

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, November 15, 2010

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 their regular scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED to ORDER and INVOCATION:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the November 15, 2010 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

Agenda Item #3: PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Richard Hoyt with the Columbus County 4-H.

ADJUSTMENT to AGENDA:

Chairman Russ stated he needed a motion to adjust the November 15, 2010 Agenda by deleting Agenda Item Number 13, and the correction of the date of June 06, 2010 to December 06, 2010 in Agenda Item Number 8.

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to adjust the November 15, 2010 Agenda by deleting Agenda Item Number 13, and the correction of the date of June 06, 2010 to December 06, 2010 in Agenda Item Number 8, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 01, 2010 Abandoned Structure Ordinance Workshop #2 Meeting Minutes, as recorded, and the November 01, 2010 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for public input. The following spoke:

1. **Paige Saburn**, 680 Big Branch Road, Delco, NC 28436: stated the following:
 - A. I have an issue with the County water;
 - B. When we signed up for our meter, we were misinformed on four (4) different occasions;
 - C. We live approximately 400 yards or more off the road;
 - D. We were told it would cost \$150.00 now, or \$1,500.00 later;
 - E. We paid for our meter with no intention of hooking up to the water, and we asked if it would cost us anything extra and was told it would not;
 - F. We received a bill, although we are not tapped in, for \$25.00;
 - G. I called Mr. McClary and he sent us a copy of our application which has not been signed;

- H. I feel like I have been misled because no one told us we would be charged a monthly fee for the connection;
- I. My father-in-law is in the same situation, he does not even live on the land, he lives in Brunswick County;
- J. My husband did sign the last page which is only a copy of his drivers license; **and**
- K. I even asked the person doing the installation if this would cost me anything extra, and he stated no it would not.

2. **Gary Saburn**, 678 Big Branch Road, Delco, NC 284367: stated the following:

- A. I did sign that paperwork, but I was told I would not have to pay a service fee until I tapped onto the line because I don't have a dwelling on the property and it specifically states that connect the system using the water available to the dwelling and there is no dwelling on the property;
- B. It is unfair for me to have to pay a monthly fee for that meter setting out there at the road and there is not water running through that meter, but still the county is requiring me to make the minimum payment;
- C. I paid \$150.00 to have the meter hooked up, which was a no brainer at the time, pay \$150.00 in advance or pay \$1,500.00 after the system is in and they come and put the meter in for you; **and**
- D. This meter is just setting there which I have paid for already, and there is no water running through the meter.

Agenda Item #6: AGING - APPROVAL of ADDITIONAL MONEY for HOME and COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT and EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH PROMOTION:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of \$8,727.00 of additional money for the Home and Community Care Block Grant, inclusive of a \$873.00 County match, and \$2,271.00 for Evidence Based Health Promotion, inclusive of a \$252.00 County match.

Mr. Worley stated the following:

- 1. This is money that comes from the Cape Fear Council of Governments;
- 2. The Home and Community Care Block Grant is additional money that is left over from other counties that they graciously give us; **and**
- 3. The Evidence Based Health Promotion is new money.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the \$8,727.00 of additional money for Home and Community Care Block Grant, inclusive of a \$873.00 County match, and \$2,271.00 of new money for Evidence Based Health Promotion, inclusive of a \$252.00 County match, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: CDBG PROGRAMS - APPROVAL of NEWLY REQUIRED LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY and PLAN:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, requested Board approval of the newly required Language Access Policy and Plan for the Community Development Block Grants.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the newly required Language Access Policy and Plan for the Community Development Block Grants, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #8: CDBG GRANT # 08-C-1819 - ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME FOR PROGRAM AMENDMENT:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, requested the Board to establish December 06, 2010, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing for a program amendment to the CDBG Grant # 08-C-1819.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to establish December 06, 2010, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing for a program amendment to the CDBG Grant # 08-C-1819, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION GRANT 2010 - APPROVAL of AWARD of LEAD-BASED PAINT SERVICES:

Warren Wooten, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval of the award of the lead-based paint services for the Single-Family Rehabilitation Grant 2010, to the low bidder, from the following bidders list.

**EVALUATION OF CDBG PROPOSAL
LEAD BASED PAINT SERVICES**

Project: Columbus County SFR Program

11/8/10

Firm	1 Technical Approach Understanding of Problem	3 Experience of Proposed Personnel	3 Community Development Experience	4 Familiarity with Locality	5 Bid Summary	TOTAL POINTS	RANKING
Matrix	13	20	20	15	19	87	2
Roy Consulting	17	20	20	18	20	95	1

Based upon the evaluation criteria on the reverse page, the firm of Roy Consulting Group is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable fee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the award of the lead-based paint services for the Single-Family Rehabilitation Grant 2010, to the low bidder, Roy Consulting Group, with no cost stated, and no signature or date, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE -DISCUSSION of APPROVAL of WAIVER of RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT for LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

David McPherson, Chairman, requested Board approval of the waiver of the residency requirement for the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the waiver of the residency requirement for the Local Emergency Planning Committee, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: PLANNING - ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Jim Dossett, Planning Director, requested the Board to establish a date and time for a Public Hearing on the Abandoned Structure Ordinance, preferably December 06, 2010.

After discussion was conducted, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for the Abandoned Structure Ordinance to be re-drafted, a copy be distributed to the Board members for review, and a presentation be held at the December 06, 2010 Board Meeting, with a possible Public Hearing being established for January 03, 2011, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: HUMAN RESOURCES - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 to COLUMBUS COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL:

Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, requested Board approval and adoption, on the second reading, of Amendment Number 3 to the Columbus County Personnel Policy Manual.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve Amendment Number 3 to the Columbus County Personnel Policy Manual, on the second reading, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of this amendment may be found in the November 01,

Dead end Mains 61 Each (Adding 13 dead ends in District #4)

Water Testing: _____ (Compliant in all Districts except as follows:)

District #3 Non-Compliant for Quarterly Testing for Lead and Copper 1st Quarter 2009 (Now Compliant)
 District #3 Non-Compliant for Quarterly Testing for VOC's 2 & 3 Quarters 2009 (Now Compliant)

Sewer POTW:

Annual Permit 0.125 MGD
 Average Daily Discharge 0.025 MGD (Hexion Now Momentive Specialty Chemicals)

Mr. McClary stated the following:

1. I have just been informed by Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, that the Total Revenues from Water Sales have not been audited, and possibly do not include any adjustments or refunds for the period that we are discussing;
2. The total gallons listed for District 3 are not accurate; **and**
3. We need 616 additional customers in Water District 2 to eliminate the tax.

Agenda Item #16: VETERANS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Sherrri Blackman, Veterans Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board. (This update was not scheduled on November 01, 2010 due to illness.)

1. The Veteran population is as follows:
 - United States of America 10.1%
 - North Carolina 11%
 - Columbus County 10.2%;
2. The Veteran benefits are increasing;
3. Veteran benefits paid out in 2009 were \$22 million, plus;
4. We are working with Community Outbase Resources Office in Fayetteville;
5. We presently have 4,300, plus, veterans, with over 1,200 enrolled in healthcare;
6. The local stores and businesses are offering discounts to Veterans;
7. We are working with the City Fayetteville Arts Council who is building a State Veterans Park; **and**
8. The VA has just added three (3) new disabilities to the list of presumptive illnesses for Vietnam Veterans.

Agenda Item #17: FINANCE - APPROVAL of PERMANENT AGREEMENT between EMERGENCY FEEDING ORGANIZATION and the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE and CONSUMER SERVICES:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the **Permanent** Agreement Between Emergency Feeding Organization and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the **Permanent** Agreement Between Emergency Feeding Organization and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. This document will be marked as Exhibit "C", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #18: LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION of CODE of ETHICS for the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval, on the first reading, of the following Resolution of Code of Ethics for the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina. (By statute, this must be in place by January 01, 2011.)

**RESOLUTION of CODE of ETHICS for the
 BOARD of COMMISSIONERS of**

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Constitution of North Carolina, Article I, Section 35, reminds us that a “frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty”; **and**

WHEREAS, a spirit of honesty and forthrightness is reflected in North Carolina’s state motto, *Esse quam videri*, “To be rather than to seem”; **and**

WHEREAS, Section 160A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires local governing boards to adopt a code of ethics; **and**

WHEREAS, as public officials, we are charged with upholding the trust of the citizens of this county, and with obeying the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of our blessings and obligations as citizens of the State of North Carolina and as public officials representing the citizens of the County of Columbus, and acting pursuant to the requirements of Section 160A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby adopt the following General Principles and Code of Ethics to guide the County Commissioners in its lawful decision making.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING the CODE of ETHICS

- The stability and proper operation of democratic representative government depend upon public confidence in the integrity of the government and upon responsible exercise of the trust conferred by the people upon their elected officials.
- Governmental decisions and policy must be made and implemented through proper channels and processes of the governmental structure.
- Board members must be able to act in a manner that maintains their integrity and independence, yet is responsive to the interests and needs of those they represent.
- Board members must always remain aware that at various times they play different roles:
 - As advocates, who strive to advance the legitimate needs of their citizens
 - As legislators, who balance the public interest and private rights in considering and enacting ordinances, orders and resolutions
 - As decision-makers, who arrive at fair and impartial quasi-judicial and administrative determinations.
- Board members must know how to distinguish among these roles, to determine when each role is appropriate, and to act accordingly.
- Board members must be aware of their obligation to conform their behavior to standards of ethical conduct that warrant the trust of their constituents. Each official must find within his or her own conscience the touchstone by which to determine what conduct is appropriate.

CODE of ETHICS

The purpose of this **Code of Ethics** is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and to help determine what conduct is appropriate in particular cases. It should not be considered a substitute for the law or for a board members’ best judgment.

Section 1: Board members should obey all laws applicable to their official actions as members of the board. Board members should be guided by the spirit as well as the letter of the law in whatever they do.

At the same time, board members should feel free to assert policy positions and opinions without fear of reprisal from fellow board members or citizens. To declare that a board member is behaving unethically because one disagrees with that board member on a question of policy (and not because of the board member’s behavior) is unfair, dishonest, irresponsible, and itself unethical.

Board members should endeavor to keep up to date, through the board’s attorney and other sources, about new or ongoing legal or ethical issues they may face in their official positions. This educational function is in addition to the day-to-day legal advice the board may receive concerning specific situations that arise.

- Section 2.** Board members should act with integrity and independence from improper influence as they exercise the duties of their offices. Characteristics and behaviors consistent with this standard include the following:
- Adhering firmly to a code of sound values
 - Behaving consistently and with respect toward everyone with whom they interact
 - Exhibiting trustworthiness
 - Living as if they are on duty as elected officials regardless of where they are or what they are doing
 - Using their best independent judgment to pursue the common good as they see it, presenting their opinions to all in a reasonable, forthright, consistent manner
 - Remaining incorruptible, self-governing, and unaffected by improper influence while at the same time being able to consider the opinions and ideas of others
 - Disclosing contacts and information about issues that they receive outside of public meetings and refraining from seeking or receiving information about quasi-judicial matters outside of the quasi-judicial proceedings themselves
 - Treating other board members and the public with respect and honoring the opinions of others even when the board members disagree with those opinions
 - Not reaching conclusions on issues until all sides have been heard
 - Showing respect for their offices and not behaving in ways that reflect badly on those offices
 - Recognizing that they are part of a larger group and acting accordingly
 - Recognizing that individual board members are not generally allowed to act on behalf of the board but may only do so if the board specifically authorizes it, and that the board must take official action as a body.
- Section 3.a.** Board members should avoid impropriety in the exercise of their official duties. Their official actions should be above reproach. Although opinions may vary about what behavior is inappropriate, this board will consider impropriety in terms of whether a reasonable person who is aware of all of the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the board member's action would conclude that the action was inappropriate.
- Section 3.b.** If a board member believes that his or her actions, while legal and ethical, may be misunderstood, the member should seek the advice of the board's attorney and should consider publicly disclosing the facts of the situation and the steps taken to resolve it (such as consulting with the attorney).
- Section 4.** Board members should faithfully perform the duties of their offices. They should act as the especially responsible citizens whom others can trust and respect. They should set a good example for others in the community, keeping in mind that trust and respect must continually be earned.
- Board members should faithfully attend and prepare for meetings. They should carefully analyze all credible information properly submitted to them, mindful of the need not to engage in communications outside the meeting in quasi-judicial matters. They should demand full accountability from those over whom the board has authority.
- Board members should be willing to bear their fair share of the board's workload. To the extent appropriate, they should be willing to put the board's interests ahead of their own.
- Section 5.** Board members should conduct the affairs of the board in an open and public manner. They should comply with all applicable laws governing open meetings and public records, recognizing that doing so is an important way to be worthy of the public's trust. They should remember when they meet that they are conducting the public's business. They should also remember that local government records belong to the public and not to board members or their employees.
- In order to ensure strict compliance with the laws concerning openness, board members should make clear that an environment of transparency and candor is to be maintained at all times in the governmental unit. They should prohibit unjustified delay in fulfilling public records requests. They should take deliberate steps to make certain that any

closed sessions held by the board are lawfully conducted and that such sessions do not stray from the purposes for which they are called.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 15th day of November, 2010.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman, District IV**
 /s/ **GILES E. BYRD, Vice Chairman, District III**
 /s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, District I**
 /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, District II**
 /s/ **LYNWOOD NORRIS, District V**
 /s/ **RICKY BULLARD, District VI**
 /s/ **RONALD GORE, District VII**

ATTESTED BY:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, stated this document did not require a second reading.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of **Code of Ethics** for the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS / REPLACEMENTS to BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Criminal Justice Partnership	EB	Carol Caldwell (Replaces Evelyn Troy)	3/2012	Appoint
Motion: Prevatte Second: McKenzie	EB	Charles Garrett (Re-Appoint)	3/2013	Re-Appoint
Department of Aging Advisory Council	III	Vacancy (Mary Graham-Deceased)	06-30-12	Hattie Campbell
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority	EB	Robert Howard	06-30-10	David McPherson
Motion: Bullard Second: Byrd				
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	VACANT - ETJ		HOLD
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee	EB	VACANT	N/A	Paula J. Jacobs
Motion: Byrd Second: Prevatte				

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

At 7:17 P.M., Vice Chairman Byrd 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, second by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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

November 01, 2010 **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 #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the OCTOBER, 2010 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the October, 2010 monthly water bills for 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.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III, SILVERSPoon ROAD WELL PROJECT, APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER NO. 2:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of Change Order Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, for the Silverspoon Well Project.

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

Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III, SILVERSPoon ROAD WELL PROJECT - SCADA PROPOSAL:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of a \$52,500 proposal from Coastline Electric, LLC.

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

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

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #24: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

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

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5162-523900	IAP Drugs and Medical	1,990
Revenue	10-3510-430032	IAP State Grant	1,990
Expenditure	14-4311-550000	Capital Outlay	6,127
Revenue	14-3431-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	6,127

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B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

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

TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): November 15, 2010

Refunds Name: Jacobs, Steven Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year 010 Account # 01-47067 Bill # 46486 Total \$128.00
Refund user fee. Home demolished 2010.
6287 Hwy 66 Loris SC 29569

Refunds Name: McKoy, Paul (Heirs)c/o Rebecca McKoy-Alexander Amount: \$609.90
Value: \$19,000.00 Year 6/09 Account # 14-09920 Bill # 99999 Total \$685.90
Refund value of land years 2006-2009. Double listed Act#14-05460 David Lee George. Refund Welches Creek (60.80), refund Whiteville Rescue (15.20)
212 Prescott Place Plainfield NJ 07063

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): November 15, 2010

Release the Property Value in the name of Agtec Services Amount: \$80.42
Value: \$9,868.00 Year: 2010 Account # 13-04725 Bill # 5020 Total \$82.39
Release value of business equipment. Business closed. Release Columbus Rescue (1.97)

Release the Property Value in the name of Harris, A J (Mrs) Amount: \$352.08
Value: \$43,200.00 Year: 2010 Account # 4-07000 Bill # 3152 Total \$403.92
Release portion of value of dwelling and land. Deceased Feb 5, 2010. Senior Citizen Exemption should have applied for 2010. Release Bolton Fire(43.20), release Columbus Rescue (8.64)

Release the Property Value in the name of Jones, Phillip Henry & Linda Faye Amount: \$94.90
Value: \$1,568.00 Year: 05-10 Account # 01-00726 Bill # 99999 Total \$114.99
Release value of boat. Sold in estate sale. Release Roseland Fire(7.23), release Columbus Rescue (2.41)

Release the Property Value in the name of McKoy, Paul (Heirs) Amount: \$154.85
Value: \$19,000.00 Year: 2010 Account # 14-09920 Bill # 2056 Total \$173.85
Release value of land. Double listed Act#14-05460 David Lee George. Release Welches Creek (15.20), release Whiteville Rescue(3.80)

Release the Property Value in the name of Riders Restaurant Amount: \$7.11
Value: \$873.00 Year: 2010 Account # 13-03509 Bill # 9389 Total \$8.01
Release value of restaurant equipment. Business closed Jan 2010. Release Columbus Rescue (.17)

Release the User Fee in the name of Aurora Loan Services LLC Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 14-02916 Bill # 5627 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Black, Audrey Inman Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 12-01743 Bill # 7778 Total \$53.76
Release a portion of user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 11-5-2010

Release the User Fee in the name of Buffkin, Michael Wayne Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 16-02827 Bill # 9997 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Mobile home vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Bobby K. & Betty Jo Spivey Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-02234 Bill # 3888 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Can picked up 1-27-2006. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Duncan, John Farron & Patricia Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 7-03651 Bill # 5746 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2006

Release the User Fee	in the name of Fowler, Carolyn Faye R.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-03862 Bill # 8297	Total	\$89.60
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 8-9-2010.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Freeman, Henry Wells	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 11-09660 Bill # 8772	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Gardner, John W.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-00710 Bill # 9283	Total	\$128.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Hall, Malacki	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 16-03734 Bill # 2359	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. House incomplete and doesn't have a can.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of McKee, James Allen	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-56018 Bill # 1771	Total	\$35.84
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 11-3-2010.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Mintz, Medford & Pat	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 15-01132 Bill # 3482	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Double listed Act#15-22293.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2009 Account # 18-00580 Bill # 0657	Total	\$1.58
Release portion of user fee. Billing Error.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Pope, James Morris	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 11-20722 Bill # 7201	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Tarrant, Noelle M.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 6-00145 Bill # 5919	Total	\$35.84
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 11-3-2010.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Tyler, Franklin & Wanda	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-31020 Bill # 7456	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 11-29-2007			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Ward, Marilyn M. & Kelli Jenell	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-32373 Bill # 8950	Total	\$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 9-26-2008.			
Release the User Fee	in the name of Wright, Travis L.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$70,300.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-36460 Bill # 2171	Total	\$430.00
Release user fee on mobile home and dwelling. Mobile home demolished. Dwelling burned.			

Agenda Item #25: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Kip McClary, Public Utilities:** stated the following:
 - a. For clarification purposes, we need 1,978 total customers in Water District II to eliminate the special tax that is being charged;
 - b. We need 1,468 total customers in Water District III to eliminate the special tax that is being charged;
 - c. Water District IV went on line October 01, 2010, and on November 02, 2010, the customers received their first water bill;
 - d. We need to declare the Water District IV project complete, and set the tap fee back to the regular rate; **and**
 - e. We have 120, plus, customers in Water District IV who we were not able to

extend the water lines to, and we need to refund their money after the project has been declared complete.

Commissioner Bullard stated that inaccurate numbers were being given relative to the water districts, and this, indeed, was very disturbing and unprofessional.

2. **Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension:** stated the following:
 - a. We had a successful trip to Rutherfordton County that went very well;
 - b. We have another meeting set up Thursday night, at 5:30 P.M., at the community college and what we hope to gain from that is the farmers will set the board;
 - c. Annually, we have our Farm-City Week Banquet which will held tomorrow night at Southeastern Community College, at 6:00 P.M.; **and**
 - d. We would love to see each of you at both of these meetings.
3. **Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to thank everyone that attended the Voluntary Agricultural District Meeting tonight; **and**
 - b. I appreciate your support.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the education process of the 1/4 ¢ Sales Tax;
 - b. Although, this did not pass, we did our part in providing the necessary information to the citizens;
 - c. It has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Gore, although we did not always see eye-to-eye on some issues, I would always know where he stood; **and**
 - d. Good luck to you in your retirement.
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. It has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Gore, although we did not always see eye-to-eye on some issues, I would always know where he stood;
 - b. I would like to welcome Commissioner Elect Charles McDowell to our Board, and I look forward to working with you; **and**
 - c. I wish Commissioner Gore good luck in his retirement.
3. **Commissioner Norris:** stated the following:
 - a. It has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Gore;
 - b. We had some different opinions on some issues, but we agreed to disagree; **and**
 - c. I wish you good luck in your retirement.
4. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. I have learned a lot during my tenure as County Commissioner;
 - b. Commissioner Gore, I wish you and your family the best of luck in the future;
 - c. By my association with the Department of Social Services Board, I have discovered the massive workload that transpires, the shortage of staff and the level of accuracy the work is performed;
 - d. Vice Chairman Byrd and I attended the St. James Parade this past weekend and met Oprah Winfrey;
 - e. River Road construction started this morning; **and**
 - f. I have been informed we are re-doing the 9-1-1 Center, but not the radios as of yet.
Jeremy Jernigan, Emergency Services Director, responded stating that this was a different source of funding, and the funding for the radios had not been received as of yet.
5. **Vice Chairman Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. Commissioner Gore, I have enjoyed serving with you for the past two (2) years;

- b. We have not always agreed on some issues, but I have always known where you stood; **and**
- c. I admire you for the knowledge you brought to the Board, and we will miss some of that.

6. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:

- a. I have enjoyed working with Commissioner Gore;
- b. I also worked with Commissioner Gore on the School Board;
- c. He has displayed a lot of knowledge and expertise; **and**
- d. I would like to congratulate and welcome Mr. McDowell to the Board.

7. **Commissioner Gore:** stated the following:

- a. I would like for everyone to know that I am not a politician;
- b. During my tenure as a County Commissioner, I have done what I thought was best for the majority of the people;
- c. I have not compromised what I believe to be right or what is wrong, and that is what has kept me going;
- d. I have not had any agendas;
- e. I challenge Charles McDowell to do what you think is best for the people of Columbus County and don't ever forget that the dollars and cents that you are entrusted with, belong to everyone of these people that pay taxes in Columbus County;
- f. Don't ever compromise what is right for what is wrong; **and**
- g. Trust in the Good Lord and you will do good.

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

- 1. I would like to thank Commissioner Gore for his service on the Board and for all of his input;
- 2. You have been a valuable resource, and we are going to miss you, and we appreciate all that you have done to help us;
- 3. You kept our feet to the fire, and we appreciate that too;
- 4. Traditionally in December, we have the early December paycheck, and we would like to do that again this year on December 17, 2010, and we need Board approval for that; **and**

MOTION:

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to distribute the December, 2010 employee payroll checks on December 17, 2010, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

- 5. We have decided on December 17, 2010, Friday night, for the employee appreciation dinner, and that will be held at Vice Chairman's place, at 5:30 - 6:00 P.M., and the employees may bring their spouse or a guest with them.

D. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** stated the following:

- 1. I appreciate working with Commissioner Gore and he has supported me for the last year and one-half;
- 2. Commissioner Gore always came to the meetings prepared, he had read his material, and he was very well prepared;
- 3. As of 5:00 P.M., this afternoon, there have been no upset bids on the Lefefia Brown property located in Bolton, which the lady has entered a bid of \$10,000.00, and it has not been upset as of 5:00 P.M. today, and the time ran out at that time, **and**
- 4. It is up to the Board now to accept or reject her bid.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to accept the bid of ten thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) dollars on the Lefefia Brown property located in Bolton, Columbus County, North Carolina, second by Commissioner Prevatte.

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

AYES: Chairman Russ, Commissioners McKenzie, Prevatte, Norris, Bullard and Gore; **and**

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NAYS: Vice Chairman Byrd.

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #26: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:51 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, November 15, 2010

7:17 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 District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Haircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the OCTOBER, 2010 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2010 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed..

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	203160.00 96	CLARA DIXON	98.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/5/2010	401110.00 98	TAMMIE MANNING	115.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	402030.00 97	MARSHA TAYLOR	25.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/5/2010	402475.00 94	CATHY CALDER	202.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/5/2010	402475.00 94	CATHY CALDER	35.00-	CLERK ERROR
10/5/2010	206180.00 98	MARY JO SMALL	64.00-	PAYMENT APPLIED TO WRONG ACCT
10/5/2010	207054.00 98	PERSELL HAWKINS	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
10/5/2010	103810.00 98	JOSHUA MCPHERSON	400.00-	TAP FEE ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	400410.00 97	GLORIA BAXLEY	25.00-	NO WATER
10/11/2010	206990.00 98	SARAH ADAMS	75.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/11/2010	206990.00 98	SARAH ADAMS	50.00-	APPLIED DEPOSIT
10/11/2010	603820.00 94	DONNA WARD	50.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/11/2010	208360.00 98	MILLIE MCCUMBEE	75.00-	CUSTOMER DECEASED
10/14/2010	100563.00 98	ANTHONY TYLER	51.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/18/2010	302170.00 98	ODELL MCPHERSON	71.00-	WRONG READING
10/27/2010	601510.00 98	JAMES STEPHENS	45.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/27/2010	100440	MIKE WADDELL	28.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/27/2010	201220	FREEMAN GRATE	50.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/27/2010	102931.00 98	ERNEST MISE	100.00	TAP FEE ADJUSTMENT
10/27/2010	102891.00 98	ERNEST MISE	100.00	TAP FEE ADJUSTMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, November 15, 2010

7:17 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 District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Haircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the OCTOBER, 2010 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2010 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed..

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	130135.00 98	WVOE	8.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/5/2010	122080.00 98	LOUISE LEVESQUE	20.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	141380.00 98	MARTY PRICE	50.00-	DEPOSIT APPLIED
10/5/2010	111800.00 98	MARY HARDIN	37.00	NSF
10/5/2010	111800.00 98	MARY HARDIN	25.00	NSF FEE
10/5/2010	143030	JAMES GRAHAM	30.00-	CUT OFF FEE WAIVED
10/5/2010	110140.00 89	WILLIE INMAN	364.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/5/2010	141320	WILLIE REAVES	37.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/6/2010	144080.00 98	MARILYN BRITT	72.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/8/2010	121890.00 98	LUCILLE CAMPBELL	8.00-	METER READ WRONG
10/11/2010	141250	RICHARD PEACOCK	52.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/13/2010	111470.00 96	MARGIE SUMMERSET	96.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/20/2010	130785.00 98	FRANK SMITH	33.00	NSF
10/20/2010	130785.00 98	FRANK SMITH	25.00	NSF FEE
10/20/2010	142820.00 98	PRESTON SMITH	37.00	NSF
10/20/2010	142820.00 98	PRESTON SMITH	25.00	NSF FEE
10/21/2010	143189.00 98	DRENA BARNHILL	63.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/11/2010	132683.00 97	SHANE WARD	121.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/11/2010	111850.00 95	HERLER FAIRCLOTH	7.50-	TRANSFER TO KELLI GREEN ACCT
10/11/2010	140282.00 96	KELLI GREEN	7.50	TRANSFERRED FROM HERLAR FAIRCLOTH
10/13/2010	111087	TERRY SELLERS	27.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/27/2010	121720.00 95	SADIE MEARITE	1220.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/27/2010	141232.00 97	TANYA WILSON	100.00	TAP FEE ADJUSTMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 15, 2010
7:17 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 District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Haircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the OCTOBER, 2010 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2010 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed..

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/4/2010	360350	LINDA PARNELL	66.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/5/2010	330220	LUCY SIMMONS	248.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/5/2010	360320	ETHEL IKNER	37.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/5/2010	360970.00 98	ROSE HILL AME	25.00	NSF

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	360970.00 98	ROSE HILL AME	25.00	NSF FEE
10/6/2010	341185.00 98	BERTINA NORTON	68.00-	CUSTOMER LEAK
10/11/2010	340500.00 97	JANE LYNN	30.00-	PENALTY WAIVED
10/11/2010	331182.00 97	GARY SPIVEY	30.00-	PENALTY WAIVED
10/11/2010	340690.00 97	VELVET HINSON	69.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/20/2010	341330.00 98	HUGH MCPHERSON II	45.00	NSF
10/20/2010	341330.00 98	HUGH MCPHERSON II	25.00	NSF FEE

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III, SILVERSPoon ROAD WELL PROJECT, APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER NO. 2:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of Change Order Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, for the Silverspoon Well Project, in the amount of one thousand, seven hundred two, and 80/100 (\$1,702,80) dollars.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve Change Order Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, for the Silverspoon Well Project, in the amount of one thousand, seven hundred two, and 80/100 (\$1,702.80) dollars, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit “D”, and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review.

Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III, SILVERSPoon ROAD WELL PROJECT - SCADA PROPOSAL:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of a \$52,500 proposal from Coastline Electric, LLC, to furnish an addition to the SCADA system installed in Columbus County’s Water District IV, which includes sites 1, 2, 3 in District III.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the \$52,500 proposal from Coastline Electric, LLC, to furnish an addition to the SCADA system installed in Columbus County’s Water District IV, which includes sites 1, 2, 3 in District III, second by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit “E”, and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, November 15, 2010

7:17 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 District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Haircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the OCTOBER, 2010 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2010 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed..

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	420505.00 95	TAMMY KING	50.00-	BILLING ERROR

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/11/2010	420493.00 98	SOLES AUTO SERVICE	60.00-	POSTING ERROR
10/1/2010	410740.00 98	COURTNEY SASSER	50.00-	CUSTOMER SHOULD HAVE BEEN CUT OFF

DISCUSSION of PUBLIC INPUT INFORMATION:

The following discussion was conducted relative to the citizen input that was received earlier in this meeting.

Kip McClary: This is the item that we set the workshop for December 06, 2010. This is the conflict between the water application and the written policy that we have on hand. All customers who paid for a connection signed an agreement that they would agree to pay a minimum bill. As of today, we have had approximately eight (8) people who are requesting not to be required to pay the minimum bill because they have no intention of connecting

Commissioner Bullard: Is that policy now?

Kip McClary: That application has been in effect since 2003. That is not the statement in the policy.

Commissioner Bullard: What is the policy?

Kip McClary: The policy is what we were going to address on December 06, 2010 that states that after they have paid the minimum tap fee, then they can disconnect from the system for a \$25.00 disconnect fee.

Vice Chairman Byrd: And the tap fee is going to be?

Kip McClary: At the current tap rate. That is what it has always been established to be. The current tap rate which will be \$500.00 per account.

Commissioner Bullard: If they are requesting though to not pay the tap fee, and it is not policy, Mr. Stephens, don't you have to honor policy?

Mike Stephens: If the policy conflicts with the application, there is a problem.

Vice Chairman Byrd: Would you restate that Mr. Stephens.

Mike Stephens: If the policy conflicts with that application that was signed, I think there is a conflict and that is what should be resolved at this workshop.

Chairman Russ: Then, this needs to wait until after the workshop?

Commissioner Bullard: How has this issue been being handled? I know this is not the first one that

has come up since it's been in effect.

Kip McClary: No sir. That is why thirty-six (36) people disconnected from Water District V.

Commissioner Bullard: So, we have been allowing them to disconnect?

Kip McClary: Until I came on board, yes sir.

Vice Chairman Byrd: Is there some question with the signature?

Kip McClary: He signed a hand-written statement stating that he wanted County water, but he did not sign the application form agreeing to this statement.

Vice Chairman Byrd: That is reason right there to forgive it and pull the meter.

Commissioner Prevatte: They are not asking for their meter to be pulled, they just don't want to pay that monthly recurring bill. They have paid the \$150.00 for the connection, so they just don't want to have to pay the \$25.00 monthly recurring bill.

Vice Chairman Byrd: We will have to set an example somewhere down the line that if we allow this, we will have to allow others, and the only way I see to resolve it is to pull that meter or either forfeit the \$150.00 and stop it at that point.

Kip McClary: Yes sir. As I have said, we have had approximately eight (8) more, in Water District IV who are requesting that also, and there again, we are losing people who originally signed up and we based our debt on this number to build the system.

Vice Chairman Byrd: In this particular case, we do not have the proper paperwork, or he did not sign the appropriate paperwork, by the water district and by the County.

Commissioner Bullard: How can you deny people requests when they have complied with what they have been asked to do?

Mike Stephens: Therein lies the problem. They sign one thing and obviously they did not know what the policy was for the County. Maybe, it is their responsibility to go find out, but if they sign an application saying one thing, and then the policy says something else.

Commissioner Bullard: Does the application state they will pay a \$25.00 monthly water bill?

Kip McClary: The application states that the customer agrees to pay a minimum bill whether connected to the system or not.

Commissioner Bullard: Does it say a minimum monthly bill?

Kip McClary: It says a minimum bill whether connected to the system or not.

Commissioner Bullard: Did that mean to be interpreted as a hookup fee or a monthly fee?

Kip McClary: No sir. They pay the hookup fee separately. They don't get the application unless they pay the hookup fee.

Commissioner Bullard: So, it says a minimum fee.

Kip McClary: Yes sir. This is what I was presenting to you in the last discussion we had on this and you agreed to set December 06, 2010 as the workshop date to actually go through the language of this and try to fix this issue.

Chairman Russ: This information needs to be provided to each Board member, and it will be addressed at the December 06, 2010 Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 15, 2010
7:17 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 District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Haircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 P.M., Chairman Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board meeting to order.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 01, 2010 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the OCTOBER, 2010 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the October, 2010 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed..

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	800466	BRIAN CHESTNUTT	70.00-	COMPUTER ERROR
10/5/2010	700133.00 98	BOBBY NOBLES	25.00	NSF

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
10/5/2010	700133.00 98	BOBBY NOBLES	25.00	NSF FEE
10/5/2010	703600.00 98	TERRY & CINDY RABON	25.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/5/2010	800127.00 98	DIANE WHALEY	12.00-	CUSTOMER HIGH READING PER KIP
10/11/2010	701250.00 97	NCDOC	35.00-	BILLING ERROR
10/27/2010	800900	WANDA TINKLER	150.00-	CREDIT
10/27/2010	709970.00 98	SIEGFRIED LONG	100.00	TAP FEE ADJUSTMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman