

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, February 21, 2011****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 their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 P. Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

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 Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments, oral or written, about the contents of the application.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments, oral or written, about the contents of the Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application. Chairman Byrd requested Mike Stephens, County Attorney, to orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety. Chairman Byrd requested Charles Patton to explain. Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. This is the annual grant that North Carolina Department of Transportation, through Federal and State, gives to all one hundred (100) counties;
2. We have a dead line in March, 2011;
3. This is money that is being funded for the administration and for capital;
4. The State and Federal government pay eighty-five (85%) percent of the administration and Columbus County Transportation Reserves pay for the other fifteen (15%) percent;
5. The State and Federal government pay ninety (90%) percent of the capital and Columbus County Transportation Reserves for the other ten (10%) percent; **and**
6. This is a format grant that needs the Commissioners' signature.

COMMENTS:

No comments were received from the public either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

6:33 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the February 21, 2011 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the February 07, 2011 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with the two (2) corrections requested by Chairman Byrd and the one (1) correction requested by Commissioner Prevatte, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjust the February 21, 2011 Agenda by placing Agenda Item #6 before Agenda Item Number 5, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - REQUEST for RETENTION of OLD COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL BUILDING:

Dr. Jesse Fisher, Member of the Kiwanis International Club, requested Board consideration to not destroy the old jail building.

Dr. Fisher stated the following:

1. Thank you for this opportunity to come here and share some thoughts with you;
2. Let me give you a little quiz - How many of you know -
-Where the "old jail" is?;
-Which building?;
-When was it built?;
3. Somehow the old jail has remained in use, and it was built around 1850, some 161 years ago, even surviving the 1886 earthquake thus the earthquake rods;
4. Do you realize the opportunity you have to preserve a piece of history that we have so little of, and at the same time put it to work for us?;
5. Many communities crave the chance to show off some sample of life as it was in their beginning;
6. The most effective way to teach our children is by giving them real samples of the past;
7. You need to appoint a committee to work with the architect which should include our County Historian, John McNeill, who knows our past as no other person among us;
8. It is a welcomed responsibility and opportunity to preserve this 161 year-old landmark for our children and future generations who will visit Columbus County; **and**
9. It seems almost immoral not to protect this gift and tourist attraction.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to resume the regular Agenda, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Bob High, Whiteville, North Carolina:** stated the following:
 - A. I would encourage you to save the old jail;
 - B. It was a site of four (4) public hangings, and the last one was February, 1904, and the reason it was the last one in this County, it was the last person to be convicted of a capital crime here, and the State took over all executions in 1906;
 - C. The building was originally a square building made of brick;
 - D. The front one (1) story was added in the 1940's, and at one time it was a Whiteville City School's Board of Education Administrative Office; **and**
 - E. The man that built it for the County, under County contract, was Alford Smith, and that is the reason the street is named Smith Street.
2. **Hamp Avant, 913 Smyrna Drive. Whiteville, North Carolina:** stated the following:
 - A. I have lived here all my life, and a lot of the older buildings have been demolished;
 - B. The history in our County is relatively gone comparatively;
 - C. The old jail is the only thing that has much history to it other than our fine Courthouse;
 - D. This is the one (1) building that is well worth preserving for our families; **and**

- E. We have nothing very old in our community and it will be well worth our efforts.
3. **Willie Burns, 107 Diamond Branch Store Road, Whiteville, North Carolina:** stated the following:
1. My only purpose here tonight is to support Mr. Fisher on behalf of the Kawanis Club;
 2. I would love to see that piece of history preserved for our young people and our children and our future generations; **and**
 3. I did not realize that we had anything in the County that old.
4. **David/Donna Scott, 1004 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina:** stated the following:
- A. I am speaking on behalf of my wife and myself; **and**
 - B. I am requesting the County consider this valuable piece of our history.
5. **Billy A. Small, P.O. Box 496, Fair Bluff, North Carolina 28439:** stated the following:
1. I am here to represent Ms. Ann Powell; **and**
 2. She grew up Whiteville and she would like for the Old Jail to be retained for the people in Columbus County.
6. **Joey FormyDuval, 13866 New Britton Highway East, Nakina, North Carolina 28455:** stated the following:
1. I live in the Lees Township area;
 2. I will speaking regarding the Old Jail;
 3. Some may view the Old Jail as an old building that needs to be demolished or destroyed, but I will submit to you that it is a building that has stood for a century and a half;
 4. It is a building that is part of Columbus County history, and a building that should be preserved;
 5. It is a historic treasure and historic asset;
 6. In fact, this is the same jail that held the famous outlaw Henry Berry Lowery right after the Civil War, and this makes it more favorable historically;
 7. Henry Berry Lowery had a higher bounty on his head than did Jesse James during that period of time;
 8. Today, Henry Berry Lowery is a folk hero to the Lumbee people of Robeson County;
 9. The Old Jail could be used as an educational tool, and it could also be used as a tourist attraction;
 10. I understand that Columbus County is working to develop a tourist industry, but if we have destroyed all of our historic sites and all of our historic treasures, there will be nothing for people to come and see;
 11. If the Old Jail is demolished, it will be a historic asset that will be lost forever for future generations;
 12. Once the Old Jail is destroyed, it cannot be put back;
 13. I would benefit everyone if a way could be found to save the Old Columbus County Jail, and still accomplish your mission, if possible, as best you can; **and**
 14. Thank you for your time.

Agenda Item #7: COURTHOUSE FINDINGS - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CONSIDERATION of APPROVAL of RECOMMENDED OPTION:

Glen Ware, Ware and Bonsall Architects, and Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, will provide any requested additional information on the Columbus County Courthouse Findings for consideration of approval of the recommended option. **(This matter was tabled for further consideration and input at the February 07, 2011 Board Meeting.)**

- Mr. Ware stated the following:
1. At the February 07, 2011 Board Meeting, I made a presentation on the findings of the alternative options that we looked at for locating a Court Annex Building along with the continued use of the historic Courthouse;
 2. There were four (4) different site options that we looked at and what the recommendation was;
 3. The initial recommendation was for a new Courthouse at the cost of approximately \$17 million;
 4. The Courthouse Committee looked at ways to reduce the cost and bring the budget down to

- approximately \$15 million, and look at ways to consolidate the courts in the Courthouse Square area, and continue to use the historic Courthouse;
5. We looked at developing a new Court Annex building that would house all the secure functions that need to go in a modern Courthouse, and look at the historic Courthouse as providing office space, as well as two (2) courtrooms for really non-secure types of proceedings;
 6. We have gone through the historic Courthouse and identified the things that need to be done, basically who could possibly go into that building, and then focused on the new Court Annex Building;
 7. We are looking at a building of roughly 41,000 SF that would house three (3) courtrooms and all of the support space that would need to be with that, along with the Clerk of Court;
 8. I have come up with a time line that roughly this project would be done in two (2) phases over the span of about five (5) years;
 9. The first phase would be the new building, followed ultimately with the renovation and preservation of the historic Courthouse, a rehabilitation of that building for long-term use for court functions;
 10. We looked at developing a project budget, the first phase, the Court Annex building, at about \$8.8 - \$8.9 million, with the total budget, including everything, which is basically a turn-key budget price;
 11. Looking at the historic Courthouse, is a little over \$6 million budget to do the work there;
 12. Overall, the project budget is just under \$15 million, which does not include property acquisition that could be required for parking, and possibly required for building, depending on which option that is ultimately selected, environmental remediation and any off-site utilities improvements, and any replacement of displaced functions, and construction inflation which we are beginning to run into now that costs are starting to go back up;
 13. The four (4) sites we looked at are as follows:
 - A. Site A - on the block where this building is;
 - B. Site B - across the street to the northwest, again on county-owned property;
 - C. Site C - county-owned property which is a vacant lot; **and**
 - D. Site D - Grainger property which faces Courthouse Square.;
 14. With comparison of these four (4) different sites, and discussion with the Courthouse Committee, it was the Courthouse Committee's recommendation that Option A would be the preferred location for the new Court Annex building;
 15. In terms of priority, Option B would be the second choice, Option D was the third choice, and Option C was the last choice;
 16. Essentially, Option A was the preferred site because:
 - A. Its entrance could face the historic Courthouse;
 - B. Be in close proximity for people to go back and forth between the two (2) buildings;
 - C. No property acquisition required for the building, but there may be some property acquisition required for parking;
 - D. Building has good expandability onsite;
 - E. Has the ability to have onsite secure parking, which is important for courts; **and**
 - F. Has good proximity to public parking.; **and**
 17. For all of those reasons, this was the recommendation by the Courthouse Committee, and the recommendation I am bringing you again tonight.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / DISCUSSION:

Chairman Byrd: Mr. Ware, would you point out what the existing buildings are being used for, in Option A.

Glen Ware: With Option A, the existing buildings are being utilized by the Register of Deeds, the Tax Office, the County Administration Building, and the Courthouse Annex building, with the Superior Court Offices and the District Attorney's Offices located across the street. If this option is chosen for the new Court Annex, one of the thoughts was, essentially, this whole block area could become developed and become a campus for County government.

Commissioner Prevatte: Is there any way you could turn the bottom half of that building to the left behind the Administration Building and not have to tear the Old Jail Building down?

Glen Ware: We looked at different ways of citing a building in here and frankly, there is not enough space in here to locate the building, it would not function for courts at all. We also looked at another option, and we talked about this in committee too. The ability to acquire the gas station and locate a building. Given the depth of the building that is going to be required to function as a

court, there is really no way that configuration would work without beginning to impede on that building as well. The location of that building, no matter how you look at it, it is kind of where the Court Annex would need to go if you locate it on that site.

Commissioner Prevatte: According to your budget, you had two hundred (200) parking spaces identified. This property that we own, how many parking spaces would it accommodate?

Glen Ware: Approximately eighty (80) parking spaces.

Commissioner Prevatte: That means the budget that we have for \$14, plus, million does not include the acquisition for the land for parking?

Glen Ware: That is correct.

Commissioner Prevatte: What is the estimate that the additional acreage would cost for the additional parking spaces, and have we included the possibility of the property that the city owns right across the street?

Glen Ware: As the committee discussed, we left that open because there is no way to put a price on real estate. Essentially what you are looking at, if you develop this area for eighty (80) spaces, you are looking at a need for property for about one hundred twenty (120) spaces, and roughly about one (1) acre of land to house about one hundred twenty (120) spaces..

Commissioner Prevatte: Did the City indicate they would be willing to work with us on that?

Glen Ware: We have heard the possibility of a lease. Maybe some kind of cooperative agreement could be worked between the County and the City to be able to develop parking in this area.

Commissioner Prevatte: So you would not have to purchase, if they did that.

Glen Ware: That is correct. What we are showing here in this block is a footprint of one hundred twenty (120) spaces, roughly about the right size to accommodate the additional parking. I might add that the parking requirement is not something that is required by zoning. Zoning really requires that you have parking for every twenty (20) which is a lot less than two hundred (200) spaces, but what we recommend, from our experience with working with courts, because you have a lot of visitors and people coming to court and you also have the need for jury parking, we recommend as a rule of thumb, five (5) spaces per thousand square feet of building. So, if you are adding forty thousand (40,000 SF) square feet of building, we recommend you have plans for about two hundred additional parking spaces.

Chairman Byrd: All of those parking spaces are not needed today. They will be needed in 2020 or 2030.

Glen Ware: They will be needed probably not long after the Annex is built. They will be needed in the next five (5) years. That will give the County time to look for property that is available in this area of walking distance and be able to take advantage of opportunities to acquire property with the idea that you would be able to acquire it for parking in the future.

Commissioner Prevatte: We would have to include it in our budget if we are going to buy it, if we are going to borrow that kind of money.

Glen Ware: That is true and you may want to include an allowance for land acquisition in that budget.

Commissioner Norris: Has anyone met with the Town to see what they are willing to do?

Glen Ware: We have not. I understand that some people who are on the committee have done that, have had some discussions.

Chairman Byrd: I have not, but Mr. Clark may have.

William S. Clark: I have talked to town officials, and they have expressed some interest in working with us.

Chairman Byrd: I have spoken to some individuals and they certainly wanted the Courthouse Annex put near the old Courthouse and not across town. That is really their main interest, and that is why they are so willing to work with us about the parking. Is there any way in designing this building, that we could incorporate the Old Jail within it?

Glen Ware: No. Given the age of the building and the factor of building new construction, this would not be feasible to do that. I would say that if you wanted to preserve the building, I would suggest that you look at moving it. Either move it to another location, somewhere on the property or adjoining property and relocate the building.

Chairman Byrd: Is it possible for it to be moved?

Glen Ware: I would say yes. I have seen all kinds of buildings moved. It can be done, but I can't tell you how much it would cost to be done.

Commissioner Bullard: I would like to see Site B again.

Glen Ware: The Courthouse Committee's second recommendation was Site B.

Chairman Byrd: Also, the Courthouse Committee was asking that the parking at the funeral home be used during operation of the Courthouse. The Committee which James and I served on did not feel like that was a good possibility especially for the long term. I think that is why the Committee chose Site A over Site B.

Sheriff Christopher Batten: I talked with Ms. Sally High this afternoon and she is going to talk to Ms. Powell, and also talk with Bill Powell. She is going to talk with all of them and get a consensus of the group together and her own opinion is they would like to keep the option open for a few days to discuss this and come back and give us some answers, but after our conversation, and I told her all of the in's and out's of what we had discussed, the committee, she seemed to be leaning toward allowing us to use that area behind McKenzie's as a parking area over to the existing driveway that goes in on the east side of the building. That is all I have now. Mr. Clark and I talked earlier today and that was her view.

Jesse Fisher: I have been recently to that area, I was showing it to somebody who didn't know where the building was, and much to our surprise, it appears from being there in person, walking around and without putting a tape on it, that the footprint that you have proposed could be pivoted ninety (90) degrees which will allow the long axis of the building to run east and west instead of as it is shown running north and south. There have been many, many buildings, much older than this building which have been torn out completely on the inside and renovated and used right on. Chatham County Courthouse is one of them. I think if you put a tape on it, you will see that you can turn that building from north and south and run the long axis east and west, and then you run a corridor to this Old Jail building, tearing out the inside from the ground to the ceiling and rebuild it brand new on the inside anyway you want it, and make it part of the new building. It would also be cost effective, because to restore the exterior would only require sandblasting, repainting and replacement of the existing fixed-plated paved windows with more of the windows like you see in the picture that are double hung. The exterior could be restored with very little expenditure and you can have a brand new interior designed any way you want it, or you could restore it to its original configuration. That would be a matter to be decided. But I believe it would be cost effective to do both of those things and it would solve most of our problems. I am a person that is so happy that we are doing what we are doing. I appreciate what you are doing, and I think it is a great idea. The exterior of the existing Courthouse . . . I am delighted that you have decided to do that and I think a lot of people are, but I think this would be a way to solve this other problem without really much disturbing of, you have the land, the whole thing. It would just be a matter of citing the building with a long axis running east and west instead of north and south primarily with a few other structural changes, but I do not think anything major.

Chairman Byrd: Glen, is that possible?

Glen Ware: We looked at that, and we looked at that in committee, and quite frankly, it is extremely tight in here to try to get a configuration which a functionally size Courthouse could fit. I am not saying it is impossible, I am just saying it is going to be difficult. You may deal with some inefficiencies in the square footage in the building to work around this to make that happen. But I will not tell you that it is impossible, I think we could find a way to make it work, work around that, if that is the direction of the Board.

Commissioner Bullard: Did you ever consider attaching onto this building with the new Courthouse and going further backwards with it and using this building a part of the new one?

Glen Ware: No, we did not. There are some things, regarding this building, again given a date, given its configuration, it will not work for courtrooms. What we are trying to do, when we look at courthouses, we essentially base the footprint on the court floor. What happens on the first floor is typically the lobby area, the Clerk of Court space, and that is somewhat fluent, somewhat flexible as to how that could be configured, but the courtrooms themselves, the size, the shape configuration of those courtrooms, in relationship to public circulation separation to private circulation for jury rooms, judges' chambers, and the ability to have the prisoner holding area secure between the two (2) courtrooms, kind of makes that the governing factor in the footprint of the actual courthouse itself. We didn't see that this building would be functional for courtrooms given the fact of the courtrooms that we are looking at. The other factor that we considered is that this building really needs to be built while all the other buildings continue to be in operation. The need to have district court in this building, you are going to need to use the historic Courthouse, you will need to use the District Attorney's Office and Superior Court while all of this is under construction.

Commissioner McDowell: Mr. Ware, would you show us Option D. I am interested in looking at the configuration because it looks like it is a much smaller area, and I wanted to see how you had the two (2) separate courtrooms there. I see you have one (1) facing North and South and one (1) east and west. Is that right?

Glen Ware: That is correct.

Commissioner McDowell: And that would not be feasible for Option A?

Glen Ware: That would not fit here. But, again, like I say, if it is your desire to try and fit the building in here, that is something we can probably make happen, it will be less efficient, and probably be stretching out some corridors, and might be a little bit bigger building to make that happen, but if that is your desire, we can probably find a way to make that work. Still maintain the front door here with connection to the Courthouse, lobby area here and then sectionally string out the court floor in that area. This is very close to the existing buildings, and again that is a problem we will have to work with during the constructability with all the fire separation. The building code requires rated walls when you are that close to existing buildings.

Commissioner Bullard: It really looks like if we want to save the Old Jailhouse, you almost need to go to another site because when you are building a new structure with an old structure beside it, it is going to slow the building down, and it is going to cost more money to do it, and you got to be more careful with heavy equipment.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: Mr. Ware, you did say that it was possible to move the Old Jail?

Glen Ware: Yes, that would be a possibility to move that building, move it somewhere else.

Chairman Byrd: Mr. Jesse, after Mr. Clark and I met with you and Mr. John McNeil, you suggested moving the Old Jail, have you done any research on what it will cost to move?

Jesse Fisher: No.

Commissioner Norris: I would like to know, myself, what it would cost to move the Old Jail.

Glen Ware: If you going to do that, I would suggest that you move it to another block, or perhaps in the middle of this block.

Bob High: The long building to your left is a 1919 jail. The upstairs in that building is in terrible condition. Can we not take down the 1919 jail and move the building toward this building and save the Old Jail?

Glen Ware: Again, that would be a possibility.

Commissioner Russ: The only problem that I see with keeping the Old Jail with Site A, if the Old Jail is considered a historical monument, it will increase the traffic flow. I think we should try and move the Old Jail. Let's come up with a committee, start raising some money. I went to this building for an extended period of time on Friday, and there is nothing in that building that looks

like a jail to me. The floors are weak, it has been added onto, and many renovations have been made.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion that we take Site A as the new Courthouse location.

Commissioner Prevatte: Mr. Chairman, point of order, the motion that I made at the last meeting was to table and before it can be brought back, it has to be voted on to be brought back. Is that correct Mr. Attorney?

Mike Stephens: It has to have a motion to revive it for consideration.

Commissioner Prevatte: It has to have a motion to revive it for consideration at that point.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I will make that motion.

MOTION:

As per Mike Stephens' (County Attorney) advice, Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to revive Agenda Item #6 from the February 06, 2011 Board Meeting, Courthouse Committee Findings, that was tabled for further consideration until we get further input, second by Commissioner Russ.

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

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

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

Commissioner Russ: The longer we drag our feet on the Courthouse, the more it is going to cost. I have talked to Mr. Clark and Bobbie this afternoon, and interest rates have already started to increase. The only way we are going to do it is to go and ahead and start. Financially, we are in pretty good shape.

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. The reason I opposed is we have not heard from the Manager how we are going to pay for this new Courthouse;
2. How much money are we going to borrow, are we going to raise taxes;
3. We have not heard how much new parking is going to cost us;
4. How much is the land going to cost for additional parking spaces;
5. We don't know how much it will cost the move the Old Jail;
6. I think we still need to do some more studying;
7. This is only the second meeting I have been in and heard any discussion about the Courthouse; **and**
8. I think it is only fair to us to have a little time and make sure we make the right decision before we spend \$15 million.

William S. Clark: stated the following:

1. If we work out a relationship with the City for one hundred twenty (120) parking spaces, there is some other property over there that are on the tax books for the five (5) parcels on Smith Street. They are on the tax books for \$371,000;
2. If we borrow the money over twenty (20) years, we are looking at payments of about \$1.3 million per year, with an interest rate of 4.59%, which is what the interest rate is today;
3. We do have the debt on the DSS building and the Cooperative Extension building, and they will be up in 2018.
4. The debt on the Jail will be up in 2020;
5. We have some debt coming off of the books; **and**
6. I feel like this County can afford to do this.

Commissioner Prevatte: Mr. Clark, you said the property was up for sale. Do we need it?

William S. Clark: That depends on what we end up with. We may not need it, it depends on what option we end up with. If we end up with Option A, I think we are going to need more parking, you do not want people walking across Madison Street, I don't think you want people parking behind Mr. Graingers and then parking over here, and hopefully have all of your parking in one place. All of that land on Smith Street is potentially for sale.

Chairman Byrd: Ms. Bobbie, could you give us an update on the interest rate change that we have had since we been talking about the new Courthouse.

Bobbie Faircloth: In the last six (6) months, interest rates have increased from four (4%) percent to four and 59/100 (4.59%) percent, and the prediction is that it will continue to increase.

Chairman Byrd: Mr. Glen, do you have any suggestions on how much the cost to build has gone up in the last few months?

Glen Ware: According to the Building Cost Index, prices peaked out in the middle of 2008, and then we had a crash, approximately a twenty-five (25%) percent drop in construction costs. That leveled out in 2009. What we have been seeing over the last year is a steady increase in construction costs. Material costs have gone up, interest rates have gone up and that affects construction costs, the price of oil has gone up significantly over the last two (2) years. With looking forward, I think you are looking at, at least three to four (3-4%) percent increase in construction costs. I have factored that into the budget numbers that I have given you anticipating that this would be bid about a year from now. Beyond that, I don't know. My experience with bids, when we come out of recession, prices level off and then they start to slightly increase, and then they take off and when that is going to happen, and that will probably happen, a year or two years from now, you will see double digit increases in construction costs. That is hard to predict when that will actually occur, but I can tell you, hind sight, it has happened before.

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. The only problem I have with it, and I am ready to build a Courthouse because I know that we have to, but I don't see buying property that we don't have to have;
2. I don't see tearing the Old Jail down;
3. I would like to see some costs of moving the Old Jail, or let Mr. Ware look at, and see if he can turn it around and incorporate the Old Jail right where it is; **and**
4. That will affect the costs quite a bit because if you are going to move the Old Jail, it will cost quite a bit of money.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: stated the following:

1. The citizens here tonight have expressed a strong desire to preserve the Old Jail and we want to do everything we possibly can to preserve the Old Jail;
2. By the same token, Mr. Ware has presented a well-prepared package to us;
3. We owe it to the folks in this County to make a decision;
4. By procrastinating on the jail in earlier years, it ended up costing us double the amount; **and**
5. We have a project in front of us, and I think we need to move on it.

Commissioner Russ: My parliamentary procedure may not be as good as it should be, but I would like to amend my previous motion to include the choice of Site A and we will exhaust every effort possible to save the old jail.

AMENDED MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made an **amended motion** that Site A be chosen for the new Court Annex and exhaust every effort possible to save the Old Jail, depending on Mr. Ware to come back and get the cost to move the Old Jail and see if the building will fit, second by Commissioner McDowell.

The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: AIRPORT - BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT, VISION 100 GRANT, PROJECT 36237.53.6.2:

Phil Edwards, Columbus County Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the Block Grant Agreement for the Vision 100 Grant, Project 36237.53.6.2, in the amount of thirty one thousand, seven hundred sixty-six and 00/100 (\$31,766.00) dollars, with a county match of three thousand, five hundred twenty-nine and 00/100 (\$3,529.00) dollars, equating to a total of thirty-five

thousand, two hundred ninety-five and 00/100 (\$35,295.00) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the following Resolution for the Block Grant Agreement for the Vision 100 Grant, Project 36237.53.6.2, in the amount of thirty one thousand, seven hundred sixty-six and 00/100 (\$31,766.00) dollars, with a county match of three thousand, five hundred twenty-nine and 00/100 (\$3,529.00) dollars, equating to a total of thirty-five thousand, two hundred ninety-five, and 00/100 (\$35,295.00) dollars, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Agreement will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board Office, for review.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Grant in the amount of \$31,766 has been approved by the Department based on total estimated cost of \$35,295; **and**

WHEREAS, an amount equal to or greater than ten percent (10%) of the total estimated project cost has been appropriated by the Sponsor for this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE Chairman of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this Grant Agreement or any mutually agreed upon modification thereof.

Agenda Item #9: CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - APPROVAL of ANNUAL GRANT APPLICATION:

Kay Horne, Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Partnership Program, requested Board approval of the annual grant application for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program in the amount of eighty-five thousand, seven hundred, thirty-seven and 00/100 (\$85,737.00) dollars.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the annual grant application for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program in the amount of eighty-five thousand, seven hundred, thirty-seven and 00/100 (\$85,737.00) dollars, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the grant application will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - NCDOT GRANT RESOLUTION and ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval and authorization for Chairman to sign resolution and all related documents for the North Carolina Department of Transportation Community Transportation Programs. The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. on this date prior to this meeting.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution and all related documents for the North Carolina Department of Transportation Community Transportation Programs, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this information will be kept on file in the office of the Public Transportation Director for review.

Agenda Item #11: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. I appreciate this opportunity to come before you to let you know what is going on with Economic Development;
2. Our Economic Development Commission Board requested that we try to quantify some of the activity to help people better understand the number of active projects we work on each month, the number of contacts, the number of meetings we have, etc.;
3. The information I have distributed in no way covers the telephone calls that are constant, but these are actual meetings, visits, site showings, etc., that involve projects that we are working on, meetings with clients that may be interested in coming to the County;

4. The active projects have started to increase in the last several months;
5. Columbus County is somewhat blessed because we are seeing our activity levels go up in the last three to four (3-4) months significantly;
6. We are doing better than some of our surrounding counties as far as activity level;
7. The active projects are ranging from twelve (12) to eighteen (18) per month;
8. Contact meetings have jumped from eight (8) per month to a current level of about twenty (20) per month;
9. We have projects in the works but are not quite ready to come forth at this time;
10. We have about one hundred forty (140) jobs that are on the line here that are looking very promising;
11. In reviewing the Columbus County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program, we discovered the following:
 - A. At some point in the past, any claw-back provisions were taken out at some point in time (i.e. Hart and Cooley);
 - B. We are working to put claw-back provisions back in, to standardize our policy with the State guidelines for the Article 3J Tax Credits, but I am working with an advisory committee that is made up of members of our Economic Development Commission Board to go over that policy with a fine-tooth comb;
 - C. We are going to go forward to the School of Government and ask for their input before we come to the Board with our recommendations on how that policy should read;
 - D. At the present time, the County's Policy is \$500,000 and yet it was previously \$100,000, and the question really is if we want to encourage small business, where should that level be, and this is where I am looking to my Board for guidance;
 - E. Under Article 3J Tax Credits, the eligible types of businesses are as follows:
 1. Aircraft maintenance and repair;
 2. Air carrier services hub;
 3. Company headquarters that create 75 new headquarter jobs;
 4. Customer service call centers;
 5. Electronic shipping and mail order houses;
 6. Information technology services;
 7. Manufacturing;
 8. Motor sports facility;
 9. Motor sports racing team;
 10. Research and development;
 11. Warehousing; **and**
 12. Wholesale Trade;
 - F. I posed the question to our regional people if you have a pharmacy operation that is running a closed-door pharmacy, and there is nothing being sold to the general public across the counter, it is a closed pharmacy that is taking electronically transmitted orders, filling those orders, and then those orders are sent out to distant counties, how does this fit the Article 3J Tax Credits?; **and**
 - G. We need to fix all the problems we are experiencing at the same time.

Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - PRESENTATION on the TIME and ATTENDANCE PROGRAM:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, delivered the following presentation on the Time and Attendance Program.

1. The easiest way I know to present this program is to show you;
2. This presentation will take approximately thirty (30) minutes; **and**
3. I have another suggestion to do this in a workshop.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Bullard: Some of the questions that I have had is that, I am hearing a lot of complaints about people having to punch in and punch out, and how long does it take to punch in?

Bobbie Faircloth: I can show you now what it would take for a regular employee to clock in. Where the time consuming part of it is the actual part that the managers have to do. A large part of it depends on your internet connection, it may take a few minutes to come up. In Finance, our internet connection is quick. For the departments that have larger staff, it comes right back up for the next employee to clock in. We made it a three (3) step process for security purposes.

Commissioner Russ: If I have a Blackberry, can I clock in at the house?

Bobbie Faircloth: Yes sir. That's the only issue with web-based program, is the fact that it is web based. I have spoken with Optium about a different way of doing it, and they only have one (1) other option and that is actual putting software on each department's computers and that would involve M.I.S. coming with me and setting up a link between their computer and my software.

Commissioner Prevatte: We have a number of people who are not in the office and are out in the field (i.e. Building Inspections, Health, Animal Control, Sheriff's Department), at lunch time, how can they clock out? Are there provisions for that?

Bobbie Faircloth: The provision for that, and that is another issue that came up with the Sheriff's Department, the deputies may be at lunch and may be called to duty, one thing can be done, and that no clocking in and out for certain staff, or it can be a fact for the employee to contact their supervisor and let the supervisor adjust their time.

Commissioner Prevatte: I like the idea of having a workshop.

Bobbie Faircloth: The employee portion of it is really not that difficult, and is not that time consuming. The manager's portion of it does take a little longer.

Commissioner Russ: Will this help you on payroll in the spirit of time?

Bobbie Faircloth: With this system, it actually is integrated with our payroll, and it will be automatic. I can input the information once all the departments have approved or verified or made corrections, we can import this into payroll and process payroll based on their time cards.

Chairman Byrd: What is our time span on this after we have the workshop, and I have had calls today about the system being down part of the time.

Bobbie Faircloth: This is one of the issues that has come up and Optium is working on it. I have given training to all departments now but I have trained certain staff members and they trained the rest. Well, if one of the managers goes in and makes an error in working with the employee's time card, it shuts the system down for everybody. I have a script program that they have given me today that I can have it back up like that, and the other issue is it is all based on our financial server, so if something was to happen on our financial server or we would lose electricity, then we would have to re-start it.

Chairman Byrd: Do we have any grace period left if we deem that we do not like this type of service, and was going to go to another one, could we send this back at any time now, or is it ours?

Bobbie Faircloth: If we choose not to use the web base or the software base, then they said that buying hardware that integrates with this, so we would have had to pay software cost anyhow. We would have an additional cost and I was looking at it. They have two (2) other options out there. They have one (1), just regular time clocks, and I figured that for forty (40) regular time clocks would be \$76,000.00. They have biometric clocks and for forty (40) of those would be \$108,000.00.

Chairman Byrd: What do we have in this present system?

Bobbie Faircloth: We have \$10,000.00 for the Time and Attendance software, we have \$1,800.00 of yearly maintenance fee. That's for the complete system, and that is with my payroll system too, and time and attendance.

Chairman Byrd: So, we have roughly \$11,800.00 in this system.

Bobbie Faircloth: Yes.

Chairman Byrd: Are there monthly fees?

Bobbie Faircloth: No sir. The other thing is, the payroll software that we purchased was purchased two (2) years ago, it was the same vendor, but the payroll software was \$20,000.00. So, all together, we have about \$31,800.00. The \$1,800.00, like I said, is a yearly maintenance fee.

Commissioner Bullard: I am hearing that supervisors are not required to punch in and out. Is that

true?

Bobbie Faircloth: No. The ruling was that the only people that are not required to clock in and out are the department heads because they are exempt and they have a lot of, you know, like tonight we are here, they got meetings and all. They are the only ones that were told they were exempt from clocking in and out. All of the supervisors and down are supposed to be clocking in and out.

Commissioner Bullard: You lost me. You said yes and no.

Bobbie Faircloth: I'm sorry. Department managers are the only ones that were considered exempt from clocking in and out on the system. Any supervisors down are suppose to be using the system.

Commissioner Bullard: Are you calling somebody like the department managers like Stuart Carroll, right?

Bobbie Faircloth: Yes sir.

Commissioner Bullard: I have another question about that area. With no reflection on you, Mr. Carroll, how is he a department manager and he doesn't have any employees?

Bobbie Faircloth: When he was hired, and that was before my time, he was hired as the director of purchasing. Do you see what I am saying Mr. Clark?

William S. Clark: You don't necessarily have to, you can be a department manager without supervising employees. He just happens to be a department of one (1).

Commissioner Bullard: So, any department manager, you're saying is not required to punch in?

Bobbie Faircloth: No sir, not unless you choose otherwise.

Commissioner Prevatte: How do you keep up with their time?

Bobbie Faircloth: The department managers are on salary. We get no overtime, we get no comp time, we're just straight salary.

Commissioner Bullard: Do they work the same hours as the other employees, I mean as far as coming in the morning?

Bobbie Faircloth: They are suppose to be working the same hours, and most of them work more. They are required to work as many hours as it takes to get the job done.

Chairman Byrd: Okay, let's have suggestions on a workshop date.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to have a workshop on March 07, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: PROCLAMATION - SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2011 by the COUNTY of COLUMBUS and ROADSIDE CLEANUP DAY:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Spring Litter Sweep 2011 by the County of Columbus Proclamation, and declaration of Saturday, April 23, 2011 as Roadside Cleanup Day.

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2011
by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus annually organizes a spring countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Spring 2011 "**LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place **April 16 through April 30, 2011**, and we encourage local governments and communities, civic and

professional groups, businesses churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; **and**

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Columbus County employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, community leaders, local government agencies, community and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during "**LITTER SWEEP**" and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; **and**

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Columbus Countians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; **and**

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid wastes; **and**

WHEREAS, the Spring 2011 **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 5,750 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; **and**

WHEREAS, the "**LITTER SWEEP**" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **April 16 through April 30, 2011**, as "**SPRING LITTER SWEEP**" time in Columbus County, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 21st day of February, 2011.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Spring Litter Sweep 2011 by the County of Columbus, and to declare Saturday, April 23, 2011 as Roadside Cleanup Day, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: **RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION of ALLOWANCE to CONDUCT BUSINESS with COLUMBUS COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Allowance to Conduct Business with Columbus County Government. **(This matter was tabled at the February 07, 2011 Board Meeting.)**

**RESOLUTION of ALLOWANCE to CONDUCT
BUSINESS with COLUMBUS COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, members of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners may, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 14-234 (d1), conduct business with Columbus County government, subject to approval by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 14-234 (d1) that is hereby attached and incorporated by reference, this is allowable, as stipulated below:

1. Purchase may be made as long as there is no incorporated municipality of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) population within Columbus County according to the most recent official federal population census;
2. Expenditures shall not exceed an amount of forty thousand and 00/100 (\$40,000.00) dollars for goods or services within an twelve (12) month calendar period;
3. The affected Board member shall not, in his official capacity, participate in any way or vote

- on matters affecting the County's business with the company/service;
4. The total annual amount of undertakings or contracts shall be specifically noted in the audited annual financial statement of Columbus County; **and**
 5. The Governing Board shall post in a conspicuous place in the County Courthouse a list of all such officials with whom such undertakings or contracts have been made, briefly describing the subject matter of the undertakings or contracts, and showing their total amounts. This list shall cover the preceding twelve (12) months and shall be brought up-to-date at least quarterly.

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, this Board will require that each department or office of County government shall keep public records that document that it has engaged in competitive purchasing practices and that the director of the department or office has determined that the purchase of goods or services from each affected business is in the best interest of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of the Columbus County Finance Department to develop an accounting procedure which will assure that purchases do not exceed the statutory limit; **and**

WHEREAS, a specific resolution for each business and/or service will be presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is willing to allow Board members to conduct business with Columbus County government in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 14-234 (d1).

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 21st day of February, 2011.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**

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

Mr. Stephens stated the following:

1. This matter was continued until tonight by a motion of the Board;
2. This is just a generic resolution if approved by the Commissioners considering if they will consider allowing Board members to do business with the County up to \$40,000.00 per year;
3. There are restrictions on that which have been listed; **and**
4. The law requires that a specific resolution has to be approved and passed by the Board for each specific Board member.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Allowance to Conduct Business with Columbus County Government, second by Commissioner McDowell.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Prevatte: I don't think anyone on this Board would do anything illegal. But perception by the public is what we are facing. As someone mentioned earlier, in five (5) years, a lot of us may not be here. I don't think it is right to do business with the County. As elected officials, we were elected to represent as County Commissioners and not to do business. If someone were to do business with the County, and one of our departments were to frequent that business, then someone is going to say if that department ask for something, how is that business that the Board member is operating going to look at a request. They may not even consider making a way. The perception of the public. Their way will be viewed as prejudice or conflict of interest in their vote.

Vice Chairman McKenzie: I did feel the same way as you do at one time, but we have a Board member that was not allowed to continue to do business with the County and has suffered a loss. There may be some good candidates out there, and they may have a business but will not consider running for a seat on this Board due to the fact that we will not allow them to do business with the County. This is why I like the generic term of "we may consider allowing a Board member to conduct business with the County". If that is their livelihood and that person would make a good Commissioner, I think it is an item that we should consider.

Commissioner Bullard: I think it can affect a Commissioner's opinion with the County spending

\$40,000.00 with his business, and it comes up to an issue to where he has to vote no against his partner that is spending a big sum of money with him, I think he will think twice before he votes to make that department upset with him if he knows he stands to lose a big lump of money. I think it could or it can.

Chairman Byrd: Aren't we talking about jobs that we have already bid out that we are going to be paying for? Aren't we talking about labor and working on cars as a set price of what we are going to pay for different jobs, and the parts are bought and charged to the County?

Commissioner Bullard: I think this is coming back up because of the trash dumpsters more than anything. The attorney had to bring it up because of the contract about the trash dumpsters at Byrdville became an issue. It had already been voted on and voted down one time before.

Chairman Byrd: Trash dump?

Commissioner Bullard: The Convenience Site. This is why we are having to deal with this again because the County having to make it legal for the trash dumpsters to stay at Byrdville. This is kind of deviating a little bit, but I read an article in The News Reporter where Kip McClary had stated it was going to cost the County \$60,000 - \$80,000 per trash site. It rose my curiosity up, too. I know that is kind of a decision factor of whether we support this motion tonight because we may be looking at spending \$60,000.00 or \$80,000.00 or you don't spend \$60,000.00 or \$80,000.00 if you do business with a Commissioner. I called a couple of contractors today, and kind of done a little homework and checked on the price of rock to cover one (1) acre of land four (4") inches thick, and it was \$3,000.00, and they will grade it for \$1,000.00. Concrete is \$93.00 a yard right now and if you put fiber in it, you will have \$98.00 in it, and those pads take roughly 6 yards of concrete. You also got fencing that can be done, if you hire it out at \$10.00 per foot, which you will have \$8,000.00 in it, or Julie can buy it through the County's price, wholesale, at \$8.00 per foot, which would be a pre-set price. The point I am making when this fence was put in, County employees did all the work. They formed up the pads, done all the carpenter work, Parks and Recreation teamed up with Solid Waste and they put all the fencing up, and I think they should still be able to do it. It was a much cheaper price than what was in the paper. You are just looking at moving the trailer and relocating, and we are looking at a whole lot less money than \$60,000 or \$80,000 dollars.

Chairman Byrd: What I would like to say there, is that a real valued contractor that would haul the rocks for the acre for \$3,000.00? Then I suggest that this Board, tonight, wait no longer and let's go ahead and do the parking lot over there, because that is all that we would need for that parking lot behind the DA's Office. You will never fix that parking lot for \$3,000.00 again. So, I say if that is a real bid, let's go ahead and act on that and put those rocks there for parking, because we are using a lot of parking spaces around the Courthouse right now for the DA staff. Really if it was fixed back there, the DA's Office staff could park back there, and create a lot of parking area for the Courthouse. So \$3,000.00?

Commissioner Bullard: I was just getting some prices on showing that I thought that price was escalated.

Chairman Byrd: Let me just say, most any rocks, if you call them rocks, is from \$12.00 to \$20.00 per ton. Now you can get the lime filler for \$6.00 per ton.

Commissioner Bullard: I am not talking about lime filler Mr. Byrd, I am talking about . . .

Chairman Byrd: Or crush and run for \$8.00, because I bought it this week and it has got to be trucked from Loris. To cover an acre for \$3,000.00, you can't truck it in there for that.

Commissioner Russ: I want to comment on what Commissioner Prevatte stated relative to my business servicing cars. He and I spent several hours with Stuart trying to fix a fair rotation system for all the vendors in Columbus County. I don't know if anybody is checking behind him. I have not. I hope he is getting the parts wholesale like was recommended also. I think that is fair for anybody. We are buying the tires locally in town. At one time, a lot of the tires were bought in Wilmington.

Chairman Byrd: Mr. Carroll, would you like to comment on how the plan that was put in place is working?

Stuart Carroll: It is working really great.

Chairman Byrd: Sheriff, would you like to comment on how you are handling your cars?

Sheriff Batten: We sticking with the rotation as good as we can. Our problem is that we got forty, plus, vehicles out there, and right now about 70% have 150,000 miles on them, 30% have over 175,000 on them. We are getting into now rear ends, transmissions, engines, and the bid prices don't cover these areas, and we have to take them to different vendors to take care of that, and while the vehicle is there, they may get the covered bid work done so the car is complete upon its return. That is what we have done. This is not everyday maintenance.

Stuart Carroll: I manage 84 vehicles. Of these vehicles, 34 have over 100,000 miles on them, and 14 have over 200,000 miles on them.

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

AYES: Chairman Byrd, Vice Chairman McKenzie, Commissioners Norris, Russ and McDowell; **and**

NAYS: Commissioners Prevatte and Bullard.

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

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

At 8:04 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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 Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

February 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

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

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills.

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 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following budget amendments, second by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5301-531301	Medicaid Transportation	(55,000)

	10-5301-549701	Food Stamp Issuance	(10,000)
	10-5301-531302	Jobs Transportation	(5,000)
	10-5301-526000	Office Supplies	70,000
Expenditure	10-5171-526001	Dental Dept Supplies	10,000
Revenue	10-3991-499102	Fund Balance	10,000
Expenditure	14-4311-529902	Weapons	15773.80
Revenue	14-3431-499101	Special Alcohol & Drug Fund Balance Appropriated	15,773,80

B. Tax Releases:

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

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
February 21, 2011**

Release the Property Value in the name of Edwards, Robert Amount: \$43.19
 Value: \$1,200.00 Year: 07-10 Account # 13-11780 Bill # 9999 Total \$52.18
 Release value of boat. Listed to Act#13-00967 Robert L. Edwards. Release Columbus Rescue(1.07), release Roseland(3.18)

Release the Property Value in the name of Gore, Amanda Amount: \$329.51
 Value: \$12,520.00 Year: 08-10 Account # 14-03957 Bill # 99999 Total \$1,031.94
 Release entire portion of mobile home. Repoed in 2008. Release Welches Creek(32.35), release Columbus Rescue (8.08)

Release the Property Value in the name of Mercer Grain Inc. Amount: \$103.23
 Value: \$1,080.00 Year: 01-10 Account # 1-61430 Bill # 3063 Total \$116.46
 Release entire value of business equipment. Out of Business for 10 years. Release Columbus Rescue(2.65)

Release the User Fee in the name of Davis, Janice M Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 3-02351 Bill # 4630 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Mobile home is used for storage.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ellis,Robert(Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 13-12120 Bill # 6553 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Larry Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-10580 Bill # 0194 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Danny Ferrell & Emory Diane Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 3-02009 Bill # 0497 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Henry O Milligan Revocable Trust Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 6-03450 Bill # 3871 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lay Fred E (Jr) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 7-10143 Bill # 8769 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Marsha Milligan Trust Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 6-03909 Bill # 0881 Total \$215.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 2-23-2009.

Release the User Fee in the name of McCray, Nathine Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 6-04943 Bill # 1477 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Norris, Charles T. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 9-22520 Bill # 5341 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Packer, William & Tamika Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 12-04452 Bill # 5922 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Patrick, Reginald Rendell Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 15-02329 Bill # 6307 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Rivenbark Abner Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 7-14077 Bill # 9452 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Barbara C Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 1-83240 Bill # 1742 Total \$215.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Elvira McClain Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 02-10 Account # 6-02314 Bill # 99999 Total \$791.52
Release portion of user fee for years 2002-2010. Billed in county and dwelling is located in Tabor City.

Release the User Fee in the name of Thomas, Linda S & Linda Graham Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2010 Account # 6-02323 Bill # 6304 Total \$128.00
Release user fee. Mobile home is vacant.

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Kim Smith, Health Director:** stated the following:
 - a. Thank you for your cooperation on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, and at our last meeting we had a quorum and were able to conduct business; **and**
 - b. The Governor has released her budget and she has not been kind to public health.
2. **Sheriff Batten:** stated the following:
 - a. On the Time and Attendance, I have posed some questions to Bobbie relative to some liability questions;
 - b. I understand that Stuart is checking with the insurance company on this;
 - c. Another issue has come up today and that is on-call time, and Mike may can answer some of these questions at the workshop;
 - d. I want you to be aware that I am not against this program, Mr. Clark has asked me to check with the Brunswick County Sheriff, and he has got a fingerprint scanning system;
 - e. They have a fingerprint scanning system set up in the Detention Center, they have it set up in the Administrative Building for their office staff and their Detention Staff;
 - f. So, patrol officers on call and the detectives and everybody else that works in the Sheriff's Office that are sworn officers that are subject to duties outside of the office anywhere within the county at any given time, they're actually what he called was on-call schedule. They pick up their cell phone and call in. Brunswick County is a different animal than we are. Every single patrol officer, every single detective is given a cell phone by the Sheriff's Office. Just our supervisors have cell phones. All of our officers don't have computers in their cars yet, and if they don't have computers in

their car and don't have a computer in their home, it is going to be difficult for them to clock in when they leave home and they are in that county vehicle traveling.

- G. These are just some things to be aware of;
- H. We are going to work as diligently as we can to work all these issues out;
- I. I promised Mr. Clark that, but there still may be an element of our office that can't work under this time system if it boils down to it;
- J. So far, Brunswick County is not 100% into their time system yet; **and**
- K. We are going to keep working on it.

- 3. **Ed Worley, Aging Director:** I like my time clock system and it works very well.

B. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to congratulate Ed Worley on his 50th Wedding Anniversary;
 - b. Are we going to have people from the prisons to come out and help with the Spring Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup? Kip McClary replied stating this was for County volunteers only;
 - c. I would like to thank the volunteers who are doing this and our County is looking a lot better; **and**
 - d. In compliance with the resolution that the Board just adopted relative to Board members having the right to do business with the County, I would like to make the following motion.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to allow Commissioner Edwin Russ to be allowed to do business with Columbus County Government, second by Commissioner Norris.

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

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

The motion passes on a four (4) to two (2) vote with one (1) abstention.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to allow Byrd Family, LLC of Lake Waccamaw to do business with Columbus County Government, second by Commissioner McDowell.

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

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

The motion passes on a four (4) to two (2) vote with one (1) abstention.

- 2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I would like for a letter to be sent from this Board to our legislators telling them that we do not support the Governor's cuts to education and cutting the lottery funds which goes to school construction and making the schools start buying their own school buses, in essence we oppose the whole proposed budget.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to send a letter to the Governor and our legislators that we oppose the whole proposed State budget, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

- 3. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:

- A. I would like say how proud I am of the Troop 513 from the Sheriff's Department that presented at our Board Meeting;
 - B. Everyone needs to be aware of how valuable the volunteers and the Sheriff's Department in our county are in helping others in their time of need;
 - C. The Courthouse is a place where many records are kept and much activity transpires, and I hope with the new Courthouse, operations will be greatly improved;
 - D. I got a fax this morning from Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation which I will give to the Clerk to the Board, for an invitation to a groundbreaking on February 24, 2011, at 11:00 A.M.; **and**
 - E. Weight loss - This is a hard thing to do, and I brought my scales tonight for the Commissioners to weigh and see how they are doing.
4. **Commissioner Bullard:** Mr. Clark, why has our Personnel Director not been involved in these presentations with the time clocks? Mr. Clark replied stated that she has been involved in some of them, but given some of the meetings that we had, I asked Bobbie if she would take it over and be the lead person in the process.
5. **Commissioner McDowell:** It was most pleasing at the beginning of this meeting to see the chambers almost full of people, and those who have remained, and hopefully Nicole Cartrette will put something in the people to this effect, and we are open for business and I would love to see this chamber filled every time we meet. We are doing the citizens business and we conducted business tonight, some was popular, and some of it may not have been. We are about doing the business for the people of this county, and we need people here to witness what we do and I personally would like to thank each one of you who are here and if you know anyone that left, please tell them that we certainly appreciate them being here.
6. **Chairman Byrd:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to go back and just address the Courthouse parking;
 - B. I think if we got a price for \$3,000.00 for one (1) acre, three to four (3" - 4") inches thick, we are not going to get any better;
 - C. I think it would be smart if this Board would go ahead and let's fix that parking lot that is behind Butch Pope's office;
 - D. I believe he said it would handle eighty (80) cars for \$3,000.00; **and**
 - E. Gentlemen, let's do it.
7. **Commissioner Bullard:** When you bid it out, I am sure he will bid on it, Mr. Byrd. All county work has to be bid out. So I am sure he will bid on it.
8. **Chairman Byrd:** Let's bid it out.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to bid out the parking lot for the future Courthouse, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a substitute motion to include it in the budget for next year because we don't have the money there without going into contingency, second by Commissioner Bullard.

Chairman Byrd: I think we ought to go ahead and bid it out. I would hope the County has got \$3,000.00.

A roll-call vote was taken on the **substitute motion** with the following results:

AYES: Commissioners Prevatte and Bullard; **and**

NAYS: Chairman Byrd, Vice Chairman McKenzie, Commissioners Norris, Russ and McDowell.

The **substitute motion** fails on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

A roll-call vote was taken on the **original motion** with the following results:

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

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

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to introduce Robert Lewis who is our new County Planner and we are glad to have you.

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

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session, take a short recess, and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 318.11 (6) Personnel, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 318.11 (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:51 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Byrd requested Commissioner James E. Prevatte to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Commissioner Prevatte orally read the following.

“The Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in Executive Session with the County Manager to share his evaluation with him.”

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, second by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:53 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, February 21, 2011

8:04 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:

Giles E. Byrd,, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:04 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2011

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/3/2011	207900.00 98	Syvetta Spain	335.00	Customer Leak

1/4/2011	104480.00 98	Patricia Fipps	25.00-	Posting Error
1/5/2011	104480.00 97	US Postal	25.00	Posting Error
1/5/2011	104590.00 96	Billie Jean Stephens	62.00	Posting Error
1/5/2011	203250.00 97	Earl Williams	34.00	Posting Error
1/13/2011	208638.00 97	Heather Jackson	111.70-	Billing Error
1/18/2011	604130.00 95	Kelly Gore	108.00-	Billing Error
1/18/2011	400720.00 97	Betty Todd	62.00	NSF Check and Fees
1/19/2011	603120.00 98	Herbert Bellamy	30.00-	Posting Error
1/19/2011	204000.00 95	Marion Sheets	20.00-	Misread Meter
1/19/2011	204510.00 89	Lilly Stephens	50.00-	Deposit Applied
1/19/2011	301880.00 95	Peggy Morgan	50.00-	Deposit Applied
1/20/2011	103670.00 98	Alice McPherson	50.00	Meter Tampering
1/20/2011	400770	Michael Hardwick	5.00-	Posting Error
1/20/2011	200960	Retha Johnson	5.00-	Posting Error
1/20/2010	601880	Tonya Hemmingway	5.00-	Posting Error
1/20/2011	201690	Hoyt Hardee	5.00-	Posting Error
1/21/2011	203890.00 96	Rocky Durden Sr.	71.00	NSF Check and Fees
1/21/2011	400770.00 98	Michael Hardwick	5.00-	Billing Error
1/24/2011	403090.00 98	Letha Ray	30.00-	Posting Error
1/24/2011	404710.00 98	Letha James	25.00-	Posting Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, February 21, 2011

8:04 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:

Giles E. Byrd,, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:04 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2011

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/7/2011	121080.00 98	George Pomeroy	4.00-	Billing Error
1/7/2011	121070.00 98	Lottie Green	4.00	Billing Error

1/14/2011	141260.00 97	Boyce McKenzie	50.00	Meter Tampering
1/18/2011	132690.00 98	Marcus Hammonds	28.00-	Customer Leak
1/18/2011	130020.00 98	Christine King	34.50	NSF Check and Fee
1/18/2011	133040.00 98	William Johnson	47.00-	Customer Leak
1/18/2011	142820.00 98	Preston Smith	154.00	NSF Check and Fee
1/19/2011	143470.00 97	Phillip Small, Jr.	79.00-	Billing Error
1/19/2011	111365.00 97	Jonathan Cartrette	400.00-	Billing Error
1/19/2011	120812.00 97	Kim Alexander	50.00-	Applied Security Deposit
1/25/2011	120165.00 98	Denise Davis	4.00-	Billing Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 21, 2011
8:04 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:

Giles E. Byrd,, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:04 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2011

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/6/2011	360350.00 94	Linda Parnell	25.00-	Posting Error
1/6/2011	360350.00 93	Heather Butler	25.00	Posting Error

1/12/2011	351014.00 97	Sarah McLaulin	145.00-	Billing Error
1/14/2011	360960.00 98	Betty Jo Oxendine	30.00-	Posting Error
1/18/2011	331151.00 98	Dorothy McKenzie	25.00	Billing Error
1/18/2011	351000.00 95	Nicole Lacewell	146.00	NSF Checks and Fees
1/18/2011	331364.00 97	Bonnie Ivey	25.00-	Billing Error
1/19/2011	380637.00 98	Kelly Goss	103.00-	Customer Leak
1/19/2011	350330.00 98	Edmond Wall	16.00-	Misread Meter
1/20/2011	381160.00 97	Jennifer Cribb	50.00-	Deposit Applied
1/24/2011	351030.00 95	Kelsey Phillips	55.00	NSF Checks and Fees

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, February 21, 2011

8:04 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:

Giles E. Byrd,, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
James Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:04 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2011

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/7/2011	430490.00 98	Arthur Woodburn Williams	85.00-	Billing Error
1/7/2011	430491.00 98	Dorothy Woodburn	85.00-	Billing Error

1/14/2011	430460.00 98	Tommy Wilson	16.00-	Billing Error
1/14/2011	430516.00 98	Catherine Vernon	280.00-	Billing Error
1/18/2011	430278.00 98	Albert Young	40.00-	Customer Leak
1/18/2011	430397.00 98	Jacel Coleman	30.00-	Billing Error
1/18/2011	430115.00 98	Karole Brooks	30.00-	Billing Error
1/19/2011	430093.00 98	Curtis Andrews	516.00-	Billing Error
1/19/2011	430304.00 98	David Eakins	12.00-	Billing Error
1/20/2011	430498.00 98	Margaret Barnhardt	25.00-	Billing Error
1/21/2011	430121.00 98	Robert Kesterson	30.00-	Billing Error
1/24/2011	430380.00 98	Robert Brown	\$50.00	NSF Check and Fees
1/28/2011	430506.00 9	Nancy Cottle	40.00-	Billing Error
1/28/2011	430478.00 98	Jeffrey Flowers	80.00-	Billing Error

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, February 21, 2011

8:04 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:

Giles E. Byrd,, **Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
 James Prevatte
 P. Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:04 P.M., Chairman Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

February 07, 2011 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the February 07, 2011 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the JANUARY, 2011 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the January, 2011 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME ON ACCT</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u>
01/21/2011	700133.00.98	Bobby Nobles	40.00-	Billing Error

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Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustment to the January, 2011 monthly water bill for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman