

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 02, 2012****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 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**

6:30 P.M.**PUBLIC HEARING -**

Application for 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funding: 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 CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order, and requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mike Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

PURPOSE of PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman McKenzie stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is:

1. To notify citizens of the proposed application contents and receive comments relative to the proposed application contents;
2. The County is considering making an application for one (1) of the following two (2) projects:
 - A. Construction of a Wellness Center to serve the public in the Whiteville area; **and**
 - B. Reconstruction of two (2) severely deteriorated housing units, demolition of approximately ten (10) vacant dilapidated units, establishing an emergency housing repair program for threatening situations and improvements to recreation facilities;
 - C. These improvements are proposed to be scattered throughout the County; **and**
 - D. The total estimated CDBG Program cost is \$500,000 which represents 91% of the total program costs.

Discussion:

Commissioner Prevatte: I understand that the Wellness Center has been taken off due to the high cost, and now we are looking at the second choice.

Commissioner Byrd: We have a lot of housing needs here in the County.

Commissioner Prevatte: Is this the same grant that is called the Catalyst Grant?

Floyd Adams: Yes sir, this is the North Carolina Catalyst Grant, and it will be scattered throughout the County.

Chairman McKenzie: We have more flexibility with this grant than we normally have.

Floyd Adams: The old program use to be what is called the Concentrated Needs Program where you had to select an area all in one spot, identify it, draw a boundary around it, and you could only work in that area, and select houses, water, sewer and streets that are within those boundaries of the circle that you make. The Catalyst Program is new this year, and they are basically allowing you to tell them what you would like to do. In one of our brain storming sessions, the Wellness Center was talked about, and once we evaluated the costs and the requirements to put that together, we knew that \$500,000 was only a drop in the bucket to what we really needed. So we dropped back to somewhat of a scattered site project, but this project has got some houses in it. We ended up with

three (3) houses, some demolition of some vacant dilapidated houses that need cleaning up. We also discussed demolition with the Sheriff's department and they recommended a location that they felt would be good for the protection of the citizens in the County if that place is no longer existing. We talked to Parks and Recreation. This Catalyst Grant is spotted all over the County, has different ingredients in it, and hopefully will be a catalyst for the County to increase interest within the County. It is a well-rounded project.

William S. Clark, County Manager: Is that a very competitive grant?

Floyd Adams: This is a very competitive grant. There are no thresholds. Every county and every municipality can submit applications for this grant, and I am anticipating there will be thirteen (13) projects funded throughout the state for this money. The odds are not necessarily in our favor.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:40 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

6:40 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION:

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3: **MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:40 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the April 02, 2012 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 Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell.

APPROVAL of AGENDA ADD-ON #1:

Finance - Approval of Budget Amendment: Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, is requesting Board approval of this Budget Amendment to appropriate funds received from the home owners insurance of a CHAF property.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve amending the Agenda to add Agenda Add-on #1, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Chairman McKenzie stated this would be made a part of the Budget Amendments for approval.

APPROVAL of AGENDA ADD-ON #2:

Resolution - Resolution in Support of Voter Participation in the May 8, 2012 Vote to Amend the North Carolina Constitution Protecting Marriage: Vice Chairman McDowell is requesting Board approval and adoption of this Resolution.

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve amending the Agenda to add Agenda Add-on #2, to be listed as Agenda Item 5A, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: **BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 16, 2012 Board Retreat Minutes, and the March 19, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

1. **John Kenneth (Kenny) Byrd, Jr., 221 Rough-n-Ready Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:**
I would like for Brother Tim Jernigan to go first.
2. **Tim R. Jernigan, 302 Tram Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
 - A. I grew up in Columbus County in the Oakdale Community, moved away for a

- number of years, and then in December, 2011, I chose to return home to serve as the Director of Missions for the Columbus Baptist Association;
- B. The Columbus Baptist Association is comprised of fifty-one (51) Southern Baptist churches representing over seven thousand, six hundred (7,600) church members here in our County;
 - C. I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to you on the issue of marriage, and I will do my best to stay within three (3) minutes, but I would like a little grace period at the end;
 - D. I stand before you tonight asking you to publicly stand for the majority of people in our County by supporting the upcoming vote to amend the State Constitution of North Carolina to define marriage as the union of one (1) man and one (1) woman;
 - E. This amendment should not be controversial for us;
 - F. County Commissioners in Wake County, Brunswick County, Stanley County, McDowell County, Union County and Lincoln County have already endorsed this amendment, by virtue of passing resolutions of support;
 - G. A total of thirty (30) states already have a similar amendment to their constitution, including our bordering states of South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia;
 - H. The full amendment simply reads, "Marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts";
 - I. The upcoming referendum will give the citizens of North Carolina the opportunity to elevate both the federal and state definition of marriage to the level of constitutional status in our state;
 - J. This move will ensure that the citizens of North Carolina, not one (1) lone activist judge or judges, will define the legal definition of marriage for all of us in North Carolina;
 - K. As a Christian, I certainly believe that marriage is more than a legal union, but I understand that I am not here speaking to a church meeting;
 - L. I think there are many reasons that you can weigh in on this, for instance, most citizens of North Carolina agree, according to recent polls, that marriage is between one (1) man and one (1) woman;
 - M. The polls range from 58% to 64%, statewide, but I don't have a poll for Columbus County, but I suspect that percentage is a little higher here in Columbus County, and I am certain it is a lot higher in our Baptist churches that make up a significant part of our Columbus County; **and**
 - N. Join us in supporting an amendment that will protect families, children and keep us from a whole host of other issues.
3. **David Richard Crumpler, 517 East Calhoun Street, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
- A. My thoughts echo Brother Tim Jernigan's thoughts;
 - B. I would be very interested in allowing my minutes to piggyback onto his if he did not finish what he wanted to say;
 - C. I feel very, very sure that my thoughts would be similar to his; **and**
 - D. Would that be possible?

Chairman McKenzie replied stating that would be possible.

Tim R. Jernigan (continued):

- A. Some of those issues I eluded to in my concluding statement have to do with a number of different issues;
- B. Legal experts on both sides of the marriage debate agree that the issues have profound impact upon society, as I said, in a number of areas - religious liberty issues to personal religious exercises to business and in the business arena;
- C. In fact, if this amendment does not pass, and North Carolina goes the way of a number of other states in America, those of us in our county and in our state who believe what most of us believe, that marriage is what we were taught as kids, one (1) man and one (1) woman united in marriage, we would be given the label legally and treated just like racist and bigots and would be punished for our beliefs;;
- D. For instance, it is already happening in states where same sex marriages have been allowed, groups like Catholic charities in Boston and Washington, D.C. have chosen to give up their adoption services which place many children each year because they were forced, under state

- law, to allow same sex couples to adopt children;
- E. To go beyond that, think of all the non-profit groups that will be faced with abandoning historic mission principles in order to maintain governmental contracts;
 - F. Think about hospitals, help missions and all of those that receive help from governmental agencies, but they are faith based;
 - G. If they are forced to make the decision between what they understand the Bible teaches, and doing those services, what are they going to choose;
 - H. They are being faced with that decision in some states in America;
 - I. Whenever schools educate children about marriage which happens throughout the curriculum, not just in sex ed, but throughout the curriculum, they will have no choice but to teach this new genderless institution; **and**
 - J. In Massachusetts already, kids as young as second grade are taught about gay marriage in their classes.
4. **Titus Caroway, 98 Dew Oil Plant Road, Delco, NC 28436:** stated the following:
 - A. I will give up my time to Brother Tim Jernigan; **and**
 - B. I am in support of everything he is stating.

Tim Jernigan (continued):

- A. The courts rule that parents had no right to prior notice to opt their children of such instruction in Massachusetts in America, within just the last few years;
 - B. Doctors and lawyers and other professionals risk their state licenses if they act on the belief that a same-sex couple is not a couple;
 - C. This is important;
 - D. When marriage ceases to have its historic meaning and understanding, one (1) man and one (1) woman, over time, fewer and fewer people will marry, and I will bring you studies from Europe that is already a number of years down the road, where that has happened and marriage is a rarity, we will have an inevitable increase of children born out of wedlock and an increase of fatherlessness, a resulting increase in female and child poverty, and a higher incidence of all of the documented social fields associated with children being raised in a home without parents;
 - E. I ask you, as the elected officials in my County, to stand with us as we stand for families, children and religious liberty;
 - F. Stand with me and over seven thousand, six hundred (7,600) Southern Baptists that I serve in the county;
 - G. Stand with the thousands of other citizens, both religious and non-religious, who understand that marriage needs to be protected, not only for religious reasons, but also because it is the key foundational corner stone of our society;
 - H. Tonight, I ask you to publicly support this amendment, to support families in our county;
 - I. You have the influence, use it for the betterment of the families of our county and our State; **and**
 - J. Stand publicly with us, and endorse this amendment.
5. **Kenneth Ray Baker, 2284 Smyrna Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated I concur with everything that Brother Jernigan has spoken.
 6. **J. Darryll Hester, 1175 Harrelsonville Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to reiterate what has been said here, and I agree with each and everyone of them;
 - B. I am pastor of Nakina Baptist Church;
 - C. I would like to encourage this Board to go on record in supporting the adoption of the North Carolina Marriage Amendment to be voted on, on May 8, 2012;
 - D. Marriage being the union of one (1) man and one (1) woman is one of the oldest long-standing institutions in our world today;
 - E. We have an opportunity, as citizens and as Christians, to take a stand to protect the institution of marriage by supporting this;
 - F. The definition of marriage has been a North Carolina Statute for years, and we have the opportunity to include it in our State Constitution, as many other states have already done so;
 - G. Marriage has taken a severe blow over the past decades;
 - H. We do not need to allow the possibility of the future, for the definition of marriage, as we have known it since the beginning of time, to be redefined;
 - I. I believe it is only fitting that our duly elected officials, whether they are local or state, voice their convictions concerning the institution of marriage;

- J. I would encourage you to let the people of Columbus County know that you are in support of the laws of our State, as several other County Commissioner Boards in our State have already done; **and**
- K. Please consider joining these boards in support of this marriage amendment that will be taking place on May 8, 2012.

AGENDA ADD-ON #2:

Agenda Item #5A: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of VOTER PARTICIPATION in the MAY 08, 2012 VOTE to AMEND the NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION PROTECTING MARRIAGE:

Vice Chairman McDowell requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution in Support of Voter Participation in the May 08, 2012 Vote to Amend the North Carolina Constitution Protecting Marriage.

RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of VOTER PARTICIPATION in the MAY 08, 2012 VOTE to AMEND the NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION PROTECTING MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, in 1995, the North Carolina Legislature enacted N.C.G.S. 51-1.2, which states that marriages, whether created by common law, contracted or performed outside of North Carolina, between individuals of the same gender are not valid in North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted 1 U.S.C.S. Section 7, which states, "In determining the meaning of any act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word "marriage" means only a legal union between one (1) man and one (1) women as husband and wife, and the word "spouse" refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife"; **and**

WHEREAS, in 2011, the North Carolina General Assembly allowed the people of this great State the right to vote on whether or not to amend the North Carolina Constitution to preserve marriage as the legal union of one (1) man and one (1) woman; **and**

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the only state in the south that has not protected marriage in its constitution; **and**

WHEREAS, every state in the country that has allowed the people to vote, thirty (30) in all, has protected marriage in its constitution, as the union of one (1) man and one (1) woman, including North Carolinas's bordering states of Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Commissioners encourage the people of Columbus County and North Carolina to voice their opinion by exercising their right to vote; **and**

WHEREAS, the amendment reads: "*Marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts*".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners endorses the Marriage Amendment to the North Carolina Constitution which states the only domestic legal union that is valid or recognized in North Carolina is marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Columbus County Board of Commissioners encourages voter participation on this important issue to be voted upon on May 08, 2012.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 2nd day of April, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution in Support of Voter Participation in the May 08, 2012 Vote to Amend the North Carolina Constitution Protecting Marriage, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - GOVDEALS:

Robin Bradley, representative from Mid Atlantic, will deliver a short presentation on the benefits of GovDeals.

Chairman McKenzie stated that due to illness, Robin Bradley will not be present at the meeting tonight, and this matter will be presented at a later date.

Agenda Item #7: PETITION - REPAIR OF EDWARDS LANE:

Annie Thurman, representing the citizens on Edwards Lane, requested assistance to have Edwards Lane repaired.

Ms. Thurman stated the following:

1. Since 1987, my neighbors and I have worked together to keep the road up;
2. The left side of the road is very bad; **and**
3. This is a private road and we have all kinds of traffic in there - EMS, garbage man, UPS, mail man, etc.

Commissioner Prevatte stated the following:

1. I have also encountered this same type problem in several other locations;
2. I would like to share some insight relative to the matter;
3. Several of the people that I have in my district have indicated they would like the State to take over private roads;
4. According to Drew Cox, District Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, if a road came into existence after October 01, 1975, they will not do anything for the maintenance or to take over that road because they were supposed to be built to state standards at that time;
5. Before October 01, 1975, they did not have these state standards, and they can work around them;
6. I have asked them and they will not take them over.

Chairman McKenzie: I understand that the North Carolina Department of Transportation will take over the road if it is brought up to state standards.

Commissioner Byrd: stated the following:

1. The main section of this road would only need a motor grader to make it wide enough;
2. It is a very sandy road, and the water puddles in the low areas; **and**
3. There are fourteen (14) houses within the width of a block, and it deserves some consideration.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve a letter of recommendation to be sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for assistance to have Edwards Lane repaired, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: ROAD RENAMING - FRUIT RIDGE ROAD:

Matthew J. Tedder, Attorney-at-Law, representative of interested persons, presented the following proposal to change the name of Fruit Ridge Road to honor the late Chester McGlockton.

1. Chester McGlockton was probably the finest athlete the State of North Carolina has ever produced;
2. He was one of the finest men that the State of North Carolina has ever produced;
3. I happen to know this because I competed with him and against him athletically, and was fortunate to call him one of the best friends I ever had;
4. He grew up here in Whiteville off of Fruit Ridge Road, and lived there for about fifteen (15) years, and attended school here in Columbus County;
5. His athletic career does not need any explanation;
6. He did everything that you can do, as follows:
 - was Mr. NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) back in 1987;
 - was a captain of an undefeated State Championship football team;
 - all American;
 - all conference basketball player;
 - had state records in track and field;

7. He was a great guy, and was a giant of a man at fifteen (15), but he had a charm and smile in a way that everyone loved Chester McGlockton;
8. He was imposing in stature, his smile would disarm you;
9. We spent much time together through the years, and I was floored when I heard he had passed;
10. He had played twelve (12) years in the NFL, was a pro bowler for four (4) consecutive years, 1994-1997;
11. One of the top fifty (50) football players on this planet;
12. He accommodated anything he had ever taken on;
13. When he retired from the NFL, his family and faith certainly replaced sports in his life and he changed for the better, with nothing wrong originally, and even became a better man;
14. In the last ten (10) years, through different programs and outreach ministries he was involved in, he had shaped and affected the lives of many, many young men - California, Tennessee, Texas, all over the United States of America;
15. His recognition, and the recognition that he has brought to Columbus County, throughout his life is priceless;
16. He was truly a grid iron grate;
17. When he retired from the NFL, he coached over at Tennessee, he was the assistant line coach while he finished his degree requirements;
18. After that, he went out to Stanford and coached there for two (2) years;
19. All of the games he was involved in had incredible success;
20. Mr. McGlockton had friends and followers all over the nation and his roots are in Columbus County, and was always proud of that, and never deviated from that, whether at the beach or in a luxury box;
21. He has always been an outstanding representative of our community; **and**
22. He has never had legal issues, never had problems with fellow athletes.

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. Chester McGlockton was the gentle giant on the football field, as I told his Mother;
2. He had the most ambition that I have ever seen in a person;
3. He left a legacy, second to none, in Whiteville;
4. After he left this area, he still gave back all the time to the tune of buying football shoes for those who could not afford them, tennis shoes, and other things; **and**
5. He provided mentoring to many, he was a role model.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to ask our attorney to work with the Department of Transportation, as the law states, which this has to be presented to their board, according to our attorney, and then a hearing will have to be held, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. I have been contacted by a few people that are concerned about the history of the road;
2. I think the road got its name from the Strawberry Festival; **and**
3. It may be possible to come up with a solution to appease both groups of people.

Agenda Item #9: CDBG - NC CATALYST GRANT APPLICATION:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, requested Board approval to submit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), North Carolina Catalyst Grant application, and approve a \$50,000 match, if awarded.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), North Carolina Catalyst Grant application, and approve a \$50,000 match, if awarded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd, The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE - CHANGE in OWNERSHIP of the NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:

Lloyd Buffkin, Carolinas Medical Response, Incorporated, requested Board approval of a change in ownership of the Non-Emergency Ambulance Franchise Agreement issued to Carolinas Medical Response, Incorporated to A.T.S. Medical Services and Medical Staffing.

Mr. Buffkin stated the following:

1. The biggest change will be the owners;
2. The company will remain where it is at;
3. The truck, the equipment and all the personnel will stay in place;
4. We are hoping the change will be an asset to the County because they can bring new ideas and technology to the County that I can't afford, and they can; **and**
5. I have two (2) gentlemen with me tonight from A.T.S. Medical Services and they are Andy Schultz and Brad Bullock.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve a change in ownership of the Non-Emergency Ambulance Franchise Agreement issued to Carolinas Medical Response, Incorporated to A.T.S. Medical Services and Medical Staffing, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: AGING - APPROVAL OF HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the following:

- A. To allow all programs to remain intact;
- B. Home and Community Care Block Grant in the amount of \$582,718, with a local match of \$64,746, for a total of \$647,464; **and**
- C. Any adjustments in future funding be acknowledged by the Columbus County Department of Aging.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following:

- A. To allow all programs to remain intact;
- B. Home and Community Care Block Grant in the amount of \$582,718, with a local match of \$64,746, for a total of \$647,464; **and**
- C. Any adjustments in future funding be acknowledged by the Columbus County Department of Aging.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: AIRPORT - APPROVAL of GRANT AGREEMENT - VISION 100 GRANT PROJECT 36237.53.9.1:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the Block Grant Agreement, Vision 100, Project Number: 36237.53.9.1, in the amount of \$96,611, with a 10% County appropriation, with a total estimated cost of \$107,346, by the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Ricky Bullard and seconded by Commissioner L. Lynwood Norris for the adoption of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly accepted:

WHEREAS, a Grant in the amount of \$96,611 has been approved by the Department based on total estimated cost of \$107,346; **and**

WHEREAS, an amount equal to or greater than ten (10%) percent 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.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Block Grant Agreement, Vision 100, Project Number: 36237.53.9.1, in the amount of \$96,611, with a 10% County appropriation, with a total estimated cost of \$107,346, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: AIRPORT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board:

1. Things are going well at Columbus County Airport, and it plays a vital role in providing

- access to medical personnel coming to work in the area, as well as life-saving transportation to critical patients and patient transfers;
2. It serves as an aid to law enforcement, as well as corporate and business executives;
 3. It supports aerial applicators needed for agriculture in the community and serves as an important role in aiding the North Carolina Forestry Service with fire watch, as well as fire fighting;
 4. It is a gateway to the community and very important to our county infrastructure;
 5. We have been fortunate to stay busy at the airport in spite of the downturn in the economy and rising fuel prices;
 6. Since the last update, the Airport has had over 7,600 operations;
 7. Approximately 12,000 Pilots & passengers have traveled through our Airport;
 8. There have been Angel flights, business, medical, law enforcement, forestry service, agricultural, animal rescue, student pilot training, as well as pleasure flights;
 9. A variety of aircraft utilize the Airport;
 10. On any given day, one might see anything ranging from a small experimental airplane to a citation jet, leer jet, medivac helicopter or a military aircraft;
 11. Aircraft continues to be a growing industry in our area with companies such as Honda Jet locating a facility in Burlington, North Carolina and Bowen in Charleston, South Carolina;
 12. Columbus County is home to a unique aviation business, Aerial Solutions, which has three (3) airplanes and seven (7) helicopters based in the County;
 13. We are currently working on permitting for the Parallel Taxiway Project, and once completed, this will be a tremendous safety asset;
 14. We anticipate starting the Hangar Taxiway Project within the next four to six (4-6) weeks, and upon completion, this project will enable the future building of much needed hangars which will bring added revenue to the County;
 15. Working with the support of our County officials, the Airport Authority, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the North Carolina Division of Aviation, the Federal Aviation Administration and the wonderful citizens of Columbus County, we have an airport which we can be proud of;
 16. With your continued support, we will continue to make improvements necessary for economic growth;
 17. Your support is vital for the airport to grow and be competitive; **and**
 18. Together we can plan and work toward building a brighter future for Columbus County.

Agenda Item #13: SHERIFF - APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

Sheriff Christopher Batten requested Board approval of the following Lease Agreement for an offsite Narcotic Office.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

LEASE AGREEMENT

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** (hereinafter referred to as the “**Agreement**”) made and entered into this 2nd day of April, 2012, by and between **JOYCE C. WORRELL**, (hereinafter referred to as “**Lessor**”) and **COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE** (hereinafter referred to as “**Lessee**”).

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, Lessor is the owner of certain real property being, lying and situated in Columbus County, North Carolina, such real property having a street address of 904 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. That certain property situated and being more particularly described as follows:

To have and to hold the mobile home and parking area located at 904 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, together with the privileges of signs located on above stated property; **and**

WHEREAS, Lessor is desirous of leasing the Premises to Lessee upon the terms and conditions as contained herein; **and**

WHEREAS, Lessee is desirous of leasing the Premises from lessor on the terms and conditions as contained herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants and obligations contained herein

and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. **TERM.** Lessor leases to Lessee and Lessee leases from Lessor the above described premises together with any and all appurtenances thereto, for a term of two (2) years, such term beginning on the 1st day of May, 2012, and ending on the 31st day of April, 2014. The Lessor also agrees to give the Lessee the option to rent property on a yearly basis hereafter.
2. **RENT AND DEPOSITS.** The rent during the term hereof shall be six hundred and 00/100 (\$600.00) dollars per month, payable on the 15th day of each month of the term, in equal installments of six hundred and 00/100 (\$600.00) dollars. The first installment to be paid by the Lessee upon the due execution of this Agreement and all subsequent monthly rental payments being due on the 15th day of each month thereafter. A security payment will be paid by the Lessee on May 05, 2012, when the property has been inspected and all repairs have been made by the Lessor. Such deposit shall be refunded to Lessee at the expiration of the lease and the property is vacated and left in good condition, less normal wear and tear.

The Lessee agrees to give thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Lessor or to the Lessor's Agent to cancel this Agreement, and further agrees to pay rent to the termination date of this notice.

The Lessee agrees to vacate the premises on ninety (90) days written notice from the Lessor or his Agent if possession is requested for any reason other than breach of contract.

3. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING.** The Lessee may not assign or sublet any portion of the Premises thereof, and that Premises shall be occupied only by those parties specified or named herein.
4. **USE OF PREMISES.** During the original term or extension of this Agreement, the Lessee shall use the Premises for the operation of a Professional Services Business. The Lessee shall comply with any and all laws, ordinances, rules and orders of any and all city, county, governmental or quasi-governmental authorities affecting the cleanliness, use, occupancy and preservation of the Premises. The Property shall not be used for any unlawful or immoral practice or to so occupy the Premises as to constitute a nuisance.
5. **ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.** The space herein identified is office space ready for stocking and equipping for the particular business named herein.

At the expiration or termination of this Lease, the general interior of the demised premises shall be returned to the Lessor in their original condition subject to the ordinary wear and tear with usage. The Lessee may remove any of his own fixtures, improvements or other items placed on the premises provided the space is returned in its original condition.

6. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** Lessee shall not keep on the premises any item of a dangerous, flammable or explosive character that might unreasonably increase the danger of fire or explosion on the Premises or that might be considered hazardous or extra hazardous by any responsible insurance company.
7. **UTILITIES.** Lessee shall be responsible for arranging for and paying for all utility services to and on the Premises.
8. **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.** Lessee shall, during the term of this Agreement and any extension thereof, at their sole expense, keep and maintain the premises and appurtenances in as good order and repair as it was at the date of the commencement of this Lease. The Lessee shall maintain the property and its contents, including furnishings, fixtures, appliances, ~~heating and cooling systems~~ (initialed JCW), equipment, and amenities, in good condition and repair and keep the Premises in a clean and sanitary manner. The lessee shall repair at their own expense any damage done beyond that of ordinary wear and tear, and will be responsible for and have repaired any damage caused by negligence and misuse. The lessee shall not be obligated to make any repair which is occasioned by defective workmanship in the construction of the building or by catastrophic acts of nature and such repair shall be made by the Lessor at its own expense.

The Lessee agrees, at their expense, to maintain and keep the interior and exterior of the

Premises clean and in good condition. In addition, the Lessee will be responsible for maintaining the Parking area and the yard, including the lawn, plants, shrubbery, and vegetation, and to keep all areas clean and free of rubbish and in a presentable condition at all times, and to comply with all City ordinances concerning garbage collection, waste and other refuse.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Lessee shall:

- (a) Not obstruct the driveways, sidewalks, courts, entry ways, stairs and/or halls, which shall be used for the purposes of ingress and egress only;
 - (b) Keep all windows, glass, window coverings, doors, locks and hardware in good, clean order and repair;
 - (c) Not obstruct or cover the windows or doors; not leave windows or doors in an open position during any inclement weather;
 - (d) Keep the steps and porches clean;
 - (e) Keep all air conditioning filters clean and free from dirt. The Lessee shall be responsible for replacement of air conditioning filters and light bulbs. These filters are to be replaced as often as needed;
 - (f) Keep batteries operating in smoke alarms;
 - (g) Keep all lavatories, sinks, toilets, and all other water and plumbing apparatus in good order and repair and shall use same only for the purposes for which they were constructed. Lessee shall not allow any sweepings, rubbish, sand, rags, ashes or other substances to be thrown or deposited therein. Any damage to and from any such apparatus and the cost of clearing stopped plumbing and other repairs resulting from misuse and negligence shall be borne by Lessee; **and**
 - (h) Deposit all trash, garbage, rubbish or refuse in the locations provided therefore and shall not allow any trash, garbage, rubbish or refuse to be stored inside Premises or on porches.
9. **INSPECTION OF PREMISES.** Lessor and Lessor's Agents shall have the right at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and any renewal thereof to enter the Premises for the purpose of inspecting the Premises and all buildings and improvements thereon. And for the purposes of making any repairs, additions or alterations as may be deemed appropriate by Lessor for the preservation of the Premises or the building. Lessor and its Agents shall further have the right to exhibit the Premises and to display the usual "for sale", "for rent" or "vacancy" signs on the Premises at any time within thirty (30) days before the expiration of this Lease.
10. **SURRENDER OF PREMISES.** Upon the expiration of the term hereof, Lessee shall surrender the Premises in as good a state and condition as they were at the commencement of the Agreement, reasonable use and ordinary wear and tear thereof excepted. Upon vacating, Lessee shall pay all utilities due and have same discontinued; to see that the property is swept out and all trash or other refuse is removed from the Premises; that the doors and windows are properly locked and fastened; and the keys returned to the Lessor.
11. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Lessor shall not be liable for any damage or injury of or to the Lessee, Lessee's family, guests, invitees, customers, agents or employees or to any person entering the Premises or the building of which the Premises are a part or to goods or equipment, or in the structure or equipment of the structure of which the Premises are a part, and Lessee hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Lessor harmless from any and all claims assertions of every kind and nature.
12. **DEFAULT.** If Lessee defaults in payment of any rental installment when due, or fails to comply with any of the material provisions of this Agreement, or of any present rules and regulations or any that may be hereafter prescribed by Lessor, or materially fails to comply with any duties imposed on Lessee by statute, the Lessor may, at Lessor's option, upon proper written notice of default to Lessee, exercise any and all rights and remedies available to Lessor by law or in equity or may immediately terminate this Agreement.
13. **LATE CHARGE.** In the event that any payment to be paid by Lessee hereunder is not made within fourteen (14) days of when due, Lessee may be required to pay to Lessor, in addition to such payment or other charges due hereunder, a "late fee" in the amount of five (5%) percent of rental payment.

- 14. **ABANDONMENT.** If at any time during the term of this Agreement, Lessee abandons the Premises or any part thereof, Lessor may, at Lessor’s option, obtain possession of the Premises in the manner provided by law, and without becoming liable to Lessee for damages or for any payment of any kind whatever. If Lessor’s right of re-entry is exercised following abandonment of the Premises by Lessee, then Lessor shall consider any personal property belonging to Lessee and left on the Premises to also have been abandoned, in which case Lessor may dispose of all such personal property in any manner Lessor shall deem proper and Lessor is hereby relieved of all liability for doing so.
- 15. **MODIFICATION.** The parties hereby agree that this document contains the entire agreement between the parties and this Agreement shall not be modified, changed, altered or amended in any way except through a written statement signed by all of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE DULY EXECUTED THIS LEASE AS THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST WRITTEN.

As to Lessor this 2nd day of April, 2012.
LESSOR: JOYCE C. WORRELL, Owner /s/ JOYCE C. WORRELL
BY: RHONDA WORRELL /s/ RHONDA WORRELL
TITLE: Daughter of Owner

As to Lessee this 2nd day of April, 2012.
LESSEE: COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
BY: /s/ CHRIS BATTEN
TITLE: Sheriff

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement between Joyce C. Worrell and Columbus County Sheriff’s Office, at the cost of six hundred and 00/10 (\$600.00) dollars per month, for rental of property located at 904 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, NC, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: SOCIAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISION FOR COMPUTER SUPPORT:

Joan Stephens, Interim Social Services Director, requested Board approval of the following Budget Amendment for a budget revision for computer support for the NC Fast Program.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-5301-519001	Contracted Services	38,000
	10-5301-531302	Jobs Transportation	(38,000)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of thirty-eight thousand and 00/100 (\$38,000.00) dollars for a budget revision for computer support for the NC Fast Program, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: PROCLAMATION - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Melinda Lane requested Board approval and adoption of the following Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable asset;

Whereas, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Therefore, I do hereby proclaim **April** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Signature: /s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:29 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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

March 19, 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 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	62-7113-559000	C/O Other Improvements	1,390
Revenues	62-3715-489096	NCDOT Revenues	1,390
Expenditures	10-4220-519104	Professional Services - Attorney	21,817
Revenues	10-3839-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - G/F	21,817
Expenditures	10-4220-519105	Prof Services - Other (Agenda Add-on)	31,753
Revenues	10-3839-489000	Misc Revenues G/F	31,753

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$348.00
BAGFU, INC	Total:	\$449.00
Value: \$42,750.00 Year: 2011 Account: 15-01421	Bill#:	23917
Release value of business equipment. Double listed Act#15-04836 James Dylan Management. Release Acme Delco(51.30), release Columbus Rescue(8.55)		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$23.00
Bullard, Marshall Thomas	Total:	\$25.00
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 10-11 Account: 13-02220	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value of boat. Does not own this boat. Release Columbus Rescue (.57)		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Andrew & Yvette	Total:	\$3.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-05125	Bill#:	32679
Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Andrew & Yvette Haley	Total:	\$2.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-00807	Bill#:	32678
Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Andrews & Yvette H	Total:	\$5.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-04220	Bill#:	32682
Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Yvette & Andrew	Total:	\$1.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-04293	Bill#:	33000
Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Yvette(YA25)	Total:	\$1.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-04290	Bill#:	33002
Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$326.00
Eddies Auto Repair	Total:	\$367.00
Value: \$8,000.00 Year: 07-11 Account: 9-02514	Bill#:	99999
Release value of business equipment. Business closed March 2006.		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$273.00
Etheridge, Sandra	Total:	\$523.00
Value: \$33,500.00 Year: 2011 Account: 11-00411	Bill#:	35081
Release value of double wide. Moved to Bladen County. Release Hallsboro Fire(20.10), Release Columbus Rescue(6.70)		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$33.00
Fowler, James Albert & Lela Mae	Total:	\$45.00
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 09-10 Account: 12-08620	Bill#:	99999
Release value of mobile home. Double listed. Sold in 2007 and listed Act#12-02803 to Kevin Godwin. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(4.00), release Columbus Rescue(.80), release Water District II(2.80)		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$582.00
Gainey, LaTisha	Total:	\$2,696.00
Value: \$5,880.00 Year: 02-11 Account: 15-00157	Bill#:	999999
Release value of mobile home. Sold in 2001. Listed now to Act# 15-01622 James Bullard. Release Acme Delco (88.60), release Columbus Rescue(14.76),		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$64.00
Gore, Kevin R. Total: \$1,037.00		
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 06-11 Account: 13-15730	Bill#:	999999
Release entire value of mobile home. Sold for salvage. Mobile home was located on 221-B W 3rd Ave. Release Klondyke Fire(5.46), release Columbus Rescue(4.90), release Water District II(6.25)		
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$9.00
Hall, Cornell	Total:	\$11.00
Value: \$1,090.00 Year: 2011 Account: 13-01302	Bill#:	40527
Release value of 1982 Sylvan boat. Double listed Act#13-0155. Cornell Hall. Release		

Klondyke Fire(.76). Release Columbus Rescue(.22)

Property Value Amount: \$0.00
 Jacobs, Woodrow W Total: \$3.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-07280 Bill#: 44786

Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.

Property Value Amount: \$305.00

Smith, Sherry (ET AL) Total: \$359.00

Value: \$18,800.00 Year: 10-11 Account: 15-34731 Bill#: 51154

Release portion value of land. Billed incorrectly. Release Acme Delco(46.80), release Columbus Rescue(7.52)

Property Value Amount: \$11.00

Yribe, Oscar & Regina Total: \$12.00

Value: \$1,340.00 Year: 2011 Account: 2-09847 Bill#: 70893

Release value of boat. Boat no longer located in Columbus County. Release Whiteville Rescue(.27)

Refunds Amount: \$0.00

McDowell, Ronald & Rebecca Total: \$223.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 9-17700 Bill#: 49905

Refund user fee. Can picked up 1-14-11
 3397 Walter Todd Rd.

Refunds Amount: \$0.00

Morgan, Bob Total: \$1,212.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 07-11 Account: 10-12660 Bill#: 999999

Refund user fees. No cans located at 42 Or 48 Horne Street.

Verified by Town of Fair Bluff 2007-2011

Refunds Amount: \$864.00

Walker, Roy E (Sr.) & Sylvia Total: \$885.00

Value: \$21,200.00 Year: 07-11 Account: 1-99860 Bill#: 999999

Refund portion of value on dwelling. Value incorrect. Refund Whiteville Rescue(21.20),

Refund City of Whiteville(462.16) See Letter

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Bordeaux, Willie J. & Joyce Total: \$223.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 1-01909 Bill#: 26547

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Brown, Charles H. (SR) & Monica Total: \$223.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 1-05657 Bill#: 27369

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Creech, Wayne & Janice Total: \$136.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 1-18183 Bill#: 32014

Release user fee. One house is used for storage.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Edmund, Pamela Total: \$223.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 12-05916 Bill#: 34298

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Freeman, Clifford Total: \$223.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 15-14621 Bill#: 36891

Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Gore, Loretta M. Total: \$5.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-06020 Bill#: 39016

Release 2% discount. Error.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Graham, Curtis Lee Total: \$648.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 09-11 Account: 13-15840 Bill#: 99999

Release user fee. No can located at this address.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00

Haley, Velma S. (ETAL) Total: \$24.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 14-06420 Bill#: 40502

Release March interest. Paid in Feb 2011 through official payments. Missed on e-mail.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Harris, Teresa Beck	Total:	\$112.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 9-13180	Bill#:	41428
Release user fee. Home burned 6-2011.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
James, William(DEC) & Lethan	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 9-15564	Bill#:	44847
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Melvin, Terry Wayne	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 9-00227	Bill#:	51272
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 3/17/11		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Moore, Robert Levern	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 1-02373	Bill#:	52327
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Billie Jo	Total:	\$438.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-11 Account: 13-03822	Bill#:	999999
Release user fee. No can located at this address.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Charles T.	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 9-22520	Bill#:	53624
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Presley, Bruce D. & Kelly J.	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 13-01258	Bill#:	56054
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 4/8/10		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Redway, Erol & Robyn	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 15-02262	Bill#:	57166
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Renfrow Larry	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 11-04662	Bill#:	57399
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler in Last Chance RV Park.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Robinson, Hazel J.	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 1-76883	Bill#:	57829
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Can picked up 11-14-08		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Rockwell, Bradley S.	Total:	\$1,041.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 07-11 Account: 12-23442	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Building used for storage.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Tucker, David A.	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 7-18101	Bill#:	65623
Release user fee. Dwelling is unliveable and vacant.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Tucker, David A. & Lisa C.	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 11-11201	Bill#:	65624
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant. Only 1 can.		
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Tyer, Debra K.	Total:	\$223.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 11-28063	Bill#:	65819
Release user fee. Old store is vacant.		

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

B. Department Heads:

1. **Ed Worley, Director of Aging:** the addition to our building is right on schedule.
2. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
 - a. We put together a proposed plan of action to investigate a Sister City arrangement between Zhaoyuan, China and Columbus County;
 - b. The next step in that process would be to invite some of the governmental leaders from Zhaoyuan, China to come visit Columbus County, and tour some of our businesses and industries to see what types of products we might have in Columbus County that could be exported to that area of China;
 - c. In return, we would need to identify who, from the Board, would be willing to travel, as representatives of Columbus County, back to China to continue to work on forging this arrangement that could open up a lot of opportunities for training investment; **and**
 - d. We need to know if it is okay to work toward a day in June to invite their delegation to come our way, and we would probably go in July back to China to visit Zhaoyuan.
 - e. We will cover the costs of putting them up, and cover meals, etc.;
 - f. When we get there, they will cover the costs of putting us up, and cover meals, etc.;
 - g. It would be safest and easiest on everybody for travel arrangements to be made by each party involved;
 - h. I will be the intermediary to continue to work all that out and come back and report this information to the Board; **and**
 - I. I would need to be over there also to work on another project that is underway.

After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board to decide at a later date who the representatives would be for the trip to Zhaoyuan, China.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to remind the Commission Board the Fire and Rescue Association Meeting is April 18, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., at North Whiteville;
 - b. I would like to thank the employees who are here tonight, and I would like to echo what they have said; **and**
 - c. While campaigning, the greatest need that I have heard from the citizens is the need for jobs.
2. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight; **and**
 - b. I would like to encourage everyone to be as careful as possible over this upcoming weekend because there is a lot of tourists that come through Columbus County.
3. **Commissioner Norris:** stated the following
 - a. I would like to thank everyone for what you do;
 - b. We appreciate what you do; **and**
 - c. I want all of us to work together for progress.
4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. I traveled down River Road yesterday afternoon, a rescue vehicle would encounter great difficulty trying to travel this road, and something needs to be done on that;
 - b. Last Wednesday, March 28, 2012, Columbus County Schools had a Board Meeting, the first School Board Meeting I have been to, it is called the Advanced Quality Assurance Review Team, they had six or seven (6 or 7) doctors that came, and that was very good;

- c. We need to discuss the Department of Social Services' Director's salary, and we are recommending \$75,000 as the starting salary;
 - d. I would like to see something like a memorial sculpture at Legion Stadium Football Field in honor of Chester McGlockton;
 - e. I would like for us to get a study on how much it would cost to remove the old jail, and build a metal building with a brick front to be used for office space;
 - f. I would like to thank Brother Tim Jernigan for his presentation tonight; **and**
 - g. My last appointment to the Beaver Management Program Committee is John Deans who works for Corporate Timber.
5. **Commissioner Bullard:** Randy Norris has brought to my attention that he would like for the Biker Awareness Proclamation to be on the next Agenda.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
- a. I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight and participating in this very important meeting;
 - b. I hope that the question about the decision that we made being the correct one, I feel that way myself; **and**
 - c. I would like to appoint Michael Cherry to the Beaver Committee.
7. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
- a. I would like to remind the Board members about the presentation of the Columbus Regional Healthcare System Audit on April 16, 2012, at 5:00 P.M., at the hospital;
 - b. I would like to thank Gary Lanier for all that you do, and to thank all of our employees for what they do;
 - c. We have a hero among us, namely Commissioner Norris, who received the Longleaf Pine Award at the Cape Fear Council of Governments Banquet for thirty-two (32) years of service; **and**
 - d. I would like to remind each Board member that discussion among the members is needed before matters are addressed.
- D. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to remind everyone that the Pay Plan Study will be presented to the Board on April 09, 2012, at 5:00 P.M.

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:59 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, April 02, 2012

7:29 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 7:29 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:

March 19, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, April 02, 2012

7:29 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 7:29 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:

March 19, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, April 02, 2012

7:29 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 7:29 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:

March 19, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, April 02, 2012

7:29 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 7:29 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:

March 19, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, April 02, 2012

7:29 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 7:29 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:

March 19, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE Chairman