

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**August 17, 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 the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing and for their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

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**
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Revised Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance: the purpose of the public hearing is to notify citizens of the proposed **revised** Ordinance contents and to receive oral or written comments relative to the proposed **revised** Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to notify citizens of the proposed **revised** Ordinance contents and to receive oral or written comments relative to the proposed **revised** Ordinance. Chairman Prevatte requested that Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Attorney Stephens read the policy in its entirety.

Jim Dossett, Columbus County Planner, stated the following:

1. I have been surprised at the lack of telephone calls that I have received regarding the revised Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance; **and**
2. I am looking forward to a workshop on this document in the near future.

COMMENTS:

No comments were received either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:35 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

6:35 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE :**

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the August 17, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the August 03, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with the following one (1) correction as noted by Chairman Prevatte, seconded

by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Correction to August 03, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Minutes - Delete duplicated paragraph as follows:

“Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to accept the **revised** Ordinance for Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Franchise, on its first reading, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.”

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

Harold W. Peterson (private citizen): stated the following:

1. I came before you two (2) weeks ago with a resolution to close a portion of South Front Street and the Board determined that it was not in the best interest of the community, and denied that resolution;
2. I am here before you not to argue that decision, but simply to help clarify the decision you made;
3. As you know, the access to that portion of Lewis Road crosses my private property from 74/76, as the letter from my attorney, Coburn Powell, points out,;
4. I just want to make sure that the Board is clear in that moving forward, that anyone that has an interest in that road understood that it is private property and at any time I can restrict access to that road being my private driveway;
5. I felt that I may have misinterpreted, but I felt it was implicit by your decision, to some of the people that were here, that they had access to that private driveway;
6. I just wanted to clarify that first, and ask you to go on record understanding and acknowledging that it is private property;
7. I have no intention anytime in the near future of closing that or restricting that, I haven't done so in the last year and one-half that I have owned it;
8. I have continued to make it available to the families that use it which is to acknowledge that it is private property and I do have the right to restrict traffic on that road;
9. Furthermore, for the sake of this discussion, I think the traffic and safety issue along 74/76 needs to be addressed, and I would be happy to participate in any community discussion or action to improve that intersection near the post office;
10. I think the access at my driveway is even more dangerous, it is a single driveway lane entering a highway where speed is decelerating from 55 down to 45, and I think it is a coral turn, but then I am not here to discuss that or debate that;
11. My purpose here to contend to ask you to help me clarify your decision so my private property rights are on; **and**
12. Do you have any comments or questions?

Questions / Comments:

Commissioner Byrd: Mr. Peterson, the road that is in question that seems to be a real problem, for you, when you viewed the property to purchase it, didn't you see the road there?

Peterson: Yes

Commissioner Byrd: It was very visible and the people were using it at the time you choose to purchase that property, am I correct?

Peterson: It was clearly . . . it was clear to me that the deed and the survey showed that it was a private drive. It has been there for close to a hundred (100) years. When South Front Street was closed, when the railroad station closed, the purpose for that road was transferred to 74/76, the parallel road. Again, it has been open, it has been used for a private driveway for close to a hundred (100) years. There are other access that, I am not denying anyone access to that road, reasonable access. There is a clear access to the intersection at the Post Office to 74/76. I was aware of it, but I was also very aware that it was private property, and that precedent had been set in other properties adjacent to it where the road has been closed in the past through the County Commissioners, the decision of this Commission, the former County Commissioners, moving further westward toward the church. There are other properties that have had the road closed and there were no contention at that time, or dissension.

Commissioner Byrd: I am very aware of the area. I pass by it two to three (2-3) times weekly, and I know the area that you are addressing, and there are no houses within that area between the house with the chain-link fence and almost to your property. There is a wooded area between the two (2) places.

Peterson: Further west toward the church?

Commissioner Byrd: Right, I think the last driveway has a chain-link fence around it.

Peterson: There is one (1) additional house to the west and there is forest, and the property continues where the road has been closed toward the church.

Commissioner Byrd: My point was, in that area between your property and the other property with the wooded area, I have not seen any houses in there or anyone using that road frequently to access their property.

Peterson: The property owners to the west of us have their own private driveway that connects them with 74/76. To the east, we have the Lewis family. There are other properties before you get to the post office that have access to that intersection. My personal driveway has been used as an access, no official access, but it is not a public access, it is private property. So, I would like to clarify that it is private.

Chairman Prevatte: Thank you, Mr. Peterson.

Peterson: Mr. Chairman, if I may, would it be appropriate to ask the County Attorney to respond to Mr. Coburn's letter and acknowledge, just clarifying this Board's understanding of my request.

Mike Stephens: It is my understanding that this letter made it very obvious to the Board his feelings, and is reiterated in this letter. Mr. Powell is very knowledgeable of easements, prescriptive easements, which is very technical in nature. The Board, in its discretion, decided not to close that road, or public access from their point of view. Any legal recourse you may have, you will need to talk to Mr. Coburn.

Peterson: I am not disputing the denial of the Board in keeping the road open, it is just the private access to my driveway. There are two (2) items here, the closure and the denial. That's fine. You made a decision. I am not arguing with that.

Mike Stephens: I certainly couldn't give you legal advice, sir, but you will probably need to talk to Mr. Coburn Powell if you need to proceed any further.

Peterson: I have no desire to proceed further. I just would like clarification from this Board that my property rights will be respected.

Mike Stephens: The Board has ruled sir. That is all I can say.

Peterson: But, with respect to my private property, my own property.

Mike Stephens: Thank you, your time is up.

Peterson: Thank you gentlemen, thank you very much.

Agenda Item #6: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ALLOCATING the COUNTY'S RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BOND LIMITATION to the COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES and POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY and INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY for the BENEFIT of INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY and DESIGNATING an AREA within the COUNTY as a RECOVERY ZONE:**

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina Allocating the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Limitation to the Columbus County Industrial Facilities

and Pollution Control Financing Authority and International Paper Company for the Benefit of International Paper Company and Designating an Area within the County as a Recovery Zone which will allocate a volume cap limitation of \$7,004,000 for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ALLOCATING THE COUNTY'S
RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BOND LIMITATION TO THE COLUMBUS COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY
AND INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY AND DESIGNATING AN AREA WITHIN THE
COUNTY AS A RECOVERY ZONE**

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Act") amended the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), by authorizing the issuance of recovery zone facility bonds to finance recovery zone property (as defined in the Act) in recovery zones, which include areas having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures or general distress; and

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue recovery zone facility bonds for the benefit of International Paper Company, a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Company"), to finance the acquisition, construction or renovation of recovery zone property, consisting of capital expenditures to assist the Company in maintaining its competitiveness (the "Project"), and thereby assisting the Company in the retention of employment at the Company's Riegelwood Mill (the "Mill") located at 865 John L. Riegel Road in Columbus County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Columbus County, North Carolina (the "County") received an allocation of recovery zone facility bond limitation in the amount of \$7,004,000, pursuant to Section 1400U-1 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 7 of Session Law 2009-140 of the North Carolina General Assembly, any county is empowered to designate any authority as the governmental entity authorized to issue recovery zone facility bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County (the "Governing Body") desires to approve the allocation of the County's recovery zone facility bond limitation to the Authority and the Company for the benefit of the Company to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, to further economic development in the County, the Governing Body desires to designate the boundaries of the County, including the area comprising the Mill, as a recovery zone, pursuant to Section 1400U-1 of the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The allocation of the County's recovery zone facility bond limitation in the amount of \$7,004,000 to the Authority and the Company for the benefit of the Company to finance the Project is hereby approved.

Section 2. The area comprising the boundaries of the County, including the Mill, is hereby designated as a recovery zone, pursuant to Section 1400U-1 of the Code.

Section 3. This resolution does not constitute an endorsement to a prospective purchaser of any recovery zone facility bonds of the creditworthiness of the Company or the Project, and any recovery zone facility bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the State of North Carolina or any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof, but any recovery zone facility bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues derived from the Company and pledged to the payment thereof, and no owner of any recovery zone facility bonds shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State of North Carolina or any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof, nor to enforce the payment thereof against any property of the State of North Carolina or of any such county, municipal corporation or political subdivision.

APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2009.

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

(SEAL)

Attest: /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Governmental Unit"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter pertaining to the approval of an allocation of recovery zone facility bond limitation to The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority and International Paper Company for the benefit of International Paper Company, a New York corporation, and the designation of an area as a recovery zone, constitute a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted on August 17, 2009 by a majority of the members of the Governmental Unit in a meeting duly called and assembled, which was open to the public and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the original of said Resolution appears of record in the Minute Book of the Governmental Unit which is in my custody and control.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners, stating that regular meetings are held on the first Monday and the third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M., respectively, in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse, Annex 112 W. Smith Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven days before said meeting.

GIVEN under my hand and the official seal of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, this 17th day of August, 2009.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners**

(SEAL)

Mr. Lionel Todd, Chairman of the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority, introduced Brenton Jeffcoat, Attorney for International Paper Company. Mr. Jeffcoat stated the following:

1. The Stimulus Bill is a huge piece of legislation and there are a lot of things that it does;
2. Some of the things that it does is that it actually gives people money;
3. This is not one of those things;
4. This is an authorization for people to do a particular type of tax-exempt financing, it is their financing, their call, and they are required to pay this money back;
5. It expands what International Paper has traditionally been able to do here which has just been solid waste disposal;
6. International Paper would like to use these funds to make further investments in the plant;
7. International Paper has approximately seven hundred fifty-one (751) employees now;
8. One of the things about International Paper is that if they have access to this funding source, they will use it there;
9. They are making plans now to finish up other projects and do some large financing for the entire project later this year;
10. What the Stimulus Notarization requires in order to access this, this is an Economic Recovery Zone provision of the Stimulus Legislation, and it requires that you designate an area of the County as a recovery zone, and this Resolution has you designating the entire County for the purposes of the act, and then it authorizes you to, under North Carolina Legislation, the County cannot issue this kind of bonds, the people like the Authority does issue the bonds. North Carolina passed a law, earlier this year, to allow you to transfer this authorization to the Authority to issue the bonds; **and**
11. What this Resolution does is it designates the entire County as a Recovery Zone, and specifically the International Paper Site, which is part of the County, and gives to the Authority the ability to issue these bonds and use this allocation with the understanding that they will do it with International Paper.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina Allocating the County's Recovery Zone

Facility Bond Limitation to the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority and International Paper Company for the Benefit of International Paper Company and Designating an Area within the County as a Recovery Zone, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: CDBG GRANT #08-C-1819 SCATTERED SITE GRANT - APPROVAL OF AWARD OF ASBESTOS INSPECTION:

Tammy Jones, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested the Board to approve the award of the asbestos inspection to Keenan Construction, as the low bidder for the CDBG Grant # 08-C-1819 Scattered Site Grant from the following bid list.

**2008 Columbus County CDBG
Asbestos Inspection
Bid Date: July 20, 2009 - 4:00 P.M.**

Bid Tabulation Summary

Contractor	Bid Price
Carolina Environmental	\$850.00
Keenan Construction	\$465.00

Recommendation of Award

Award asbestos inspection contract to the low bidder, Keenan Construction of Wilmington.

Approved: /s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**
Columbus County

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to award the Asbestos Inspection for the 2008 Columbus County CDBG Grant # 08-C-1819 to Keenan Construction at the cost of four hundred sixty-five and 00/100 (\$465.00) dollars, the low bidder, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: CDBG IDA (INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS) PROJECT - ESTABLISH SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:

Carol Caldwell, The DREAM Center, requested the Board to establish September 08, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the second public hearing for the CDBG IDA (Individual Development Accounting) Project.

Commissioner Gore made a motion to establish September 08, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the second public hearing for the CDBG IDA (Individual Development Accounting) Project, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PLANNING - REVISED RULES of PROCEDURE for COLUMBUS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD:

Jim Dossett, Columbus County Planner, requested Board approval of the revised Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Planning Board on the second reading.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the revised Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Planning Board, on the second reading, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of this document may be found in the August 03, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes, for review.

Agenda Item #10: ORDINANCE - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of REVISED ORDINANCE for NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FRANCHISE:

Jeremy Jernigan, Emergency Services Director, requested the Board to approve the revised Ordinance for Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Franchise, on its second reading. (The required

first reading was conducted on August 03, 2009.)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve and adopt the **revised** Ordinance for Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Franchise, on the second reading, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of this document may be found in the August 03, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commisisoners Meeting Minutes, for review.

Agenda Item #11: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL to RECEIVE GRANT and JEREMY JERNIGAN to SIGN MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT:

Jeremy Jernigan, Emergency Services Director, requested the Board to approve the receipt of a \$5,500 grant from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, to be used to fund a full-scale exercise within the county involving local fire, EMS and DOT, and approval to sign the Memorandum of Agreement.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the receipt of a \$5,500 grant from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, to be used to fund a full-scale exercise within the county involving local fire, EMS and DOT, and approval to sign the Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: HEALTH - APPROVAL for INCREASE in ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES:

Darryl J. Diefes, D.D.S., Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Health, requested Board approval of the following increase in the Environmental Health fees for well permits and septic tank improvement permits.

Environmental Health Fee Changes

	<u>Current Fee:</u>	<u>Proposed Fee:</u>
<u>Well Fee:</u>	\$150.00	\$200.00 + Cost of mandate kit (as of July 23, 2009, \$61.00 each)
Average employee pay:	\$19.32/hr. 4 Hours/trips for each well -	\$ 77.28
Employee Benefits:	\$4.83/hr	- \$ 19.32
Average Mileage:	(25 Miles one way total 50 miles each trip 200 miles \$.55/mile total for 4 trips)	- \$110.00
WELL FEE TOTAL:		<u>\$206.60</u>

Septic Tank Improvement Permit: \$75.00 \$125.00

(Field time per permit application runs 1-3 visits or 2-4 hours. If land owner disagrees with the Environmental Health Specialist's determination, then the Environmental Health Supervisor visits the site to give his opinion if requested.)

Average employee pay:	\$19.32/hr (2-4 hours)	\$38.64 - \$77.28
Employee Benefits:	\$ 4.83/hr	\$ 9.66 - \$19.32
Average Mileage:	25 Miles one way total 50 miles each trip (150 Miles @ \$.55/mile total for 1-3 trips)	<u>\$27.50 - \$82.50</u>

SEPTIC TANK IMPROVEMENT PERMIT TOTAL: \$75.80 - \$179.10

Chairman Diefes stated the following:

1. In the interest of being thorough and accurate, with your permission, I have asked Health Director, Kimberly Smith, and William Horne with Environmental Health to be with me here tonight;
2. For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009, our total expenses were \$55,130, the revenue we recovered was \$24,860, leaving a \$30,270 deficit;
3. For the record, I would like to point out that the Board of Health has approved requesting this fee increase and this request comes from the Board of Health specifically, and would not be something generated by the County Commissioners; **and**

4. I will ask Ms. Smith and Mr. Horne to join me for any questions.

Commissioner McKenzie asked with these increases, where will that leave us as far as being in the black and not in the red. Ms. Smith replied stating when I presented this information to the Board of Health, the kit was \$61.00, and when we ordered them from the State Laboratory, they were \$73.89. This increase will help but probably not cover all the cost.

Commissioner Gore asked the following questions:

1. What constitutes the figure of \$55,000?
2. Are these employees already on payroll?
3. Are you doubling up?

Ms. Smith answered the questions asked by Commissioner Gore as follows:

1. We have employee pay rate, the fringe benefits, the mileage, the wear and tear on the vehicle.
2. Yes, they are on payroll.
3. No answer.

Chairman Prevatte asked Ms. Smith if the rate was increasing from \$150.00 to \$261.00 which would be an increase of \$110.00, plus. Ms. Smith replied stating yes.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked Ms. Smith if the employees drove County vehicles when they performed this work. Ms. Smith replied stating yes.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to not increase the Environmental Health Fees for well permits and septic tank improvement permits, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: HEALTH - PRESENTATION of ANNUAL UPDATE:

Kimberly Smith, Columbus County Health Director, presented the following Health Department annual update.

1. In 2008, we had a total of one (1) confirmed case of tuberculosis which we were able to treat that individual in their home, therefore, we had no violations of the Board of health involved.
2. Unfortunately, we have twenty-seven (27) new cases of HIV/AIDS confirmed in 2008.
3. We currently have one hundred fifty-five (155) individuals living in Columbus County with the diagnosis of HIV or AIDS.
4. The Health Department hands out approximately two thousand (2,000) condoms per month.
5. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) has dramatically increased over 2008 with a total of nineteen (19) individuals.
6. One of the new services we have started to provide in 2008 was our colposcopy clinic. We average around 200 women with abnormal pap smears in a year's time. Usually, about 78 women require a colposcopy. The nearest colposcopy clinic is sixty (60) miles away and in our County, there is a huge problem with transportation.
7. In June, 2007, we were awarded a Kate B. Reynolds Grant in which we remodeled two (2) rooms in the Health Department and we now have a state-of-the-art Colposcopy Clinic.
8. With our Dental Services, we provided a total of 3,150 children in Columbus County. We still have two (2) full-time dentists, which is rare. Our toothmobile made it around to five (5) schools this past year, and unfortunately right now, it is parked at the Health Department due to a power surge that fried almost everything in the Toothmobile, and we are now settling with Progress Energy.
9. Environmental Health - the seven hundred forty-three (743) food and lodging inspections, this includes the hospital, the city and county schools and the area nursing homes; we have processed one hundred fifty-one (151) well permits.
10. The number of unduplicated Home Health Patients served is one thousand two hundred thirty-six (1,236), and this equaled forty thousand six hundred forty-one (40,641) visits, billable visits.
11. We also provided thirty-four thousand, eight hundred, sixty-two and 00/100 (\$34,862.00) dollars of indigent care.
12. We had five hundred ten (510) births in Columbus County in 2008;
13. We had four hundred eighty-eight (488) deaths in Columbus County.
14. Of the five hundred six (506) deliveries at Columbus Regional Healthcare System, one hundred seventy-one (171) babies were born to mothers who received their prenatal care at

- the Health Department, and there were seventeen (17) women who had no prenatal care.
15. The WIC Voucher revenue for Columbus County in 2008 was one million, seven hundred three thousand, seven hundred forty-seven and 75/100 (\$1,703,747.75) dollars. What this means is, for every one dollar (\$1.00) spent on the WIC Program here, Columbus County businesses are earning five dollars and 11/100 (\$5.11) dollars. The monthly average case load for our WIC Program is two thousand three hundred fifty-two (2,352).
 16. The H1N1 flu (swine flu), we have had four (4) confirmed cases here in Columbus County, and in the State of North Carolina, we have had eight (8) deaths contributed to this flu. There are five (5) companies that are making the vaccine for the H1N1 flu, in the United States.
 17. We are expecting a shipment of the H1N1 flu vaccine in mid October. We are expecting our seasonal flu vaccine to come in tomorrow.

Agenda Item #14: PUBLIC UTILITIES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

**Columbus County Public Utilities Annual Report
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

Water:

	WD-I	WD-II	WD-III	WD-IV	WD-5	TOTALS
Customers	1113	1290	966	160	315	3,844
New Customers Added	22	22	15	2	273	334
Total Gallons Pumped (MG)	107.3	104.1	52.0	21.5	23.8	308.7 MG
Total Gallons Sold (MG)	72.4	91.2	60.3	20.7	31.3	275.9 MG
Total Revenues from Water Sales	374,213.95	542,626.97	387,275.38	36,879.00	205,623.31	1,546,618.61

District #5 went on line 8/7/2008. First customers were billed 09/30/2008.

Cut offs for non-payment:: 1251 Average 104/month

Water District #4 signups: 584 to date

Processed Work Orders: 2146 Average 179/month

Utility locates: 336

Sample Chlorine Residual at each well daily.

Log gallons pumped at each well daily.

Water flushing to maintain quality: 1 man daily 32.8 MG Annually

Dead end mains: 61 each (Adding 13 dead ends in District #4)

Water Testing: Compliant in all districts except as follows:

District I, non-compliant for quarterly testing for disinfection by-products 2 and 3 quarters 2008 (now compliant)

ACME District, non-compliant for quarterly testing for disinfection by-products 2 and 3 quarters 2008 (now compliant)

Sewer POTW: Compliant with State permits for 2008

Annual Permit: 0.125 MGD

Average Daily Discharge: 0.025 MGD (Hexion)

Solid Waste:

Garbage Customers:	18,990 - 19,000 Monthly Average
Total tons transported to Sampson County:	40,398
LCID Landfill	2,778 tons
Tons hauled from Convenience Sites:	
Brown Goods -	2,886 Tons
White Goods -	309 Tons
Yard Waste	174 Tons
Recycled (Aluminum, Plastics, Cardboard):	89 Tons
Mixed Metals Recycled:	194 Tons
Scrap Tires Recycled:	34,850 Tires (Central Carolina Holding, Cameron, NC)

Landfill Repairs:

Began work - June 15, 2009	
Sand imported to repair road:	360 Cubic Yards
Topsoil imported:	2880 Cubic Yards

Entire southwest side has been repaired and seeded for grass. Valley through the center has been repaired and seeded for grass. Approximately 25% of west side has had topsoil placed. West side access road has been rough graded. Entire berm has been mowed. Repair work completed to date is approximately 50%.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS - DECLINATION of SURPLUS PROPERTY:

William W. Phipps, Attorney for Columbus County Schools, requested the County of Columbus to purchase surplus property which extends from the entrance to Tabor City Elementary School's Wall Street entrance and runs parallel with Wall Street to Eighth Street, just across from the old Tabor City Civitan Field.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to decline the purchase of surplus property from Columbus County Schools which extends from the entrance to Tabor City Elementary School's Wall Street entrance and runs parallel with Wall Street to Eighth Street, just across from the old Tabor City Civitan Field., seconded by Commissioner Russ. 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 7:53 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 03, 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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JULY, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the July, 2009 monthly

adjustments to the water bills.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each water district respectively.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - EXTENSION of REDUCED HOOKUP FEE:

Commissioner Byrd requested the Board to extend the reduced hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each water district respectively.

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

At 8:03 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COUNCILS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointment to be made.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Department of Aging Advisory Council	VI	Myra Godwin	06-30-2009	HOLD

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Tax Refunds and Releases:

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

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
August 17, 2009**

Refunds Name: Fowler, Stella F. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 07-19200 Bill # 58694 Total \$200.00
 Refund the user fee. House vacant and can removed.
 794 Big Cypress Rd. Nakina NC 28455

Refunds Name: Norris, Legrant Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 999-0 Account # 06-28080 Bill # 99999 Total \$1,877.00
 Refund the user fee for 1999 through 2008 that is double listed in the name of Donnie Thompkins.
 878 Shug Norris Rd. Tabor City NC 28463

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
August 17, 2009**

Release the Property Value in the name of Baker, James S. Amount: \$30.73
 Value: \$3,770.00 Year: 2009 Account # 05-01220 Bill # 4140 Total \$37.27
 Release the value of a boat, the Columbus Rescue (.75) and W2 (2.64). The boat is listed in Bladen County.

Release the Property Value in the name of Bell, William Amount: \$8.15
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2009 Account # 11-02849 Bill # 5399 Total \$9.85
 Release the value of a boat, the Hallsboro Fire (.60) and Columbus Rescue (.20). The boat was sold as salvage years ago.

Release the Property Value in the name of Benton, Jonathan Amount: \$34.20

Value: \$4,196.00 Year: 2009 Account # 05-01515 Bill # 5710 Total \$278.16
 Release the value of a mobile home, the North Whiteville Fire (25.00), the Columbus Rescue (.84) and W3 (4.62). The home is double listed in the same name on a different account number.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Mary C. Amount: \$95.93
 Value: \$11,700.00 Year: 2009 Account # 04-05207 Bill # 7164 Total \$233.05
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Bolton Fire (11.77) and Columbus Rescue (2.35). The home is double listed in the name of John Freeman.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Michael Amount: \$89.50
 Value: \$5,340.00 Year: 2008/0 Account # 04-01230 Bill # 9999 Total \$518.11
 Release the value of a mobile home for 2008 & 2009. Release also the Buckhead Fire (6.58) and Columbus Rescue (2.20). The home is double listed in the name of David Gore.

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Ronald Amount: \$48.90
 Value: \$6,000.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-00124 Bill # 9186 Total \$54.90
 Release a portion of the property value, a portion of the Nakina Fire (4.80) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (1.20). The property is double listed in the name of Servando Nunez.

Release the Property Value in the name of Grant, Amanda Amount: \$252.15
 Value: \$7,148.00 Year: 2006-0 Account # 01-01968 Bill # 9999 Total \$1,104.51
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (22.02) and Whiteville Rescue (6.29). The home was sold to Kelly Parker and moved to South Carolina in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Hodge, Randy Amount: \$8.15
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-04694 Bill # 3143 Total \$9.96
 Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire (.70) and Whiteville Rescue (.20). The hold was sold years ago.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lennon, Antonette Amount: \$1,723.45
 Value: \$48,900.00 Year: 2004-0 Account # 12-01106 Bill # 9999 Total \$3,489.14
 Release the property value for 2004 thru 2009. Release also the North Whiteville Resue (300.00), the Whiteville Rescue (56.70) and W3 (258.99). The property is double listed in the name of Sharonda C. Frink.

Release the Property Value in the name of McDonald, Twanna Amount: \$335.78
 Value: \$41,200.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-17274 Bill # 9725 Total \$611.70
 Release the value of a double wide, the Klondyke Fire (28.84) Columbus Rescue (8.24) and W2 (28.84). The home is double listed in the name of Alfred McDonald.

Release the Property Value in the name of Mizelle, Kermit Amount: \$21.27
 Value: \$2,610.00 Year: 2009 Account # 11-00849 Bill # 1794 Total \$21.79
 Release the value of a camper and the Columbus Rescue. The camper is double listed with the vehicles.

Release the Property Value in the name of Quarles Properties LLC Amount: \$363.49
 Value: \$44,600.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-00218 Bill # 6415 Total \$663.90
 Release the value of a double wide, the Evergreen Fire (50.00) Columbus Rescue (8.92) and W2 (31.22). The home is double listed in the name of Marquita N. Boyd.

Release the Property Value in the name of Rayl, John A. Amount: \$22.01
 Value: \$800.00 Year: 2007-0 Account # 07-04716 Bill # 9999 Total \$27.18
 Release the value of a boat for 2007 thru 2009. Release also the Nakina Fire (2.16) and Columbus Rescue (.54). The boat was sold in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Ripley, George Anthony Amount: \$35.86
 Value: \$4,400.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-06005 Bill # 7453 Total \$39.82
 Release the property value, the Burnswick Fire (3.08) and Whiteville Rescue (.88). The property is double listed in the same name of a different account number.

Release the User Fee in the name of Allen, Jessica Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 08-04032 Bill # 3456 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. The house is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Barnes, Dannie Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 10-00740 Bill # 4518 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. Mobile home is vacant has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Barnes, Matthew	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-03227 Bill # 4616	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant with no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Blackman James G..	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-01350 Bill # 6103	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. Store is vacant and there is only one trash can here.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Bowen, Elton	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-07500 Bill # 6777	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and trash can has been picked up.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Bullard, Percy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 08-01967 Bill # 8428	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Butler, Josie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 13--00527 Bill # 8873	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Caines, Howell	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-01220 Bill # 9182	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Cartrette, Michael	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 02-05116 Bill # 0227	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Christian, Willie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-50022 Bill # 0656	Total	\$213.00
Release the user fee. The house is vacant and the trash can was picked up in 2007.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Dew, Larry	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-04054 Bill # 3323	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. The shop is vacant and does not have a trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Dowless, Joseph	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 04-03523 Bill # 3721	Total	\$105.00
Release half of the user fee. This is a vacation home.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Duncan, Connie	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-03580 Bill # 3926	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and the trash can was picked up in 2006.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Elkins, Luther	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 04-00313 Bill # 4703	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant and trash can picked up in 2008.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Faircloth, S.J.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 09-07920 Bill # 5415	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Fipps, Sheldrick	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 09-00532 Bill # 5927	Total	\$157.50
Release a portion of the user fee. Customer did not have the trash can for a full year.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Floyd, Franklin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008/0 Account # 16-02944 Bill # 9999	Total	\$410.00
Release the user fee for 2008 and 2009. This house is under construction.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Freeman, W.E.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 11-09960 Bill # 7228	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and has no can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Garrell, George	Amount:	\$0.00

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Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 09-09440 Bill # 7618 Total \$210.00
 Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and can picked up in 2008.

Release the User Fee in the name of Guyton, Ronald Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-00949 Bill # 0512 Total \$210.00
 Release one of two user fees The house is under constructions and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Martha Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-41735 Bill # 2959 Total \$123.00
 Release the user fee. House is vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Horne, Wayne Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-43760 Bill # 3527 Total \$315.00
 Release a portion of two user fees. Two houses are vacant and did not have the cans for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Hughes, James Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 03-11540 Bill # 3836 Total \$105.00
 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 Jenkins, Janice Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 04-02509 Bill # 4913 Total \$192.50
 Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jernigan, Paul Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-04558 Bill # 5057 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. House vacant and can removed in 2007.

Release the User Fee in the name of Keaton, Garry Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-05763 Bill # 5984 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee that was prepayed in March of 2009.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lawrence Investment Properties LLC Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-00278 Bill # 6907 Total \$210.00
 Release one of five user fees. One house is vacant and has no can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lay, Fred E. Jr. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 07-10144 Bill # 6955 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up in 2008.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, James M. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-23960 Bill # 7580 Total \$122.50
 Release a portion of the user fee. House vacant and did not have a trash can for the full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, L. Vernell Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 12-16420 Bill # 7619 Total \$87.50
 Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lightsey, Veta Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 01-05884 Bill # 7720 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. House vacant and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Charles P. Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 11-15740 Bill # 7952 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Malpass, E. C etal Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-25557 Bill # 8722 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. Shop vacant with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Max Stevens Myers Trust Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 15-02527 Bill # 9364 Total \$210.00
 Release the user fee. House vacant with no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Noble, Clyde Amount: \$0.00

Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 01-65760	Bill # 3156	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. One house vacant and can picked up in 2008.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Powell, Anna				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 14-12020	Bill # 5336	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. Mobile home vacant with no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Price, Herbert W. Heirs				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 09-24120	Bill # 5952	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant and can picked up in 2008.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Reaves, Kenneth				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 03-04838	Bill # 6866	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant and the can picked up in 2008.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Sessoms, David				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 11-05930	Bill # 9170	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. A commercial hauler is being used at the camp ground.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Stanley, J.A. Heirs				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 09-28940	Bill # 2386	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant and does not have a trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Stanley, Leona				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 07-16200	Bill # 2423	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Strickland, William				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 10-16700	Bill # 3509	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and has no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Suggs, Sandra				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 07-05825	Bill # 3671	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up in 2008.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Turbeville, James				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 16-16180	Bill # 5266	Total	\$105.00
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 Walker, Zack				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 10-18140	Bill # 6241	Total	\$123.00
Release the user fee. House vacant with no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Rhonda				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 09-00902	Bill # 7014	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House vacant and has no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Washington, Kathleen				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2006-0	Account # 13-42660	Bill # 9999	Total	\$586.00
Release the user fee for 2004 thru 2008. The house is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Watkins, Norman				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 13-05917	Bill # 7323	Total	\$210.00
Release one of two user fees. Mobile home is vacant and has no trash can.						
Release the User Fee	in the name of Wright, Carl R.				Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00	Year: 2009	Account # 09-03104	Bill # 9953	Total	\$210.00
Release the user fee. House is vacant and has no trash can.						

B. Budget Amendments:

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the following budget amendments, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	61,529
Revenue	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	61,529
Expenditure	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	152,471
Revenue	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	152,471

Agenda Item 21: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Head:

Bobbie Faircloth: stated the following:

1. At the present time, there are only two (2) areas of the State budget that will affect the County budget. The two (2) areas are:
 - a. The Corporate Income Tax which is the ADM Funds. We only budgeted \$324,113.00 to help pay the debt service payment of the Refunding Series Bond. I have come up with an estimate of how to cover those funds, and part of that is to increase the one-half (½ cent) sales tax debt service payments that we get, increase it by \$277,972.00, and increase the Lottery Funds Debt Payment by \$45,091 which will cover the full cost of the Williams Township payment. The County will have to come up with \$1,051.00 to cover that Debt Service payment.; **and**
 - b. The eighteen and 00/100 (\$18.00) dollars per day reimbursements for housing misdemeanors, and Susan and I came up with an estimate of what the County will lose which is approximately sixty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$65,000.00) dollars per year. The State will no longer give the County the eighteen and 00/100 (\$18.00) dollars per day.
2. The beer and wine revenue will not affect us because we don't receive that.
3. By 2010, we will be responsible for the Child Support Offices which we already house these offices at the Department of Social Services.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to know why we are not participating in this \$850,000 CDBG Grant which requires no County match; **and**
 - b. It is my understanding that we are running out of time and we need to act on this grant tonight.

Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

- a. Mr. Adams' request was for a public hearing to be established, and not for the filing of an application;
- b. This project is inclusive of the paving of some streets, running sewer lines, and this area is partially in the Town of Brunswick; **and**
- c. Mr. Adams will get fifteen (15%) percent of the \$850,000.00.

Lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the following:

- the location chosen for this grant;
- the low number of houses to be done due to the inclusion of infrastructure and streets;
- the fact that this area is partially located in the Town of Brunswick with the possibility of the remainder being annexed in the near future;
- the fact that many other areas in the County need to be looked at and considered;
- maximizing the amount of the grant for the benefit of a greater number of recipients;
- the fact that all the Board members did not have a chance to have input in the decision process of the location;
- the timing of the grant application;
- the request for Mr. Adams to look at other areas before submitting this application;

and

-if the Public Hearing is established, if the Board will have the opportunity to vote on this application before it is submitted.

After additional discussion was conducted relative to this grant, Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish a Public Hearing to be conducted for the \$850,000.00 CDBG Concentrated Needs Grant on September 21, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. At the Social Services Department, they are having problems with their fire alarm and the North Whiteville Fire Department is going to send them a bill for fifty and 00/100 (\$50.000) dollars, and I don't think that is fair; **and**
 - b. We have seven (7) applicants for the Social Services Director's position that we will be interviewing in the next month, and the question has arose as to whether the County will pay moving expenses if we find someone for that position.
3. **Commissioner Gore:** Has the date been set for the ribbon cutting for Water District IV? Mr. Clark replied stating we are waiting to hear from Congressman McIntyre's Office.
4. **Commissioner Byrd:** Mr. Clark, would you have Floyd Adams to contact me.
5. **Commissioner Norris:** I would like for Floyd Adams to contact me also.
6. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. Last Thursday, Mr. Clark, Natalie Carroll and myself attended a meeting in Lumberton which entailed the following:
 - Steps in choosing engineers for projects;
 - Planning for projects;
 - Understand what you are looking for in an engineering firm;
 - Well written contracts;
 - Good relationship with DENR staff;
 - How to receive funds through Rural Development;
 - Selecting consultants;
 - More money available in USDA Rural Development than before; **and**
 - Very few actual grants that are available;
 - b. The reason that I am bringing this before you tonight is by reporting this and it being a part of the minutes, we get extra points if we were to apply for these grant monies for rural water and wastewater projects through the Rural Center;
 - c. We need to set a date for the next Personnel Policy Manual Workshop;
 - d. The next Golden Leaf Foundation Meeting will be held on August 26, 2009, at 5:30 P.M., at Southeastern Community College, and at the last meeting, we did not a good feeling about what was being stated.

After discussion among the Board members, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish Tuesday, September 01, 2009, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for the next Personnel Policy Manual Workshop.

- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I talked with Pat Cabe, our original facilitator, with the Golden Leaf Foundation and I feel better than I did after our last meeting.

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

At 8:55 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session, after a five (5) minute recess, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:19 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account as follows:

“The Board discussed the Board’s evaluation of the Assistant County Attorney and shared the County Manager’s evaluation with him.”

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:21 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

7:53 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

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**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Terri Martin, **Assistant County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:53 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 03, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the August 03, 2009 **combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JULY, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following July, 2009 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
7/1/2009	206620.0098	DAVID FOWLER	41.00	NSF
7/9/2009	103920.0098	STEPHANIE GODWIN	-21.00	BILLING ERROR

7/9/2009	302020.0098	TWIN STATE MOVERS	26.00	NSF
7/9/2009	302020.0098	TWIN STATE MOVERS	25.00	NSF FEE
7/9/2009	302010.0098	F M CARTRET	42.00	NSF
7/9/2009	302340.0098	GARY CARTRET	26.00	NSF
7/15/2009	100140.0096	JEANETTE WILLIAMS	-20.33	BALANCE TRANSFERRED
7/16/2009	350653.0095	COL. CO WILDLIFE	-5.00	BILLING ERROR (TABOR)
7/16/2009	402710.0098	MARCUS CRIBB	24.00	NSF
7/16/2009	402710.0098	MARCUS CRIBB	21.00	NSF FEE
7/21/2009	100040.0098	ROBBIE DANIELS	25.00	SERVICE CHARGE
		TOTAL	184.67	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the July 2009 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I with the one (1) recommended adjustment, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - EXTENSION of REDUCED HOOKUP FEE:

Commissioner Byrd requested the Board to extend the reduced hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V. Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. I feel like the reduced hookup fee of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars needs to be continued;
2. I don't think we have done as much as we could have, or should have, to make the people aware of the water throughout the districts; **and**
3. I think this Board needs to extend the reduced hookup fee and continue at the two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars discount rate until the Board decides different.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, until the Board decides different, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Gore made a substitute motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, for ninety (90) days, and at the end of the ninety (90) day extension for the Board to decide to terminate or continue the extension, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a recommendation that, as an incentive, free water be provided to the new customers for the first two (2) months, after they have signed up. Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated that this would not be feasible to do.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

7:53 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

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**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Terri Martin, **Assistant County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:53 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 03, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the August 03, 2009 **combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JULY, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following July, 2009 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY , 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJ</u>
7/1/2009	142195.0098	EDDIE WORLEY	-7.50	BILLING ERROR

7/1/2009	143210	THEOLA BARNHILL	-30.00	BILLING ERROR
7/2/2009	140361.0098	FLOYD MERRITT c/o K. BARNES	-130.00	BILLING ERROR
7/2/2009	111596.0097	DAVID WATTS	-50.00	DEPOSIT APPLIED
7/7/2009	142020.0098	LISA BRITT	-23.33	BILLING ERROR
7/10/2009	111376.0098	DONALD C. THOMPSON	45.83	CREDIT REFUNDED
7/14/2009	143820.0098	EVERGREEN UNITED METHODIST	-20.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
7/14/2009	142600.0098	PENNY REYNOLDS	70.00	NSF
7/14/2009	142600.0098	PENNY REYNOLDS	25.00	NSF FEE
7/22/2009	122634.0098	DOUG KLIER	-30.00	BILLING ERROR
7/24/2009	120360.0097	BYRON ALLEN MEEK JR.	-50.00	DEPOSIT APPLIED
TOTAL			-200.00	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the July 2009 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - EXTENSION of REDUCED HOOKUP FEE:

Commissioner Byrd requested the Board to extend the reduced hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V. Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. I feel like the reduced hookup fee of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars needs to be continued;
2. I don't think we have done as much as we could have, or should have, to make the people aware of the water throughout the districts; **and**
3. I think this Board needs to extend the reduced hookup fee and continue at the two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars discount rate until the Board decides different.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, until the Board decides different, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Gore made a substitute motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, for ninety (90) days, and at the end of the ninety (90) day extension for the Board to decide to terminate or continue the extension, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a recommendation that, as an incentive, free water be provided to the new customers for the first two (2) months, after they have signed up. Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated that this would not be feasible to do.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

7:53 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

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**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Terri Martin, **Assistant County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:53 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 03, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the August 03, 2009 **combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JULY, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following July, 2009 adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJ</u>
7/2/2009	341150.0098	CHARLES PAGE	10.83	CREDIT REFUNDED

7/7/2009	331055	MT. CALVARY CHURCH	-79.00	HIGH READING
7/8/2009	340058.0098	HUGH WILLIAMS	-100.00	TAP FEE ADJUSTMENT
7/17/2009	340058.0098	HUGH WILLIAMS	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
7/13/2009	381110	SUE WELLS	25.00	POSTING ERROR
7/13/2009	331110.0098	LINDA RANSOM	-25.00	POSTING ERROR
7/15/2009	370228.0095	JEANETTE WILLIAMS	20.33	BALANCE TRANSF'D
7/16/2009	350653.0095	JEANETTE FIELDS	66.00	NSF
7/16/2009	350653.0095	JEANETTE FIELDS	25.00	NSF FEE
7/20/2009	331240.0097	RUTH RAMSOM	-5.00	PENALTY WAIVED
7/20/2009	341325.0098	LAURA BRITT	73.00	NSF
7/20/2009	341325.0098	LAURA BRITT	25.00	NSF FEE
7/21/2009	370821.0097	WILLIE & RENEE GUINYARD	34.00	NSF
7/21/2009	370821.0097	WILLIE & RENEE GUINYARD	25.00	NSF FEE
7/24/2009	341520	KAREN BROWN	50.00	METER TAMPERING
7/24/2009	341520	KAREN BROWN	-50.00	METER TAMPERING
7/28/2009	340150.0098	MILLWORK SPECIALTIES	20.00	NSF
7/28/2009	340150.0098	MILLWORK SPECIALTIES	25.00	NSF FEE
7/30/2009	331130.0098	CATHY IVEY	-28.00	METER MISREAD
TOTAL			107.16	

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the July 2009 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - EXTENSION of REDUCED HOOKUP FEE:

Commissioner Byrd requested the Board to extend the reduced hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V. Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. I feel like the reduced hookup fee of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars needs to be continued;
2. I don't think we have done as much as we could have, or should have, to make the people aware of the water throughout the districts; **and**
3. I think this Board needs to extend the reduced hookup fee and continue at the two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars discount rate until the Board decides different.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, until the Board decides different, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Gore made a substitute motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, for ninety (90) days, and at the end of the ninety (90) day extension for the Board to decide to terminate or continue the extension, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a recommendation that, as an incentive, free water be provided to the new customers for the first two (2) months, after they have signed up. Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated that this would not be feasible to do.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

7:53 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

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**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Terri Martin, **Assistant County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:53 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 03, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the August 03, 2009 **combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - EXTENSION of REDUCED HOOKUP FEE:

Commissioner Byrd requested the Board to extend the reduced hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V. Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. I feel like the reduced hookup fee of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars needs to be continued;
2. I don't think we have done as much as we could have, or should have, to make the people aware of the water throughout the districts; **and**
3. I think this Board needs to extend the reduced hookup fee and continue at the two hundred

fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars discount rate until the Board decides different.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, until the Board decides different, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Gore made a substitute motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, for ninety (90) days, and at the end of the ninety (90) day extension for the Board to decide to terminate or continue the extension, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a recommendation that, as an incentive, free water be provided to the new customers for the first two (2) months, after they have signed up. Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated that this would not be feasible to do.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

7:53 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

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**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Terri Martin, **Assistant County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:53 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 03, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the August 03, 2009 **combination** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JULY, 2009 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following July, 2009 adjustment to the monthly water bill for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCT NAME</u>	<u>ADJ AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJ</u>
07/30/2009	800671.0098	Larry Gore	-105.00	Billing Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustment to the July 2009 monthly water bill for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - EXTENSION of REDUCED HOOKUP FEE:

Commissioner Byrd requested the Board to extend the reduced hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V. Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. I feel like the reduced hookup fee of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars needs to be continued;
2. I don't think we have done as much as we could have, or should have, to make the people aware of the water throughout the districts; **and**
3. I think this Board needs to extend the reduced hookup fee and continue at the two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars discount rate until the Board decides different.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, until the Board decides different, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Gore made a substitute motion to extend the reduced hookup fee at the rate of two hundred fifty-one and 00/100 (\$251.00) dollars, for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, for ninety (90) days, and at the end of the ninety (90) day extension for the Board to decide to terminate or continue the extension, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a recommendation that, as an incentive, free water be provided to the new customers for the first two (2) months, after they have signed up. Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated that this would not be feasible to do.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman