00%*
Veterans	\$53,807.09	-0-	-0-
Library	\$406,532.23	\$2,800.00	.69%
Parks and Recreation	\$190,574.18	\$4,534.00	2.38%
Cooperative Extension	\$300,178.41	\$15,257.00	5.08%
Aging	\$2,489,240.00	\$124,471.00	5.00%
TOTAL:	\$15,322,941.46	\$662,800.33	4.33%

Education \$4,007,139.98 \$200,357.00 5.00%

Possible Special Appropriations Cuts:

Chadbourn Park Project	\$14,150.00
Redistricting Project	\$40,000.00
Livingston Creek Debris Removal	\$37,200.00
1/4 Cent Sales Tax Com	\$2,100.00
Professional Services	\$10,000.00
TOTAL:	\$103,450.00

Possible sales tax revenue loss on remaining collection amount:

Budgeted	Collected as of: December 31, 2008	Remaining Collections	% Reduction	Reduction Amount
\$8,165,792.00	\$2,661,162.83	\$5,504,629.17	5	\$275,231.46
\$8,165,792.00	\$2,661,162.83	\$5,504,629.17	10	\$550,462.92

***Reduction from Administrative Cost**

Mr. Clark stated the following:

1. From the information that I have provided to you, we have come up with 4.33 % from County operations;
2. If you add in the Special Appropriations Cuts, that would get us to 5% that we were asked to cut;
3. If you look at education, which we did not recommend, you could come up with another \$200,000; **and**
4. At the bottom of the page, the sales tax revenue loss of 5% would be a loss of \$275,000 and a 10% loss would be \$550,000.

After lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the method of reduction, Vice Chairman Bullard made the following motion:

MOTION:

Approve the four (4%) percent reduction in expenditures, in the areas of the County Manager's choice, excluding education, as per the Manager's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Gore.

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

AYES: Vice Chairman Bullard and Commissioner Gore; **and**
NAYS: Chairman Prevatte, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris and Byrd.

The motion failed on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner Russ made the following motion:

MOTION:

Approve an overall two and one-half (2 ½%) percent reduction, across the board, including education, and all the other items recommended by the County Manager in the memorandum.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

After additional lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the intent of the Memorandum issued by Williams S. Clark, County Manager, and the method used to derive at the proposed reduction in expenditures, Commissioner McKenzie made the following motion:

MOTION:

Comply with the recommendations made by William S. Clark, County Manager, to reduce expenditures two and one-half (2 ½%) percent for all departments funded in the budget, including education, for the reductions to be across the board, for the remainder of the current fiscal year, seconded by Commissioner Norris.

After lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the impact the five (5%) percent reduction in expenditures, across the board, might have on personnel, and the intent of the memorandum issued by William S. Clark, County Manager, Commissioner McKenzie withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Norris withdrew his second.

At 8:55 P.M., Chairman Prevatte declared a five (5) minutes recess.

At 9:00 P.M., Chairman Prevatte declared the Regular Session back in order.

After additional lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the reductions being overall or across the board, Vice Chairman Bullard made the following motion:

MOTION:

Approve the recommendations made by William S. Clark, County Manager, to reduce expenditures two and one-half (2 ½%) percent for the remainder of the current fiscal year, to include education, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

After additional discussion was conducted relative to the inclusion of education, Vice Chairman Bullard stated the following “Then, I will withdraw my motion, Mr. Chairman” Chairman Prevatte replied stating the following: “No sir. I had a proper second from Commissioner Russ, and he’s called for the question.”

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

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris;
and
NAYS: Commissioners Byrd and Gore.

The motion passes on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

Agenda Item #16: GOVERNING BODY - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION in OPPOSITION of PROPOSED MILEAGE TAX:

Chairman Prevatte requested Board approval and adoption of the following Opposition of Proposed Mileage Tax Resolution.

OPPOSITION of PROPOSED MILEAGE TAX RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus is large geographically, but small in population due to the large farming estates and swamp lands which is located within its boundaries; **and**

WHEREAS, over the last several years, we have experienced many of our industries closing, relocating or downsizing; **and**

WHEREAS, with the diminishing of tobacco production, many of our farms have ceased to exist, or operate in their same capacity, therefore resulting in less employment for our citizenry; **and**

WHEREAS, a large percentage of our citizens are being forced to travel great distances to seek employment to provide them with a livelihood and prevent their dependency on public assistance; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed Mileage Tax will place a great burden on the citizens of Columbus County, and could ultimately result in a higher unemployment rate and demand on public assistance; **and**

WHEREAS, during these distressed economic times, the citizens of Columbus County and North Carolina do not need an additional tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the proposed mileage tax on vehicles, and respectfully requests that our representatives exercise their powers of office to prevent the passage of the same.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of January, 2009.

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Opposition of Proposed Mileage Tax Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: GOVERNING BODY - REDISTRICTING:

Chairman Prevatte requested the Board to reach a decision on the re-districting issue. Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

1. We have all received the revised re-districting maps for our review;
2. This will affect three (3) Commissioners' districts, which are Commissioner Russ, Commissioner Gore and my district;
3. I have discussed this matter with the other two (2) Commissioners that will be affected and are they agree that it needs to be done; **and**
4. I believe in being fair to everyone.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the re-districting maps, as presented by Ms. Anita Earls, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 9:07 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter a **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of adjustments to the November and December, 2008 Monthly Water Bills.

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

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL and ADOPTION OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION by GOVERNING BODY of the APPLICANT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant, which is a requirement of the grant.

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

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

At 9:10 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, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
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Aging Advisory Council (Region O) -COG- Motion: Byrd Second: McKenzie	EB	Gene McNeil	06/30/2009	Appoint
Department of Aging Advisory Council	III VII	Wilson Spaulding Esther Moses	06/30/2010 06/30/2010	Appoint Hold
E-911 Oversight Committee	III	William Rushing	12/2012	Appoint
Board of Health (Columbus County)	EB	Peggy Blackmon (At Large Member)	12/31/2008	Hold
Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council	III	Blondell Junious	06/30/2009	Appoint
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Tom Ray (Deceased)	08/01/2010	Hold
EMS Peer Review Committee (Commissioner Appointments) Motion: Gore Second: Norris	EB	James E. Prevatte Edwin Russ	Term	Appoint Appoint

Agenda Item #21: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

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

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-4310-535300	M&R - Vehicles	\$979
Revenue	10-3839-489000	General Fund Balance	\$979
Expenditure	10-5113-569934	Direct Academy/Diabetes Prevention	\$2,000
Revenue	10-3511-436035	Direct Academy/Diabetes Prevention	\$2,000
Expenditure	10-4155-549900	Misc	\$1,093
Revenue	10-3416-489040	Miscellaneous	\$1,093
Expenditure	10-5170-526007	WIC Misc Client Services	\$2,984
Revenue	10-3510-430055	WIC Revenue	\$2,984

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
January 22, 2009**

Refunds Name: Grange, Joyce S. Trust Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 15-04657 Bill # 61721 Total \$200.00
 Release user fee. Home vacant with no trash can.
 14192 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: Sealey, Harold Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 13-02911 Bill # 72020 Total \$106.00
 Refund user fee that was paid in error on a house that is vacant with no trash can.
 209 E. Institute St. Chadbourn NC 28431

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Refunds Name: Skipper, Douglas Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 03-03601 Bill # 81852 Total \$200.00
Refund user fee that was paid in error on a vacant house.
750 Soles Rd. Whiteville NC 28472

Refunds Name: Garcia, Roberto Amount: \$330.89
Value: \$40,600.00 Year 008 Account # 01-30286 Bill # 59392 Total \$367.43
Refund the value of a double wide, the Brunswick Fire (28.42) and the Whiteville Rescue (8.12). The mobile home burned March 6, 2007.
104 Knights Cove Apt 5D Whiteville NC 28472

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): January 22, 2009

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2002 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1102 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2003 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1338 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2004 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 7486 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$21.17
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1204 Total \$25.23
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbie Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$22.19
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1979 Total \$26.25
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$23.64
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1976 Total \$27.70
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$23.64
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 9837 Total \$27.70
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2001 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 3570 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$10.43
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 1999 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 642 Total \$12.23
Release the property value and the Acme Delco Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$10.80
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2000 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 3510 Total \$12.60
Release the property value and the Acme Delco Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Willie D.

Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Melissa F. Amount: \$25.71
 Value: \$3,155.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-03653 Bill # 5888 Total \$228.86
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (2.52) and the Columbus Rescue (.63). The home is double listed in the name of Eddie S. Morgan.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$15.30
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 8795 Total \$15.70
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$16.30
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 9104 Total \$16.70
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$14.60
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 690 Total \$15.00
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue.. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$9.36
 Value: \$1,200.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 744 Total \$9.60
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$9.36
 Value: \$1,200.00 Year: 2003 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 7519 Total \$9.60
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$16.30
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 7175 Total \$16.70
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Ruth B. Amount: \$29.34
 Value: \$3,600.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-27803 Bill # 3864 Total \$34.38
 Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (4.32) and Columbus Rescue (.72). The property is double listed in the name of Anthony Purvis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Shelia Amount: \$21.72
 Value: \$2,665.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-00150 Bill # 1960 Total \$226.53
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (1.87) and Columbus Rescue (.53). The home is double listed in the name of Jeffery Lynn Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Barbara Amount: \$80.28
 Value: \$9,850.00 Year: 2007 Account # 02-05147 Bill # 9365 Total \$98.07
 Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire (6.90) and Whiteville Rescue (1.97). The boat was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Barbara Amount: \$55.01
 Value: \$6,750.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-05147 Bill # 7695 Total \$67.20
 Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire (4.73) and Whiteville Rescue (1.35). The boat was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, James R. Amount: \$283.05
 Value: \$37,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-30941 Bill # 1801 Total \$553.75
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire (37.00), Columbus Rescue (7.40) and W2 (33.30). The home was repossessed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Kenneth B. Amount: \$63.33
 Value: \$7,770.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-02638 Bill # 1078 Total \$78.08

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Release the value of a boat, the Cerro Gordo Fire (7.77) Columbus Rescue (1.55) and W2 (5.43). The boat was sold in 2006.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wray, Doris L.	Amount:	\$590.88
Value: \$72,500.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-09340 Bill # 1522	Total	\$885.13

Release the value of a house, the Whiteville Rescue (14.50) and W3 (79.75). The house had not been set up yet and is unlivable for 2008.

Release the User Fee in the name of Beaver, Donald	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-01172 Bill # 7234	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boswell, William	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-07260 Bill # 8701	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bright, James A.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03820 Bill # 9113	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd Family LLC of Lake Wacc.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03828 Bill # 0953	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd Family LLC of Lake Wacc.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03828 Bill # 0954	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd Family LLC of Lakke Wacc.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03828 Bill # 0967	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles & Sons Inc.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-04796 Bill # 0984	Total	\$100.00

Release half of the user fee on a hunting lodge.

Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles E.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-02225 Bill # 1004	Total	\$113.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Thomas	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-08990 Bill # 1765	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Billy W.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-05380 Bill # 4071	Total	\$400.00

Release two user fees on a mobile home and a old store that are vacant and do not have trash cans.

Release the User Fee in the name of Czartoszewski, Wlodzimierz	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-03351 Bill # 4427	Total	\$200.00

Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Dudney, Elgie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-06620 Bill # 5688	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a vacant house that has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Fairfax, Regina	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-04502 Bill # 7275	Total	\$200.00

Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Brady	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-09509 Bill # 0169	Total	\$100.00

Release half of the user fee. This is a vacation home.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Hattie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-05276 Bill # 0247	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a vacant house that has no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Larry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-01419 Bill # 0301	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 Godwin, Larry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-00135 Bill # 0304	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 Gore, Jimmy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-06460 Bill # 0811	Total	\$400.00
Release both user fees. House incomplete. Not livable yet.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Jimmy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-06460 Bill # 0805	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee. House vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Joseph	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-11443 Bill # 0857	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee. House vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Mark	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-11550 Bill # 0937	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee. House used for storage, no trash can here.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Gotay, Rosalind	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-05246 Bill # 1199	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee. House vacant for 2008. No trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Curtis	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-15840 Bill # 1313	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, Rackley	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-37840 Bill # 3270	Total	\$226.00
Release two of three user fees. Only one trash can here.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Heavener, Vickie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-01948 Bill # 3716	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee. House vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Herbert L Fisher Trust	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-04786 Bill # 3915	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hillcrest Corp.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-42768 Bill # 4503	Total	\$113.00
Release the user fee. House moved off lot.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hillcrest Corp.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-42767 Bill # 4495	Total	\$113.00
Release user fee. House has been torn down.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Doris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-41321 Bill # 4628	Total	\$400.00
Release two user fees. Only one house here and it is vacant. No trash cans here.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Izzo, Samuel	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05919 Bill # 6030	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler.		

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Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Mary	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-04451 Bill # 7083	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee. Old house is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Kachiaper, Bernard	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-21520 Bill # 7740	Total	\$200.00
Release one of two user fees Mobile home is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Isadora Heirs	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-08840 Bill # 9066	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, James W.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-15380 Bill # 9075	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, William	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-04112 Bill # 9481	Total	\$200.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of McKeithan, Eugene	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-15799 Bill # 1678	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of McNed, Gene	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-03207 Bill # 2098	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, James	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-62264 Bill # 3153	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Mills, Michael	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-12580 Bill # 3233	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Mobley, Betty	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-17740 Bill # 3528	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, W. Morris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-20460 Bill # 4468	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Palmatier, Christine	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-01301 Bill # 5787	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Porter, Joruth	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-02910 Bill # 6923	Total	\$2,200.00
Release eleven user fees that are double listed to the same customer with different account numbers.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Prince, Aben K.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-03651 Bill # 7810	Total	\$200.00
Release user fee on a vacant barn that does not have a trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Reeves, Ray	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-22130 Bill # 8615	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.		
Release the User Fee in the name of Sealey, Harold	Amount:	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-02911 Bill # 0402	Total	\$113.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant.		

Release the User Fee	in the name of Sellers, Norman	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05664 Bill # 0642	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a shop that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Serafin, Wladyslaw	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-04097 Bill # 0739	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Seven-O-One Properties LLC	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05391 Bill # 0788	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Smith, Charles	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-25500 Bill # 2131	Total	\$200.00
Release one of two user fees. Mobile home is used for storage. No trash can here.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Smith, Willis	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-26025 Bill # 2873	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Tyler, Russell	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-19425 Bill # 7037	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Tyson, David	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-31220 Bill # 7111	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Vaught, Reginald	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-01149 Bill # 7262	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is unlivable and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Clovie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-05313 Bill # 8178	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Clovie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-00136 Bill # 8171	Total	\$200.00
Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.			

Agenda Item #23: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Russ:** I would like for William S. Clark, County Manager, to check into the Sheriff's Department moving houses.
2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like for the Board to consider the Sheriff's proposal that was presented tonight for the safety of our citizens; **and**
 - b. I think we should vote on the Sheriff's proposal at the next Board Meeting.
3. **Commissioner Norris:** I have received several phone calls relative to wetlands maps, and I would like to know what is the wetlands on the maps? Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, replied stating it is a layer in there that they got from Soil Conservation and the Corps of Engineers that shows wetlands.
4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated I have two (2) items as follows:
 - a. I would like for the attorney to brief the Board on the insurance problem that I have been contacted about regarding the hike increase and the lawsuit some other counties are entertaining. Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, replied stating it is my understanding that there is a lawsuit filed in various courts by

Dare County. There are two (2) lawsuits. One (1) is the Beach Plan Deductibles Program which is set to increase the rate two (2%) percent house insured value on February 1, 2009, and I believe that is a per occurrence rate, and if it happens twice a year, you have to pay the deductible twice. Then, a separate increase in Homeowners Insurance rates for up to thirty (30%) percent, and it is my understanding this will be effective this summer. Dare County has filed these lawsuits against the State and is soliciting support from other counties. There are eighteen (18) coastal counties which this will affect. It is my opinion that a letter of support or a resolution from this Board would be a good first step.

- b. I have a gentleman that has approached me relative to where the boundary line is located between Columbus County and Bladen County. He has maps dated back to the 1920's showing the line at the high water mark in the Cape Fear River. I think we should establish the boundary line where it should be. I would like for James Davis to be on the February 02, 2009 Agenda to present his information.

Chairman Prevatte responded to this by stating the following:

- (1) Bladen County approached Columbus County about six (6) months ago and wanting us to share the costs in re-surveying the Bladen-Columbus Boundary line. Our response, at that time, was that we had had no complaints, my response is we were not prepared to share the costs.
 - (2) We received correspondence from Brunswick County from their MIS Department that they wanted a re-survey of the Brunswick-Columbus Boundary line. One of their Commissioners stated the Board had not voted on this issue.
5. **Commissioner Gore:** I have one (1) comment as follows: "I believe that the Columbus County Schools, the Whiteville City Schools, and Southeastern Community College, the children and the educators of Columbus County have been dealt an injustice here tonight when this Board cut their budgets by two and one-half (2 ½%) percent, and in the same motion, we chose to exclude other departments from the same cuts.
6. **Chairman Prevatte:** I would like to report to you on the Legislative Goals Conference. There were approximately fifty-seven (57) priority goals presented from ninety (90) counties. All of these passed except the proposed lottery money.

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

1. The Personnel Committee has finished reviewing the Personnel Handbook, and this should be completed by the first of March; **and**
2. The re-scheduled Board Retreat has been set for February 05, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon.

COMMENT:

Commissioner McKenzie: I would like to say to Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, that the Economic Summit he conducted was put together with class and I enjoyed it very much.

Agenda Item #24: Adjournment:

At 9:45 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman. Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2009
9:07 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the November and December, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
11/3/2008	102430.00 98	LURIA J. GODWIN	4.00-	METER READ WRONG

11/5/2008	405125	MICHEAL & MISTY NOBLES	227.00-	METER NOT READ
11/10/2008	203900	BETTY JONES	5.00-	PENALTY APPLIED IN ERROR
11/17/2008	208030	ROSA SMITH	56.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/21/2008	204900	MARY BRYANT	58.00+	BILLING ERROR
11/21/2008	600240	NATHAN SMITH	50.00+	BILLING ERROR
11/24/2008	404140	MARILYN WARD	21.00+	COMPUTER ERROR
11/25/2008	405041	JACK & KIN MCPHERSON	5.00-	PENALTY WAIVED (CUST ON BK DRFT)
11/26/2008	207055	LENORA JORDAN	200.00-	BILLING ERROR (TAP FEE)
TOTAL:			(368.00)	

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
12/10/2008	405039	BENJAMIN & ALEXIS CRIBB	122.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
12/11/2008	403180	OWEN HADDEN	30.40+	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	603120.0098	HERBERT BELLAMY	29.00+	RETURNED CHECK
12/11/2008	603120.0098	HERBERT BELLAMY	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK FEE
12/11/2008	103010.0096	EDDIE GREENE	29.00+	RETURNED CHECK
12/11/2008	103010.0096	EDDIE GREENE	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK FEE
12/11/2008	400970.0093	JANICE DEWADE	50.00+	CREDIT REFUNDED
12/11/2008	400810.0093	TONI LEGGETT	50.00+	CREDIT REFUNDED
12/15/2008	206020.0098	MICHELLE LUPO	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK
12/15/2008	206020.0098	MICHELLE LUPO	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK FEE
12/17/2008	204880	CINDY RIGGINS	129.25-	BILLING ERROR
12/18/2008	103010.0096	EDDIE GREENE	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/22/2008	101840	BILLY FOWLER JR.	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/29/2008	101595	TIMOTHY HOLDEN	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/30/2008	205720	PEARLY BELLAMY	30.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/30/2008	302560	RONALD NORRIS	50.00+	METER TAMPERING FEE
12/31/2008	104100	BILLY MCCUMBEE	50.00+	METER TAMPERING FEE
12/31/2008	101290.0098	LORETT HEATH	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/31/2008	100445.0098	JOHN MCCUMBEE	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/31/2008	600560.0097	P & H DEVELOPMENT	39734.70-	BILLING ERROR
TOTAL:			(39,777.55)	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December, 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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**

Thursday, January 22, 2009

9:07 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd
Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the November and December, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCT	AMOUNT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/3/2008	121690.00 98	JAMES A. JENKINS	30.00+	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED

11/4/2008	141075.00 98	WILMA WATKINS	100.00-	BILLING ERROR (TAP FEE)
11/12/2008	111767.00 97	MOWDOWN MOTOR SPORTS	25.00+	DISCONNECT FEE
11/12/2008	120230.00 98	JOSEPH MCBRIDE	18.33-	BILLING ERROR
11/20/2008	112167	TERRI KING	8.00+	BILLING ERROR
11/21/2008	131820.0097	CHERYL BARNHILL	25.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/21/2008	131820.0097	CHERYL BARNHILL	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/26/2008	141440	EARL GORDON	5.00-	BILLING ERROR
		TOTAL:	(90.33)	

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
12/10/2008	1332293.00 97	DOUGLAS K. HAYES	17.50-	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	111365.00 97	JONATHAN CARTRETTE	60.00+	RETURNED CHECK
12/11/2008	111365.00 97	JONATHAN CARTRETTE	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK FEE
12/11/2008	141510.0098	GREG VANEYKEN	51.00+	RETURNED CHECK
12/11/2008	141510.0098	GREG VANEYKEN	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK FEE
12/11/2008	131280.0095	BILLY BRITT	25.00+	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	121390.0096	DORTHY LEGGETT	26.17-	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	132775.0098	VURAN SINGLETON	100.00+	TAP FEE ADDED
12/15/2008	120270.0094	DONNA SOLES	100.00+	CUST LEAK
12/29/2008	141460.0096	DONNIE WILLIAMSON	50.00+	METER TAMPERING FEE ADDED
12/30/2008	141460.0096	DONNIE WILLIAMSON	50.00-	FEE ADDED IN ERROR
12/30/2008	140205.0098	CHARLIE BULLOCK	30.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	141680	WILLIAM FLOYD	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/31/2008	120046.0096	JACQUELINE WOOTEN	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/31/2008	120270.0094	DONNA SOLES	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/31/2008	120780.0094	MELISSA ENNIS	39062.83-	BILLING ERROR
		TOTAL:	(38,840.50)	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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**

Thursday, January 22, 2009

9:07 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd
Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the November and December, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
11/3/2008	350970	CORINDA SUTTON	50.00+	METER TAMPERING

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11/3/2008	341846.00 96	BEVERLY BUCK	27.50-	BILLING ERROR
11/3/2008	341846.00 95	SASHA STRICKLAND	8.33+	BILLING ERROR
11/3/2008	331290.00 97	JERRY HEMINGWAY	5.00-	PENALTY WAIVED
11/5/2008	341780	JACK INMAN & MARSHA PORTER	125.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/12/2008	360447	ALFRED WILLIAMS	33.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/21/2008	381115.00 97	JACKIE KELLY	1.50-	BILLING ERROR
11/25/2008	380880	GAIL BROOKS	5.00-	PENALTY WAIVED (CUST ON BK DRFT)
11/26/2008	330030	LETHA WILLIAMS	36.67+	SECURITY DEP. REFUNDED

TOTAL: (102.00)

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
12/10/2008	330040	ANITA CAVENOUGH	18.33-	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	370060.00 94	PATTY MAYS	25.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	380385.0097	GIDSON MURRAY	166.00+	RETURNED CHECK
12/11/2008	380385.0097	GIBSON MURRAY	25.00+	RETURNED CHECK FEE
12/11/2008	360860	TAMMY PRICE	20.83-	BILLING ERROR
12/11/2008	370228	JUDITH CASPERSON	25.00+	BILLING ERROR
12/15/2008	341325.0098	LAURA BRITT	152.00+	RETURN CHECK
12/15/2008	341325.0098	LAURA BRITT	25.00+	RETURN CHECK FEE
12/17/2008	330362	FARRAH THOMPSON	27.00-	CUST LEAK
12/30/2008	341620	HELEN DAVIS	30.00-	CUST OFF FEE WAIVED
		TOTAL:	271.84	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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**

Thursday, January 22, 2009

9:07 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the November and December, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
11/03/2008	420330.0098	Okey & Lisa Spaulding	21.00	Manual Bill

TOTAL: \$21.00

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustment to the monthly water bill for November 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL and ADOPTION OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION by GOVERNING BODY of the APPLICANT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant, that is a requirement of the grant.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION by GOVERNING BODY of the APPLICANT**

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2008, the North Carolina General Assembly included a \$50 million appropriation to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in the FY 2007-2009 state budget, for the purpose of making grants to rural communities in need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; **and**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus Water and Sewer District IV has need for and intends to construct a water supply and distribution system, project described as Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Water System Improvements. This District is located at the eastern end of the county and borders Brunswick County to the East and Bladen County to the North. The project is proposed to serve an area comprised of the communities of Acme and Delco and the surrounding rural area adjacent to the community of Reigelwood.; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV intends to request grant assistance from the Supplemental Grants Program for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a grant.

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That William S. Clark, County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2009 at the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Whiteville, North Carolina.

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**
Signature of Chief Elected Official/Authorized Representative
JAMES E. PREVATTE
(TYPED NAME)

January 22, 2009
DATE
Chairman
(TYPED TITLE)

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

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Supplemental Program Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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
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APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the November and December, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
11/5/2008	704600	RAGGSDALE ALLSBROOK	96.00-	METER NOT READ
11/7/2008	700008.00 98	RIFTON GORE	21.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/7/2008	700008.00 97	SURVANDO NUNEZ	24.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/7/2008	700010.00 97	SURVANDO NUNEZ	33.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/13/2008	709985	JERRY & PHYLLIS SUGGS	24.00-	METER NOT READ
11/14/2008	709947	PEARLINE GERALD	30.00-	BILLING ERROR
11/19/2008	709997	MICHEAL STARNES	21.00-	BILLING ERROR
TOTAL:			(249.00)	

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
12/15/2008	700008.0097	SERVANDO NUNEZ	6.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/18/2008	709981.0098	BETTY JO MORLAN	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/19/2008	709978	EMMA LOU GANUS	5.00-	PENALTY WAIVED
12/30/2008	709980.0098	JOHN SINGLETARY	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
12/31/2008	709988.0098	DORIS MILLER	1,935.80-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800058.0097	JAMES ELLIOT	44.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800061.0098	VERA & THURSTON STANLEY	8.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800446.0098	KATHY PORTER	140.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800475.0098	ASHLEY VALAS	164.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800481.0098	GRADY BUCK	68.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800493.0098	MARTHA LOWIRMORE	184.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800496.0098	KERRY STARNES	288.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800499.0098	CECIL LEE	1,180.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800502.0098	MATTHEW HUFFMAN	640.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800519.0098	IRENE SMITH	1,824.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800522.0098	STEWART HENIFORD	152.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800525	STEPHEN STANLEY	20.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800528.0098	SUKHWINDER NAGRA	172.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800618	ELDEREE GORE	472.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800629	ALBERT GORE	88.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800632.0098	DANIEL GORE	784.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800677.0098	KENNETH NANCE	440.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800687.0098	PAUL GROOMS	396.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800478	MAGALENE CRIBB	44.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800484	ANNETTE MCNEIL	16.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800490	HERMAN STEVENS	56.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800508	ERNIE ARMAKOVITCH	364.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800516.0098	JAMES GORE	12.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800531	EDWIN STANLEY	44.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800626	REX & WANDA THOMPSON	208.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800614.0098	RHONDA CAINES	24.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800635	BOBBY GORE	12.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800668	KAREN VANCE	4,124.00-	BILLING ERROR
12/31/2008	800674	LARRY GORE	144.00-	BILLING ERROR
TOTAL:			(14,118.80)	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman