

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, March 05, 2012****6:00 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 two (2) Public Hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Expenditures of Secondary Roads Improvement Funds in Columbus County: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to notify the citizens of Columbus County relative to these expenditures.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to notify the citizens of Columbus County relative to these expenditures for the Secondary Roads Improvement Funds. Chairman McKenzie requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for comments. The following spoke:

1. **Chairman Amon E. McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A. This question is regarding Lattimore Avenue;
 - B. I have talked to one of the property owners;
 - C. The said property owner is under the impression that the markers that were described to me would require him to take down some of his buildings; **and**
 - D. I didn't see that, can you explain?

Drew Cox replied stating the following:

- When our survey crew went out, if you remember, Lattimore Avenue has an existing forty (40') foot right-of-way;
- We were attempting to locate the property corners, and they actually disagreed with the property corners we found;
- They were questioning if that was actually the right property corners;
- If you remember, we need another five (5') feet on either side of the road;
- I think it was getting close to his building where his garage is, and it was going to impact his fence on the eastern side;
- If the said property owner is willing to give ten (10') to the west where his storage facility is, I am sure the lady that lives behind him would appreciate this, because the right-of-way got almost up to her porch;
- The lady stated she was fine with this and she would sign;
- If we move (10') feet to the west, we really wouldn't even impact her;
- If this property owner would agree to this, that would be more agreeable;
- We will hold that eastern property line as we go in and survey it and take a few feet on his property, on the west side, and we leave it as we discussed on the back line; **and**
- I will proceed with getting the survey scheduled.

2. **Vera Carham:** stated the following:
 - A. I live on a secondary road, it is dirt, and I would like to know what I need to do to get this road paved; **and**
 - B. The name of the road is Clark Street in the town of Chadbourn, but I am a County resident.

Drew Cox replied stating the following:

- There are two (2) types of roads that the State maintains, and they are the State roads and city streets;
- The said road is probably a city street in the Town of Chadbourn, and I will contact Stevie Cox, the Town Manager, to verify this information; **and**
- If you will give me your telephone number, I will call and advise you of my findings.

PRESENTATION of PROGRAM by DREW COX:

H.L. “Drew” Cox, District Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, presented the following program to the Board:

1. We are here tonight to present the following annual Secondary Road Improvement Program for Columbus County, and this is for the fiscal year 2011-2012.
2. You have copies of the Secondary Roads Improvement Program, which is as follows:

**2011-2012
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Secondary Roads Improvement Program
Columbus County
March 5, 2012**

FY 2011-2012 ALLOCATION	AMOUNT
Highway Fund	\$822,298.13
Trust Fund	\$617,673.56
TOTAL:	\$1,439,971.69

PAVING UNPAVED ROADS:

Rural Roads

MAP #	SR#	LENGTH (Miles)	ROAD NAME and DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
1	1158	1.7	Chair Factory Road from SR 1141 to SR 1159 (Grade, Drain, Base and Pave)	\$400,000.00

TOTAL MILES: 1.70

Subtotal: \$400,000.00

- In the event that any roads in priority have to be placed on the “Hold List” due to unavailable right-of-way or environmental review, or if additional funding becomes available, funds will be applied to the roads listed in priority order in the paving alternate list.

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS:

Maintenance fund allocation used to supplement the maintenance budget for activities such as: shoulder repair, spot stabilization, pipe replacement, safety projects, industrial access, etc.	\$300,000.00
Pavement Overlays to support Planned Maintenance Operations	\$600,000.00
Joint Sealing to support Planned Maintenance Operations	\$100,000.00

Subtotal: \$1,000,000.00

RESERVE for CONTINGENCIES:

Funds reserved for surveying, right-of-way acquisition, continuation down the priority

paving list, road additions, contingencies, overdrafts, and paving entrances to certified fire departments, rescue squads, etc.

Subtotal: \$39,971.69

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,439,971.69

NOTE: This Program is subject to availability of funding, right-of-way, and environmental review.

3. If this is in agreement with the Board of Commissioners, we are asking for a concurring Resolution.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Chairman McKenzie: This program only entails one (1) road. Is that correct?

Drew Cox: Yes sir, that is correct. We have previously received as much as \$3 million for this program, and that is just a reflection of the revenue issue that we have had within the department.

Commissioner Byrd: stated the following:

1. What I spoke to Drew about earlier is dealing with Mitchell Cemetery Road, which comes out of Bladen County into Columbus County;
2. There are fourteen (14) houses on that road;
3. We discussed this and got a very good understanding between himself and myself, but I want the Board and the public to know that we are working on it;
4. Please explain what kind of discussion we had about that road where Whitehall Road runs into Carver Moore Road.

Drew Cox: replied stating the following:

1. Mitchell Cemetery Road is actually completely in Columbus County;
2. This road has been in the paving priority for some time;
3. It is actually now getting into the top ten (10);
4. With road additions, there are several steps that you have to get through, and all of them are required;
4. Based on my initial review, it does look like this road would be one that would qualify, at least with the density of the houses, and the characteristics of the road would be considered for addition to the system;
5. Our next step, and we have actually got that road scheduled for survey, is to say what kind of impacts we would have with property owners with utilities, and, as you are aware of, on road additions, property owners would have to pay for the adjustment of the utilities, and we try to minimize these costs as much as possible; **and**
6. We will go through and survey the road and hope to acquire the right-of-ways.

Commissioner Byrd: I will be willing to help in acquiring the rights-of-way, if needed. Another issue I would like for you to address is the spot paving where you pave approximately one thousand (1,000') and then skip. Most people do not understand this. That bump exists and a lot of times, it will hold water.

Drew Cox: Part of this issue is related to the type of mix we are using now. It is a lot stiffer than it use to be. On our re-surfacing contracts, we actually require the contractors to mill those tie ends because you really can't flush them out now. I understand the public's perception of that.

Commissioner Byrd: On Road #1736, there is a school, and there have been spot paving over the last three (3) years. On a curve, there is a hole that holds water, which is very dangerous, and I would like for you to check into this situation.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:25 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Intention of Columbus County to Apply for Funding Under the CDBG Scattered Site Housing Program: the purpose of this Public

Hearing is to notify citizens of the proposed application contents and receive comments relative to the proposed application contents.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to notify citizens of the proposed application contents and receive comments relative to the proposed application contents.

COMMENTS:

Floyd Adams: stated the following:

1. This is the scattered site part of the Community Development Block Grant;
2. The County is actually awarded, if you want it, every three (3) years;
3. The maximum amount they will be awarding you, if you want it, is four hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) dollars;
4. This process, since it is non-competitive, and you get the funds;
5. Basically, you hold a public hearing and you go through a selection process to determine who and what you want included in the grant application;
6. Your Housing Advisory Committee, made up of appointed members and Commissioner Bullard have been busy over the past thirty (30) days, or more, looking at and accepting applications from the general public;
7. We have reviewed the houses that rated best in a scoring system;
8. The Attorney's Office has done quite a bit of title work because out of all the applicants that we get, we need to make sure they have clear titles, we need to know what the numbers are regarding taxes, liens and judgments;
9. As we put forth a recommendation of who should be included in here, all of those things have been looked at and reviewed and I will go on further to say there were seventy-eight (78) applicants;
10. The Attorney's Office started at the top of the ranking system that the committee came up with, and I know, for a fact, that he went through at least thirty-five (35) names and maybe more before we came up with a list of ten (10) that the committee wanted to present tonight as a recommendation for the top ten (10);
11. The application is supposed to include only three (3), and all three (3) would be replacement houses;
12. The remaining seven (7) would be alternates in case that, in the top three (3), we would find some other issue that they cannot qualify;
13. We got a group of ten (10) that is being submitted, and I think you have the names;
14. That application is due at the end of this month;
15. This is the second of the two (2) required public hearings; **and**
16. At the next scheduled meeting, there will be consideration to proceed on or not proceed.

Gentleman in Audience (did not state name): Mr. Adams, did I understand you correctly to say that you can file application until the end of this month?

Floyd Adams: No sir, the application will be due from the County to the State at the end of this month.

Gentleman in Audience: What about the general public?

Floyd Adams: The general public, that application deadline was February 16, 2012.

Commissioner Byrd: Do you know of any kind of program available for the two (2) following scenarios:

First Scenario: There is a house in my district with no running water and maybe no electricity. It is owned by family heirs. One member that lives there is a family member. If the other heirs would give a lifetime estate, are there any money available?

Second Scenario: The lady that lives there owns the mobile home, which definitely needs to be condemned, but she doesn't want to leave it, she wants to stay. It is in terrible condition. The tax records show that her son owns the land, but upon further research, the son doesn't own the land, and there is a question there. What she has is a single-wide mobile home, with tires and rims under it. Is there any money available to help people in those situations?

Floyd Adams: replied stating the following:

1. Commissioner Byrd, those are difficult scenarios;

2. I know that the Community Development Block Grant Program is headed towards very strict requirements on deeds;
3. Part of our problem is that we do put a deed-of-trust on the property once we spend money on it;
4. That is the importance of that deed being clear, and we have someone then sign, so that if the money is spent, and there is a problem down the road, then the County will be responsible for paying that money back; **and**
5. If it worked out such that if a deed-of-trust was recorded, then whoever purchases it, has to pay that money back to the County.

Commissioner Byrd: I was speaking relative to a single-wide mobile home that is portable that could be moved.

Floyd Adams: I understand that, and one of the rules that CDBG has, very recently, is any mobile homes to be addressed must be converted to real property.

Commissioner Byrd: Are there any other programs out there?

Floyd Adams: I am not aware of a program like that.

Chairman McKenzie: What would cause a mobile home not to qualify?

Floyd Adams: It has to have a permanent foundation, and the axle removed.

Chairman McKenzie: Any mobile home would qualify once that is done?

Floyd Adams: Yes, once that is done and surrendered, and I talked to the Tax Office, Mr. Gore, I hate to do it, but, legally, it can be done that way. It is a long process he said, but we can do it. That is what we would have to do.

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. Mr. Adams, you said you narrowed it to three (3), our information states four (4), and six (6) alternates;
2. My question is, whether it is three (3) or four (4), there is a budget that states you are going to spend so much per unit;
3. \$400,000.00 Is a lot of money for only three (3) houses, and I am sure this is inclusive of other expenses, would you elaborate on that?

Floyd Adams: replied stating the following:

1. Out of the \$400,000.00, there is no contribution from the County, there are no matching funds;
2. The following costs will be included:
 - Administrative fees, and that is typically 10%;
 - Relocation fees which would pay for the family to move their furniture and belongings out, it would store that for period of time while the new house is either being built versus or set up on the property;
 - Surveying of the property and any legal expenses incurred;
 - Demolition of the old building;
 - Asbestos inspections and asbestos removal; **and**
 - Cost for a well or septic tank if needed;
3. Our estimate for a stick-built house is approximately \$105,000.00 to \$110,000.00; **and**
4. The estimate for a single-wide mobile home is approximately \$60,000.00;

Commissioner Prevatte: Where do modular houses come in there?

Floyd Adams: The cost of modular houses are very close to stick-built houses, from what we are told. We can price them both ways. Right now, contractors are hungry for work, and we are getting some good prices.

Chairman McKenzie: Are we dealing with four (4) houses?

Floyd Adams: My list has three (3) names. The fourth name is borderline and is depending on the money. By putting them on the alternate list, they are there and ready to move in without doing a program amendment from the grant program. The three (3) listed, we know we are sure of, and this

develop a solid foundation in leadership; and

WHEREAS, *through the dedication, time, and talent of thousands of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Program is brought to more than seventy thousand (70,000) girls in grades K-12 across the State of North Carolina.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED *that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby applaud Girl Scouts for one hundred (100) years of leadership and community service to our state and our county, and proudly proclaim March 11-17, 2012, as “Girl Scout Week in Columbus County, North Carolina”.*

APPROVED and ADOPTED *this the 5th day of March, 2012.*

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**, District I, Chairman

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, District VII,
Vice Chairman

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**, District II

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, District III

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, District IV

/s/ **L. LYNWOOD NORRIS**, District V

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, District VI

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation Celebrating One Hundred (100) Years of Girl Scouting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following listed Minutes, as recorded, with a title change on Page 606, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

- A. February 20, 2012 Aging Study Findings Workshop;
- B. February 20, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes; **and**
- C. February 21, 2012 Joint Meeting with Dr. Cathy Matlock, President of Southeastern Community College, and Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees.

Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #8: RESOLUTION - 2011-2012 SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RESOLUTION:

Drew Cox, District Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, requested Board approval and adoption of the following 2011-2012 Secondary Roads Improvement Program Concurring Resolution. (The required Public Hearing was conducted on this day at 6:00 P.M. prior to the meeting.)

**2011-12 SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CONCURRING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners met with officials of the North Carolina Department of Transportation at a Public Hearing on March 05, 2012; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose of this meeting was to present to the public the proposed Secondary Roads Improvement Program for Columbus County for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 from the Department of Transportation as follows:

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GRAND TOTAL:

\$1,439,971.69

NOTE: This Program is subject to availability of funding, right-of-way, and environmental review.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby concur with the 2010-2011 Secondary Roads Construction Program for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as prioritized by the State as enumerated above.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the 2011-2012 Secondary Roads Improvement Program Concurring Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: 2011 PROPOSED CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING GRANT APPLICATION - APPROVAL of APPLICATION and RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, requested Board approval to make application and approval of the following applicants recommended. (The required Public Hearing was conducted on this day at 6:30 P.M. prior to the meeting.)

MEMO

TO: Amon McKenzie, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

FROM: M. Floyd Adams, P.E.
Project Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2011 Columbus County CDBG-SSH
Recommendation of Recipients

DATE: February 29, 2012

Our firm has been requested to provide coordination and assistance to the County related to preparation of the 2011 Scattered Site Housing (SSH) Application. To date we have received applications, met with the advisory board on February 16th and February 23rd, inspected 10 of the top ranked eligible candidates and completed preliminary title review of over 35 of the top applicants. During the advisory meeting on February 23rd the committee reviewed the top 10 units, discussed details of the program and prepared a recommendation for the Board.

The recommendation is as follows:

The advisory committee recommends to the County Board of Commissioners that the SSH application include the homes of **Mark Singletary, Seymour Ellis and Rosa Graham**. Further, it is recommended that **Ethel Clarida, Maggie Rogers, Bertha George, Ruth James, Mildred Chestnut, Alice Nealey and Evangelene Griffin** be included as alternates in case problems arise related to the original names. It is also recommended that stick built homes be replaced with stick built homes and mobile homes be replaced with mobile homes (Per CDBG guidelines, mobile homes must be converted to real property). No work will be allowed on any unit with outstanding judgments, taxes or miscellaneous liens.

Please present this to the Board of Commissioners during your regular meeting on March 5th for approval.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the 2011 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant Application, and approve the recommended applicants, as listed in the above memo, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: FINANCE - APPROVAL of AUDITING PROPOSAL:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the auditing firm to prepare the fiscal year end June 30, 2012 audit, with option to renew for an additional two (2) year period, in accordance with the following audit proposals.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY
AUDIT PROPOSALS
FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012**

Company	Experience	Yrs Exper	Quality Control Policy in Place	Cost County Audit 2011- 2012	Cost Travel & Tourism Audit 2011- 2012	(Est) Cost County Audit 2012-13	(Est) Cost Trav & Tour Audit 2012-13	(Est) Cost County Audit 2013-14	Est Cost Trav & Tour Audit 2013-14
Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co.	9 County 6 School 23 Cities/ towns 3 ABC brds. 2 Airport 2 Water & Sewer Districts 1 Sanitary District 3 Council of Govt's	75	Yes	31,750	1,000	32,750	1,000	32,750	1,000

S. Preston Douglas & Assoc, LLP	1 County 25 Towns/ Cities 8 ABC brds 2 School Systems 1 Water & Sewer Authority 1 Travel & Tourism Authority 5 Other govt/non- profit entities	23	Yes	30,500	1,500	31,500	1,500	32,500	1,500
Rives & Associates, LLP	10 School Systems 3 Fire & Rescue Units 1 Sanitary District 3 Other Gov't/non- profit org's.	25	Yes	27,980	4,500	28,260	4,585	28,542	4,631

Bobbie Faircloth stated the following:

1. It has been three (3) years since we put the audit out for bid;
2. In previous years, we have only received one (1) bid which has been our auditor, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company;
3. This year, I received three (3) bids, and in those three (3) bids, they were so close, I went back and spoke with the two (2) local firms which are S. Preston Douglas and Associates, LLP, and Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, and ask if the bid price they submitted was the lowest bid;
4. Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company came back with a bid of \$26,750, after some negotiations; **and**
5. What I am requesting tonight is the approval of selecting an auditing firm.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company to be the auditing firm to prepare the fiscal year end June 30, 2012 audit, at the negotiated cost of twenty six thousand, seven hundred fifty, and 00/100 (\$26,750.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: SHERIFF - APPROVAL to TRANSFER FUNDS to PURCHASE VEHICLE:

Sheriff Christopher Batten requested Board approval to transfer funds to Capital Outlay for the purchase of a vehicle, by the approval of the following budget amendment.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-4310-550000	Capital Outlay	17,500
	10-4310-539200	Uniforms	(11,000)
	10-4320-539200	Uniforms	(6,500)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the transfer of funds to Capital Outlay for the purchase of a vehicle, by the approval of the afore listed budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL to SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION to NC DEAO:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval to submit a grant application to North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach, seeking funding assistance to improve electronics recycling at the convenience sites.

Kip McClary stated the following:

1. In October, 2009, the State increased the bans on what could be landfilled;
2. It was required that we start collecting TV's and CRT monitor units that had been previously placed in the landfill;
3. This put an extra burden on the Solid Waste Department, and 2010-2011, we spent \$6,000.00 transporting these items out of the county to dispose of them because we could not find a vendor who would take them;
4. This year, we budgeted \$11,520 for the same purpose;
5. We have been talking to a vendor who will take our mixed electronics if we can keep the units dry and categorize them into containers;
6. The vendor has proposed they will provide containers if we can provide a shed at our convenience sites to keep these containers under them, these are called galore boxes;
7. The TV's and CRT's will be palletized and shrink wrapped at each of the convenience sites under a canopy, and mixed electronics will go into the small containers and they will bring a truck in and actually transport these units out for us;
8. Our Solid Waste Supervisor, William Schalk found that there was state grant money available to assist with this, however, this is a competitive grant;
9. We will go on line with our application and be competing with other solid waste entities for the same type of purpose;
10. In this competitive grant, we can apply for up to \$30,000 for improvements, and our plan is to actually install a concrete pad on each of the convenience sites and put a carport canopy on each of the sites;
11. It will require a \$6,000 match by the County, which is not in the budget presently;
12. This does not come into play until July, 2012; **and**
13. With what we are already spending, we could take a portion of that expenditure and put it toward these buildings and save ourselves the additional expense.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve to submit the grant application to the North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach (DEAO), in the amount of thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2012 PROCLAMATION by the COUNTY of COLUMBUS:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Spring Litter Sweep 2012 by the County of Columbus, A Proclamation.

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2012
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 2012 "**LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place **April 14 through April 28, 2012**, 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 2012 **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 24th 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 14 through April 28, 2012**, 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 5th day of March, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Spring Litter Sweep 2012 by the County of Columbus, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: ADMINISTRATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

William S. Clark, Columbus County Manager, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. On behalf of our entire management team, I am pleased to present a review of our accomplishments over the last year.
2. With unemployment still above 10% in our county, our number one focus has been on economic development and job creation. Our economic development director continues to aggressively market our county to small and large manufacturing. During the past year, the Eudy Building was sold to Wilmington Shipping, the Coke Building was sold to PTCC, and the Conflandey and Hart & Cooley buildings were also sold. The Southeast Marine Building has been leased to Primevil Wood, Inc. and Discovery Textiles has located in the Tabor City Incubator. Two (2) Building Reuse and Restoration grants have also been approved.
3. We also continue to develop our county’s infrastructure needs. The Water District IV project has recently provided county water to approximately 772 customers in eastern Columbus County. The River Road water project has been completed and the application has been approved to connect WD I and WD II using both loan and grant funds. We will receive \$1.5 million in grant funds for that project as well as a no interest loan. A \$554,000 grant was awarded to Columbus County to develop our landfill methane gas and we received a \$75,000 energy grant from the EPA to help conserve energy in county buildings. The energy grant has been expended and the landfill project is near completion.
4. Our Planning Board continues to address important issues. An abandoned structure ordinance was developed and our county’s first land use plan was approved. Our emergency management services have been improved by the renovations and upgrades to our 911 center. Our new radio system is being installed and should be in use by this June.
5. The county financial situation continues to improve as our fund balance has increased to 36.46% of our general fund expenditures. For the fourth straight year, there were no property tax increases and no new personnel positions created. The county was also able to increase its funding of our three (3) educational systems in the county to include funding of new classrooms at Old Dock Elementary.
6. Our management team is proud of what we have accomplished together and we look forward to creating more jobs, infrastructure, and improvements in education as we move Columbus County forward in a positive direction.

Agenda Item #15: Proclamation - National County Government Month Proclamation:

William S. Clark, County Manager, is requesting Board approval and adoption of the following National County Government Month - Proclamation, April, 2012, Healthy Counties, Healthy Families.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH -PROCLAMATION
April 2012
Healthy Counties, Healthy Families

WHEREAS, America's counties provide a variety of essential services. Many of these services work to protect our communities; **and**

WHEREAS, counties protect residents from natural disasters, terrorist attacks, crime and drug abuse; **and**

WHEREAS, counties are the first to respond to emergency situations and are primarily responsible for planning for disasters; **and**

WHEREAS, counties also work to protect families, children and youth; **and**

WHEREAS, there are three thousand sixty-six (3,066) counties in the United States, collectively responsible for the well being of more that two hundred fifty (250) million residents; **and**

WHEREAS, counties provide services that make America's communities stronger, safer places to live and raise families; **and**

WHEREAS, counties police our streets, fight fires, save lives in hospitals, keep families healthy, repair bridges, plow snow, help troubled youth, train laid-off workers and perform countless other jobs; **and**

WHEREAS, counties have a long history of providing critical services. County governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION AND VALUABLE SERVICE
PROVIDED BY OUR NATION'S COUNTIES**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Columbus County, North Carolina, hereby proclaims April, 2012, as **NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH** and commends its observance to our citizens.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of March, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

<i>/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, District I, Chairman</i>	<i>/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL, District VII, Vice Chairman</i>
<i>/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, District II</i>	<i>/s/ GILES E. BYRD, District III</i>
<i>/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, District IV</i>	<i>/s/ L. LYNWOOD NORRIS, District V</i>
<i>RICKY BULLARD, District VI</i>	

ATTESTED BY

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the National County Government Month - Proclamation, April 2012, Healthy Counties, Healthy Families, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: MENTAL HEALTH - APPROVAL of PLAN of MERGER and AGREEMENT BETWEEN and among the BEACON CENTER, EASTPOINTE HUMAN SERVICES, and SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES:

Commissioner Prevatte requested Board approval of the Plan of Merger and Agreement Between and among the Beacon Center, Eastpointe Human Services, and Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. (The resolution to approve this merger was approved at the November 21, 2011 Board Meeting.)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Plan of Merger and Agreement Between and among the Beacon Center, Eastpointe Human Services, and Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for review.

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

At 7:13 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, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 20, 2012 **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.

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

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	14-4311-529902	Weapons	3,650
Revenue	14-3431-499101	Drug Fund Balance Appropriated	3.650
Expenditure	29-5900-550025	Lottery Disbursement	380,000
Revenue	29-3210-432315	Lottery Funds	380,000
Expenditure	10-5180-512100	EH Salaries	4,000
Revenue	10-3510-430060	Env. Health State	4,000

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
March 05, 2012**

Refunds Name: McPherson, John Phillip II & Carolyn Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 011 Account # 1-02365 Bill # 50849 Total \$408.00
 Refund 2 user fees. Only has one 1 and billed for 3. Paid in error.
 2704 Waccamaw Shores Rd. Lake Waccamaw NC 28450

Refunds Name: Gaskins, Jeffrey Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 011 Account # 6-02616 Bill # 37661 Total \$223.00
 Refund user fee. Dwelling is vacant without power. No 911 address
 2754 Mollie Iron Hill Rd. Tabor City NC 28463

Refunds Name: Barnhill, William Christopher & Jane Amount: \$189.08
 Value: \$5,800.00 Year 7-10 Account # 12-00861 Bill # 99999 Total \$211.12
 Refund portion of value acreage. Billed incorrectly. Incorrect acres due to Highway R/W tacking. Refund
 Columbus Rescue(4.64), refund Water District II(17.40)
 P.O. Box 291 Evergreen NC 28438

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
March 05, 2012**

Release the Property Value in the name of Barnhill, William Christopher & Jane Amount: \$47.27
Value: \$5,800.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-00861 Bill # 4661 Total \$52.49
Release portion of land value. Billed with incorrect acres due to hwy. R/W taking. Release Columbus
Rescue(1.16), release Water District II(4.06)

Release the Property Value in the name of Bunn, Margaret Amount: \$30.16
Value: \$3,700.00 Year: 2011 Account # 1-10640 Bill # 8503 Total \$34.97
Release value of land. Double listed Act#1-05205. Release Whiteville Rescue(.74), release Water District III
(4.07)

Release the Property Value in the name of Eady, Jamelia Amount: \$859.95
Value: \$23,100.00 Year: 04-08 Account # 1-00743 Bill # 9999 Total \$1,384.45
Release value of house torn down by city in 2003. Dwelling was flooded. Release Whiteville Rescue(22.02)

Release the Property Value in the name of Haney, Roxanne Dowe & Doris Billings Amount: \$123.94
Value: \$7,155.00 Year: 10-11 Account # 16-07335 Bill # 9999 Total \$605.05
Release entire value of 1995 mobile home. Burned 11-18-2009. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(15.21), release
Columbus Rescue(3.04), release Water II (10.64),

Release the Property Value in the name of Watts, Greg Amount: \$105.35
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 02-11 Account # 6-42056 Bill # 99999 Total \$2,073.35
Release value of 1969 mobile home. Mobile home unliveable. DBL Act#06-32896 Sherry Simmons. Release
Yam City Fire(11.35), release Columbus Rescue(2.68),

Release the Refunds in the name of Barnhill, William Christopher & Jane Amount: \$189.08
Value: \$5,800.00 Year: 07-10 Account # 12-00861 Bill # 9999 Total \$211.12
Refund portion of value acreage. Billed incorrectly. Incorrect acres due to Highway R/W tacking. Refund
Columbus Rescue(4.64), refund Water District II(17.40)

Release the Refunds in the name of Gaskins, Jeffrey Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 6-02616 Bill # 7661 Total \$223.00
Refund user fee. Dwelling is vacant without power. No 911 address

Release the Refunds in the name of McPherson, John Phillip II & Carolyn Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 1-02365 Bill # 0849 Total \$408.00
Refund 2 user fees. Only has one 1 and billed for 3. Paid in error.

Release the User Fee in the name of Blanks, Sherman Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 15-02640 Bill # 6301 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Boone, Marie Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 4-00970 Bill # 6437 Total \$136.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Only has 1 can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Donahue, Crystal Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-11 Account # 3-02149 Bill # 99999 Total \$438.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is being remodeled and vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Freeman, Clayton Edward & Lois Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 4-04938 Bill # 6890 Total \$136.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Inman, William Milton Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-12920 Bill # 4150 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Miller, Sarah N. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 13-27818 Bill # 1562 Total \$223.00
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Tony Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 12-01216 Bill # 2927 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Billed for 2 cans and only has 1.

Release the User Fee in the name of Perritte, Angela Tyler Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-03702 Bill # 4851 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Powell, Alaine Gore Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 16-03244 Bill # 5527 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pridgen, Sandra Hooks Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-05336 Bill # 6349 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Soles, Charlotte Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-04030 Bill # 1571 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Soles, Mark & April Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 15-03645 Bill # 1679 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.

Release the User Fee in the name of Tyson, Kelton & Gladys Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 1-97761 Bill # 5944 Total \$446.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Release the User Fee in the name of Ward, A L (Heirs) Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account # 9-31480 Bill # 6876 Total \$223.00
 Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

B. Department Head:

Kimberly Smith, Health Department Director: stated the following:

1. Mr. Clark asked me to come and speak about the Wright Chemical Corporation Public Information that will be held on Thursday, March 08, 2012, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.;
2. Basically, the only thing I can say about this meeting is that it was arranged by the State Health Department, not by the local Health Department;
3. I have received, and I believe all of you have received, via e-mail, a copy of the Public Health Assessment;
4. This assessment consists of eighty-two (82) pages, I have read it three (3) times, and I intend to read it one (1) more time, so that I can fully understand what it is trying to say;
5. This assessment was done by the State and the purpose was to identify and prevent harmful health effects resulting from exposure to the hazardous materials that is in the environment;
6. This is a Public Health Assessment, and it is focused on health issues with specific exposures at that site;
7. I can tell you that the Wright Chemical Corporation site has been on the Environmental Protection Agency's national priorities list since around February, 2011;
8. The two (2) conclusions that the North Carolina Division of Public Health came up with were the following:
 - A. They cannot currently conclude whether persons that inhaled, accidentally ingest, or have direct contact with the soils or sediments on site could have been harmed in the past or could now be harmed because the environmental data is inconclusive; **and**
 - B. The levels of mercury identified in the fish are at levels that could cause adverse health effects to persons, especially women and children, eating the

meat or the meals of certain types of fish more frequently than recommended in the existing North Carolina Fish Consumption Advisory. The source of the mercury in the fish is not known and has not been linked to the Wright Chemical Corporation; **and**

9. Our part, the local Health Department's part, in this will be that we will help educate the community on the findings, and especially fish consumption which has been out long before this site was put on the national priority list.

Commissioner Prevatte: Have there been any reports of any fish kills?

Kimberly Smith: Not that I am aware of. I checked with the staff at the Health Department about any reports from the public. I have not had any since I have been Health Director. We have a file on the Wright Chemical Corporation, and it is all correspondence from the State. In the past year, they have had some septic tanks to fail.

Commissioner Prevatte: Is that part of the area where our waste water treatment plant is?

Kip McClary: Yes sir. I think that was the driving motivation behind the waste water treatment plant being constructed there. They found ways to treat it to state standards so it could be discharged into the creek.

C. **Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - A. The Port Hearing that Clara Cartrette put in the paper Thursday is tomorrow night at the Odell Williamson Auditorium in Brunswick County, and we need representation there; **and**
 - B. I support the Girl Scouts.
2. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:
 - A. I have spoken to Mr. Lewis and the Planning Board about this, and we still have some abandoned sites that are reaching the one (1) year limit;
 - B. I asked Mr. Lewis if we were prepared to go forward with that, and he stated yes; **and**
 - C. Once the Planning Board meets, they will make a recommendation and come to the Board, and I hope that we, as a Board, are prepared to take action on dealing with these abandoned structures.
3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - A. After the presentation we heard at the last meeting relative to Beavers, I would like to make a recommendation that we re-activate the Beaver Committee, and appoint one (1) representative from each district;
 - B. This committee can recommend ways that we can assist in managing the beavers in Columbus County; **and**

Commissioner Byrd: I would like to recommend that each Commissioner appoint two (2) representatives from their district to make sure there are enough members to hold the meetings.

Vice Chairman McDowell: I would like for us to offer a bounty like we do some years ago.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to re-activate the Beaver Committee, at the March 19, 2012 Board Meeting, with each Commissioner appointing two (2) representatives from their district, and any Commissioner that wishes to serve can do so, not to exceed two (2) representatives from each district, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director: I have spoken to John, and we have scheduled a Beaver Training Class, which will be held on March 26, 2012, at 7:00 P.M., out at the Cooperative Extension Service. I would like for the Board to re-activate this committee.

Commissioner Byrd: I recommend that Mr. Davis hold Beaver Training Classes in several regions of the County, similar to what the Planner did on the Land Use Plan.

- C. I would like an update on the landfill project. Mr. Clark stated that Mr. Lanier is putting all the components together and it appears to be successful.

- D. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to remind everyone of the Board Retreat on March 16, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon, at Southeastern Community College, and we will serve lunch that day.
- C. **Board of Commissioners: (cont'd)**
 - 4. **Chairman McKenzie:** Let's remember the victims from the tornado that hit last weekend in the Charlotte area.

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

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) PERSONNEL:

No action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:23 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVED of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman McKenzie requested that Vice Chairman McDowell orally read the Closed Session General Account. Vice Chairman McDowell orally read the following:
"The Columbus County Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session to discuss the evaluation of the County Manager."

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

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:24 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman

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

Monday, March 05, 2012

7:13 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:

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

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 7:13 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 20, 2012 **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 20, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, March 05, 2012

7:13 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:

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

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 7:13 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 20, 2012 **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 20, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, March 05, 2012

7:13 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:

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

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 7:13 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 20, 2012 **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 20, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, March 05, 2012

7:13 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:

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

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 7:13 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 20, 2012 **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 20, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

STATUS of HALLSBORO EXTENSION:

Commissioner Byrd: Have we heard anything else pertaining to the monies that we were applying for, for the extension in the Hallsboro area?

Kip McClary: Not at this time, we have not.

Commissioner Byrd: Do we still just have the twenty (20) year no-interest loan?

Kip McClary: Yes sir. That is what is available to us at this time.

Commissioner Byrd: Our number of customers and figures still won't make it work?

Kip McClary: Not unless we could nearly double the number of customers, it won't work.

Commissioner Byrd: Or get a non-repayable grant?

Kip McClary: Yes sir.

Commissioner Byrd: And you have filed for it?

Kip McClary: We are searching more opportunities there, but we have not seen anything yet.

Commissioner Byrd: Please keep me posted if you get anything.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, March 05, 2012

7:13 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:

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

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 7:13 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 20, 2012 **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 20, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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