

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 21, 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 two (2) Public Hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd (Arrived: 7:30 P.M.)
 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 - Proposal by Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department to Dissolve Fire Fee District and Establish Fire Tax District: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposal by Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department to dissolve the fire fee district and establish a fire tax district. 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.

Tommy Williams, Chairman of Board of Directors, Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department: stated the following:

1. We have been trying to get a tax base fire district for the past sixteen (16) years;
2. The operating costs have doubled;
3. The pants and coats we wear cost over one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars per set and they have to be changed every eight (8) years, and now our eight (8) years are up;
4. We are asking the Board of Commissioners to help us get our district changed to our tax base district because we are one of two (2) departments in the county that is a fee district;
5. Our insurance is fixing to go up;
6. If we don't get this tax base, we are going to have to close our doors; **and**
7. When our trucks tear up, they require a professional to work on them, and we don't have the funds to do that with.

Discussion:

Commissioner Bullard: What is the income for Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department now?

Tommy Williams: We are averaging about thirty-three thousand and 00/100 (\$33,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard: With the tax base, what would the income be?

Tommy Williams: It will probably double our income.

Commissioner Prevatte: Is the eight (\$.08) cents the least amount you can get by with?

Tommy Williams: We probably could, but we need it. Some departments are getting from eight (\$.08) cents to twelve (\$.12) cents. You will need to ask Scott Merritt, Fire Marshal, about that.

Scott Merritt: The tax base for the departments range from six (\$.06) cents to twelve (\$.12) cents, and the reason we went with eight (\$.08) cents was, we went with the neighboring departments that Evergreen and North Whiteville Fire Departments will be running mutual aid with, and we kept it within the same area and the same range. The average is eight (\$.08) cents.

Commissioner Prevatte: Who is on the six (\$.06) cents tax base?

Scott Merritt: The departments are Williams Township, St. James, Roseland, Hallsboro and Buckhead. The other departments range from seven (\$.7) cents to twelve (\$.12) cents.

Commissioner Russ: What is your fire rating now?

Tommy Williams: It is a 9, and if we don't get this, the fire rating will go to a 10.

Commissioner Prevatte: The major concern that I have heard from the public about this, is the tax on open farm land. I have been discussing this with Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, today, and Richard will you explain that to the public.

Richard Gore: Tax appraisal is less than the market value, if the farm land qualifies. If you are on the program, and have ten (10) acres or more, and produce one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars of gross income, then you would qualify.

Commissioner Bullard: The ten (10) acres that you are talking about has to be open land.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:49 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Chairman McKenzie stated there would be a ten (10) minute recess.

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: **Proposal by North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department to Dissolve Fire Fee District and Establish Fire Tax District:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was receive public comments on the proposal by North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department to dissolve the fire fee district and establish the fire tax district. Chairman McKenzie stated the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings that was orally read at the previous public hearing would stand for this public hearing. Chairman McKenzie asked Mike Bartley, Fire Chief of the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, to present information relative to this request.

Mike Bartley, Fire Chief: stated the following:

1. I have been with the fire department for thirty-two (32) years;
2. We do not have enough money to survive;
3. We have been on a fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars fee for sixteen (16) years, and we have not had an increase in sixteen (16) years;
4. We receive approximately seventy thousand and 00/100 (\$70,000.00) dollars per year, and with all of the operational costs that we have, that is not enough to survive on;
5. We need help, and if we do not receive additional income, we will have to close our doors;
6. Our operational costs are exceeding our income, and we have borrowed as much as we can borrow;
7. Our equipment is wore out., and needs work;
8. We have received one-half million dollars in federal funds through D.O.I. Grants, FEMA grants and Rural Development grants which did not cost the County any money; **and**
9. If our revenue does not increase, we will be forced to close our doors, and then the fire rating will not be there, and will escalate the cost of insurance.

Commissioner Russ: What is your fire rating?

Mike Bartley: Our fire rating is a 9, and if we can get some help, we can bring it down, but it takes money to do that.

Commissioner Bullard: Can you charge the insurance company for fire calls like you do rescue calls?

Mike Bartley: You can, but it is not as easy, and I am really not sure. When we first started, we were running forty (40) calls per year, and now we are running two hundred forty (240) calls per year.

Commissioner Prevatte: In our discussions, there is one thing that you have not mentioned to the public, and that is about the trucks being service tested.

Mike Bartley: We are required to have our trucks service tested, and the cost for each truck is anywhere from six hundred and 00/100 (\$600.00) dollars to one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars. We are behind in doing this because we don't have the money.

Commissioner Bullard: Mike, you stated you were receiving approximately seventy thousand and 00/100 (\$70,000.00) dollars per year at the present time. If you get the tax base, what will the income be?

Mike Bartley: They told us it would be in the neighborhood of one hundred twenty-five and 00/100 (\$125,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner Prevatte: I have those figures Mike. With the tax, you would be receiving \$138,593, and the County's gives you \$10,543.

Mike Bartley: We are only asking to be treated equally. We need a service district with a tax base.

COMMENTS:

1. **Richard C. Walley, 240 Lavilin Drive:** stated the following:
 - A. I am the Assistant Fire Chief, and have been working with North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department for twenty-two (22) years;
 - B. All the fire departments in the County, except North Whiteville and Evergreen, are receiving the fire tax;
 - C. It is unfair to the people, and it is unfair to us;
 - D. I agree with everything that Mike has stated, and the only thing he did not mention was that we run mutual aid with Evergreen, Chadbourn, White Marsh, Welches Creek, Brunswick, and we go into Bladen County with two or three different departments;
 - E. It is getting to the point where we can not afford anything;
 - F. A set of turnout gear for one (1) firefighter is \$1,800.00 dollars;
 - G. The FDA states this gear needs to be replaced every 7-10 years, depending on the frequency it is used;
 - H. When the citizens have to pay the \$80.00, they will save an additional \$300.00; **and**
 - I. If this fire tax does not pass, then we can't operate without funds.
2. **Greg Spivey:** stated the following:
 - A. I am the Chief of Brunswick Fire Department;
 - B. I am here to support Evergreen and North Whiteville Fire Departments;
 - C. We sacrifice our time; **and**
 - D. This will not only help Evergreen and North Whiteville Fire Departments, but it will help the surrounding fire departments because we all work together.
3. **Josh Cribb:** stated the following:
 - A. I am the Assistant Fire Chief in Brunswick, but I actually stay in the North Whiteville Fire District;
 - B. If my house burns down, the average person could not run out and rebuild; **and**
 - C. What they are asking for is not that much, and I would appreciate it if you could help them.
4. **Vickie B. Coleman, 3717 Union Valley Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
 - A. I am the secretary of the North Whiteville Fire Department, and have been for 22 years;
 - B. When we have to borrow money, my name is the one that goes on the document; **and**
 - C. We should come to the realization that if one district has to pay the tax, than all the districts should have to pay the tax.
5. **Robert Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
 - A. I live in North Whiteville Fire District;
 - B. I support the fee district, but I would like to see the fee increased;
 - C. I would suggest the following priorities:
 1. Increase the fee schedule;
 2. As a last resort, establish the tax district; **and**
 - D. I favor the fee schedule, but whatever you do, utilize the method that will give these

two (2) departments enough to survive on.

6. **Russell Keith Worley, 12041 Red Hill Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
- A. I am a former fire chief for Clarkton;
 - B. There are three (3) issues that I would like to talk about;
 - C. We got the letter and I am here because of the letter, and I had no idea of what the rate was going to be;
 - D. In the State of North Carolina, this rate could go up to fifteen cents per \$100.00 property valuation, once this is established;
 - E. We have not seen any expenses, any budgets, any long-range projections, any capital expenditures, and how do we know that it will stay \$.08?;
 - F. This will double their income;
 - G. I applaud all the firefighters and what they do;
 - H. We got to keep a ring around this and know what they are doing;
 - I. We need to know what has been spent, what is being spent, and what will be spent in the future to keep these services up;
 - J. The ISO rating is very important and is based on 1 - 10 rating, and for each point, there is a 10% decrease in the insurance rate;
 - K. The County needs to put strong emphasis on the ISO rating because this affects everybody; **and**
 - L. What I would suggest is that the County Commissioners table this until we can get some permanent numbers.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:33 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 7:33 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the May 21, 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 Commissioner James E. Prevatte

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 07, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for public input. No public input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - PYROLYSIS PROJECT:

Melvin Ezzell, Director of Business Development, Standard Oil International, delivered the following presentation on the Pyrolysis Project.

- Pyrolysis Processing Technology can assist Columbus County in achieving a broad range of long-term goals, including:
 - Adding 10-15 jobs
 - Adding additional tax revenue
 - Significantly reducing tipping fees
 - Significantly reducing the amount of material deposited into landfills
 - Significantly reducing the fuel costs for county school system and potentially all county departments

- Pyrolysis Processing Technology converts all carbon-based (carbonaceous) material into two (2) main by-products
 - Synthetic Fuel (highway diesel)
 - Inorganic Residue (small volume of carbon black)
- The Standard Oil, Inc. Pyrolysis System is a proprietary technology far superior to any thermal processing technology in the market;
- A sterile and homogeneous feedstock must be properly prepared before entering the Pyrolysis Unit;
- Potential feedstock as provided by Columbus County -
 - Used Tires
 - Municipal waste
 - Wood, yard debris
- Feedstock enters the Pyrolysis chamber (transformation chamber) where temperatures ranging from 900F - 1150F facilitate the exothermic conversion of the feedstock and ultimately, the generation of producer gases and carbon black;
- Producer Gas - These are volatile gases which are extracted from the homogenous feedstock during the Pyrolysis Processing stage. These gases are then drawn from the Pyrolysis chamber with the use of a gas blower;
- Gas Scrubbing and Cleaning - The gas blower used to extract the producer gas from the pyrolysis chamber draws it through a gas filtration system which cleans the gas of any hazardous or carbon particles. Next, the gas passes through a sulfur-scrubbing process. The result being a high-BTU, low-sulfur, clean and dry **Synthesis Gas**;
- Generating Synthetic Fuel: The high-BTU gas is then processed through a gas-to-liquefaction system to be converted into synthetic fuels.
- Fuel Examples: Heating oil, diesel fuel (Primarily), jet fuel, premium petrol.
- This integrated system is capable of producing high volumes of ASTM International approved fuel which can be used onsite or blended with traditional fuel to be sold on the open market.
- Self Sustainable System - Pyrolysis Technology is self sustained:
 1. Volatile Producer Gas also used to power the SPECIALLY DESIGNED super-low-NOx burners used to heat the homogenous feedstock, keeping most mechanical needs within the system;
 2. These systems are also able to produce electricity from the Producer Gas.
 - If one Pyrolysis Unit is set up onsite and to be connected with an electrical production system, such as a gas turbine, it would provide all the electrical needs to maintain the system.
 - This would allow the system to function completely self-reliant of all outside energy sources.
- World's Most Efficient Burner:
 - The Standard Oil Pyrolysis System utilizes a patented and proven super-low NOx burner that achieves the lowest level of NOx in the world (5 to 9-PPM) with cleaner emission levels than even the best low-NOx boilers.
 - this burner produces the lowest level of emissions (CO₂,NO₂, and SO₂) compared with any other rated burner in the world.
 - These burners operate from the Producer Gases originating within the system and are only functioning when the Pyrolysis chamber drops below levels ideal for exothermic conversion. This allows these systems to become the most efficient of their kind.
- There are many advantages of Pyrolysis over other thermal processing technology, including:
 - “Closed-loop” system produces NO emissions from the waste being processed, with the only emissions coming from the super low NOx burners used to indirectly heat the pyrolysis unit
 - Avoidance of exposure to air, oxygen, open flame and high temperatures during pyrolysis greatly reduces the formation of toxic products and increases the energy content of the raw “producer” gas
 - Ability to concurrently process multiple waste streams
 - Ability to produce synthetic gas for production equipment, burners and boilers
 - Ability to use raw “producer” gas for electricity production
 - Modular engineering design concept provides for built-in redundancy of key components, and common maintenance and replacement parts thereby limiting downtime and maintaining near 100% production capacity
 - Ready system scalability, downward and upward
 - Self-cleaning pyrolysis system with little or no downtime
 - System design provides for self-sufficiency without a need for outside sources of energy

- Potential for transportable design
- Ability to design, deploy and operate fully-integrated, cost-effective systems
- Modular systems arrive ready for assembly
- Proposed Columbus County Project Benefits:
 - It is the intention of SOI to locate our facility on the grounds of Columbus County's landfill site:
 - Minimal disruption in waste flow.
 - Better utilization of available space.
 - Volume of material going to landfill will be significantly reduced.
 - Reduction of current tipping fees by as much as 50%.
 - SOI requests a nominal fee lease on the landfill site, suggest \$1/year for 25 years. In return, SOI will sell high C-tane low sulphur diesel fuel at a 10% market discount to the county school system.
 - Proposed Equipment and Investment:
 - 100-120 tons/day will be approximately 4-5 tons/hour.
 - Total gross diesel produced will be approximately 105-115 gallons/hour.
 - Total will be approximately 2,500 gallons/day.
 - Standard's investment for such project will be:

Pre-conditioning equipment	\$600,000.00
Pyro system	\$10,000,000.00
Fischer Tropsch system	\$20,000,000.00
Installation, startup	\$5,000,000.00
Storage tanks	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
Estimated Total Project:	\$35,700,000.00
- Standard Oil, Inc. has entered into a JV agreement with Gulf Capital which gives SOI the financial backing to develop waste to energy projects throughout the North American and European marketplace.
- Columbus County's Energy Requirements:
 - It is estimated that the school bus fleet of Columbus County consumes approximately 550,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually. With rising fuel costs and decreasing school budgets fuel costs are a large portion of the annual education budget.
 - SOI pyrolysis unit will produce low sulphur high C-tane diesel that will provide Columbus County School system (and other county departments where applicable) with their fuel requirements at a significant reduction in cost.
- Columbus County Proposal (Columbus County Benefits):
 - A privately funded 35 +/- million dollar facility will be built
 - Construction of plant will temporarily employ approximately 40 people
 - The operational facility will create 10-15 new full-time positions
 - The tipping fees for our facility will be approximately 50% of the current rate
 - The proposed by-product of this facility will be a high grade ultra low sulphur highway use diesel. We propose to sell this product to the county (school system, etal...) at 10% below the market rate.
 - Our facility will reduce the amount of MSW going into landfills by more that 80% and the residual "Char" is an inert material that poses no environmental threat whatsoever.
- Columbus County will establish the benchmark in recycling and green technology for all other producers of MSW in our region and state.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to take the Letter of Intent under consideration and check into the air quality issue, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Ben Douglas, Member of Elder Abuse Prevention Network, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation.

**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; **and**

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under recognized

and under reported social problems in this country; **and**

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the anticipated rise in the number of elderly population; **and**

WHEREAS, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a care giver, self neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; **and**

WHEREAS, between five hundred thousand (500,000) to five million (5,000,000) people suffer elder abuse every year; **and**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately one (1) out of every fourteen (14) cases of elder abuse is reported; **and**

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that June, 2012, be recognized as “**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**” in Columbus County, and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 21st day of May, 2012.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman, District I**

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: BUDGET - PRESENTATION of the PROPOSED 2012-2013 COLUMBUS COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

William S. Clark, County Manager, presented the Proposed 2012-2013 Columbus County Operating Budget, and requested the establishment of a Public Hearing date on June 04, 2012, at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to accept the Proposed 2012-2013 Columbus County Operating Budget, and establish a public hearing date for June 04, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: EVERGREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - REQUEST to DISSOLVE FIRE FEE DISTRICT and ESTABLISH FIRE TAX DISTRICT:

Tommy Williams, Chairman of Board of Directors for Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, requested the fire fee district be dissolved and a fire tax district to be established, by the following resolution. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. this date previous to the meeting.)**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department has a service district established by Article 16 of Chapter 153-A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen District has a \$0.00 tax levy at the present time; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need for a particular fee district and there are no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance the projects in the district as a result of the same being established

pursuant to Article 16; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen District is in need for a fire tax district instead of its current fee base district.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County finds that there is no longer a need for a fee service district in the Evergreen area (Columbus County) and that at present time there are no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance any projects.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, did establish the 21st day of May, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of holding a public hearing before adopting a resolution to abolish the fee base district and create a fire tax district. A copy of the Notice of Hearing stated the date, hour and place of the hearing, as well as, the subject matter, and was published at least once no less than one (1) week before the public hearing in the News Reporter, a newspaper of general publication in Columbus County, and

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of May, 2012 the Board of Commissioners met and held the public hearing for the purposes advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department fee district is hereby dissolved and abolished and the Evergreen Fire Tax District is created.

This resolution shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year commencing on July, 2012.

This Motion was made by Commissioner Ricky Bullard, seconded by Vice Chairman Charles McDowell, and passed unanimously.

This the 21st day May, 2012.

**/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman of the
Board of County Commissioners**

Attested to by:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Bullard to approve to dissolve the fire fee district for Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, and to establish a fire tax district, by resolution, as requested in a letter bearing date of May 03, 2012, from Tommy Williams, Chair of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, with a fire tax rate of eight (\$.08) cents per one hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars property valuation. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: NORTH WHITEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - REQUEST to DISSOLVE FIRE FEE DISTRICT and ESTABLISH FIRE TAX DISTRICT:

Kimble Brock, Chairman of Board of Directors for North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, requested the fire fee district be dissolved and a fire tax district to be established, by the following resolution. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted at 7:00 P.M. this date previous to the meeting.)**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department has a service district established by Article 16 of Chapter 153-A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the North Whiteville District has a \$0.00 tax levy at the present time; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need for a particular fee district and there are no outstanding

bonds or notes issued to finance the projects in the district as a result of the same being established pursuant to Article 16; and

WHEREAS, the North Whiteville District is in need for a fire tax district instead of its current fee base district.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County finds that there is no longer a need for a fee service district in the North Whiteville area (Columbus County) and that at present time there are no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance any projects.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, did establish the 21st day of May, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the purposes of holding a public hearing before adopting a resolution to abolish the fee base district and create a fire tax district. A copy of the Notice of Hearing stated the date, hour and place of the hearing, as well as, the subject matter, and was published at least once no less than one (1) week before the public hearing in the News Reporter, a newspaper of general publication in Columbus County, and

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of May, 2012 the Board of Commissioners met and held the public hearing for the purposes advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department fee district is hereby dissolved and abolished and the North Whiteville Fire Tax District is created.

This resolution shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year commencing on 1 July, 2012.

This Motion was made by Commissioner James E. Prevatte, seconded by Commissioner Lynwood Norris, and passed unanimously.

This the 21st day May, 2012.

/s/ **AMON MCKENZIE, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners**

Attested to by:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Prevatte to approve to dissolve the fire fee district for North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, and to establish a fire tax district, by resolution, as requested in a letter bearing date of May 03, 2012, from Kimble Brock, Chair of the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, with a fire tax rate of eight (\$.08) cents per one hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars property valuation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: FIRE AND RESCUE - INCREASE TO RESCUE TAX:

Tony Miller, President of the Fire and Rescue Association, requested Board approval to increase the rescue tax from two (\$0.02) cents to four (\$0.04) cents.

Mr. Miller stated the following:

1. Three (3) of our rescue departments will soon be in financial trouble;
2. They have not had an increase since 2001;
3. The cost of equipment, training and supplies has steadily increased;
4. There are eight (8) rescue units involved; **and**
5. We need your assistance in getting this tax increased.

Chairman McKenzie stated the following:

1. We have decided we need a public hearing for each of these units;
2. We need to establish these public hearings individually or as groups; **and**
3. Once these public hearings have been held, we will make a decision based on that.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to establish public hearings for the eight (8) rescue departments, individually or as groups, that are requesting an increase, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested the Board to establish June 04, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish June 04, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL of JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION and MEMBERSHIP ROSTER for FY 2012-2013:

Kimberly Smith, Chairperson, requested Board approval of the certification and membership roster for FY 2012-2013.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Certification and Membership Roster for FY 2012-2013, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this information will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #14: HEALTH - APPROVAL for HEALTH DEPARTMENT to WORK a FOUR (4) DAY WORK WEEK:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, requested approval for the Health Department to work a four (4) day work week. **(This item was tabled at the May 07, 2012 Meeting.)**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to not approve the Columbus County Health Department to work a four (4) day work week, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

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

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

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

Agenda Item #15: TRAVEL and TOURISM - APPROVAL of LOW BIDDER for AUDITING CONTRACT:

Jennifer Holcomb, Travel and Tourism Director, requested Board approval of the low bidder and award of the contract to the low bidder for the auditing contract from the following audit proposals.

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

COMPANY	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company	1,000	1,000	1,000
S. Preston Douglas & Associates, L.L.P.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Rives & Associates, LLP	4,540	4,585	4,631

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the award of the audit proposal to the low bidder, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, at the cost of one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. We try to keep our stakeholders informed of the impacts that we have made, and one of those ways is through our Extension Highlights;
2. In my role, I have been participating in Learning to Lead by Following Leaders;
3. We have four (4) different programmatic areas that we work in, as follows:
 - A. 4-H, which is our youth group;
 - B. Agriculture;
 - C. Family Consumer Science, which at one time was called Home Economics; and
 - D. Community and Rural Development, the economic side of it.
4. With the Family Consumer Science, we are concentrating on osteoporosis with partnerships;
5. With 4-H, we have volunteers to help with the youth;
6. With agriculture, we are concentrating on alternative crops;
7. With Community and Rural Development, we have Down East Connect, with the following statistics:
 - 57 Farmers have participated
 - 31 Of the 57 farmers have made sales
 - Some have done less than \$100.00 in sales
 - Some have done more than \$6,000 in sales
 - All of these farmers are not from Columbus County
 - We started out with one (1) day a week sales and now we are doing two (2) days a week sales, and we are out growing the Extension Office
 - Looking at going to a three (3) week sales
 - As of May 17, 2012, \$42,000.00 has been sold through that program
 - We need some help in finding somewhere that can meet this need
 - This demand is coming from individual clients
 - Obesity is still a big problem in Columbus County, and we are trying to get people involved in programs that will help; **and**
8. We are making multiple contacts with the citizens of Columbus County through many different avenues.

Agenda Item #17: SOLID WASTE - AUTHORIZE STAFF to ENTER AGREEMENT with METECH RECYCLING for ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, is requesting the Board to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Metech Recycling.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Metech Recycling, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this agreement should be kept on file in the Solid Waste Department and the Administration Department for review.

Agenda Item #18: FIREWORKS - REQUEST for FIREWORKS DISPLAY and WAIVER of PERMIT FEE:

Cynthia S. Nelson, EVP, Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce, requested Board approval for a fireworks display at South Columbus High School on Tuesday, July 03, 2012, for the 25th Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve a fireworks display at South Columbus High School on Tuesday, July 03, 2012, for the 25th Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, and for the permit fee to be waived, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS / REPLACEMENTS to the FOLLOWING BOARDS / COMMITTEE / COMMISSION:

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

BOARD/COMMITTEE/ COMMISSION	DISTRICT	NAME	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Fair Bluff Planning Board	EB EB	N.I. "Chip" Singletary, Jr. Mike Hughes (Request not to be re-appointed)	04/2012 04/2012	HOLD HOLD
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Comm	EB	Matthew Wayne Lovett (Resigned)	05-02-2012	HOLD
Water and Sewer Advisory Commission	EB	Verne L. Hufham (Resigned Verbally)	None Stated	HOLD

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

At 8:59 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 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.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the APRIL, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the adjustments to April, 2012 monthly water bills.

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

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

At 9:00 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 #22: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4155-549900	Misc	2,160
	10-4180-549820	Register of Deeds/Archive Fees	3,500
	10-4180-549825	Register of Deeds/Emergency Management	20,000

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	10-4180-549919	Conveyance Tax - NCDORF Revenue	5,000
	10-4180-549918	Children Trust Fund	5,000
	10-4530-525106	Aviation Fuel Purchases	50,000
	10-4530-549964	Sales Tax	5,000
	10-5900-549995	ABC Profit Distributions	20,000
	11-4310-550000	Capital Outlay	20,000
	13-4901-549900	Misc	2,500
	14-4311-512200	Salaries & Wages Overtime	10,000
	14-4311-518300	Insurance Contribution	500
	14-4311-531100	Travel	2,000
	14-4311-519001	Contracted Services	5,650
	16-5155-549830	Urgent Repair Program	89
Revenue	11-3431-420000	LLEBG US Dept Justice	20,000
	13-4389-436100	Donations for Down East Connection	2,500
	14-3431-432002	Controlled Substance Tax	11,000
	14-3431-436007	Edward Bryne Justice Asst Grant	500
	14-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - GF	6,650
	16-3300-449100	Investment Earnings	89
	10-3416-489040	Misc Revenue - Teen Court	2,160
	10-3418-440060	Register of Deeds/ Emergency Management	20,000
	10-3418-440100	Register of Deeds' Fees	13,500
	10-3839-440020	ABC profit Distribution	20,000
	10-3453-441007	Aviation Fuel Sales	55,000
Expenditures	60-7111-525105	Gas	2,250
	60-7111-525101	M/R Buildings and Grounds	750
Revenues	60-3713-416102	Refunds	(100)
	60-3713-452001	Cutoffs and Reconnects	3,500
	60-3713-489000	Misc	500
	60-3713-489050	Return Check Charges	600
	60-3713-452002	Water Tap On Fees	(1,500)
Expenditures	61-7112-525105	Gas	2,250
	61-7112-533000	Utilities	6,000
	61-7112-529910	Water Sampling	2,750
Revenues	61-3714-416102	Refunds	(800)
	61-3714-452001	Cutoffs and Reconnects	4,500
	61-3714-411104	Special District Tax	8,000
	61-3714-489050	Return Check Charges	300

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	61-3714-452002	Water Tapp On Fees	(1,000)
Expenditures	62-7113-525105	Gas	4,500
	62-7113-559000	C/O Other Improvements	2,375
	62-7113-529910	Water Sampling	2,500
Revenues	62-3715-416102	Refunds	(250)
	62-3715-460000	Special District Tax	10,000
	62-3715-489050	Return Check Charges	275
	62-3715-416103	Releases	(650)
Expenditures	63-7114-525101	M/R Buildings and Grounds	1,000
	63-7114-525105	Gas	2,000
	63-7114-526001	Departmental Supplies	1,500
	63-7114-527000	Water Purchased for Resale	9,100
Revenues	63-3719-416102	Refunds	(2,000)
	63-3719-418101	Penalties	2,000
	63-3719-452001	Cutoffs/Reconnect Fees	13,600
Expenditures	64-7115-535110	M/R Buildings and Grounds	500
	64-7115-525105	Gas	2,000
	64-7115-526001	Departmental Supplies	2,000
	64-7115-527000	Water Purchased for Resale	50,500
	64-7115-533000	Utilities	1,000
Revenues	64-3716-451000	Water Sales	44,500
	64-3616-418101	Penalties	3,500
	64-3716-452001	Cutoffs/Reconnect Fee	4,000
	64-3716-452002	Water Tap On Fees	4,000

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Tax Refunds and

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$17.58
Graham, Charles C.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$21.23
Value: \$1,022.00	Year: 09-11	Account: 8-06980	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Sold 2009. Release St. James (1.29), release Columbus Rescue (.43)			
<i>Property value</i>		Amount:	\$321.74
Jones, Aggie (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 7222	Total:	\$358.28
Value: \$4,600.00	Year: 02-11	Account: 03-12080	Bill#: 99999
Release entire portion of land. No deed recorded. Release Brunswick Fire(28.42), release Whiteville Rescue(8.12)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$8.15
Jordan, Clinton & Linda H.	PROPERTY: 28661	Total:	\$233.51
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 11	Account: 15-20840	Bill#: 45853
Release entire value of mobile home. Dbl Act#15-02207Carmelita Martinez Release Acme Delco(1.20), release Columbus Rescue(.20),			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$14.13
Mabus, Walter Roger & Deborah Ann	PROPERTY: 26934	Total:	\$14.13

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 14-04612	Bill#: 48744
Release interest and advertising. Tax office sent check back to mortgage company in error.			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$273.11
Martinez, Enrique		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$1,564.27
Value: \$5,032.00	Year: 06-11	Account: 1-01588	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value of double wide mobile home. Double listed Act#1-02085. Release Roseland Fire(20.34), release Columbus Rescue(6.79)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$405.88
McAlister, Theodore & Rebecca		PROPERTY: 7448	Total: \$451.96
Value: \$5,900.00	Year: 02-11	Account: 03-15580	Bill#: 99999
Release entire portion of land. No deed recorded. Release Brunswick Fire(35.84), release Whiteville Rescue(10.24)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$1,271.40
Walker, Alex		PROPERTY: 82806	Total: \$2,137.80
Value: \$52,000.00	Year: 09-11	Account: 15-37164	Bill#: 99999
Release value of mobile home. Repoed in 2008 owner deceased. Release Acme Delco (187.20), release Columbus Rescue(31.20)			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$2,648.75
Britt, Spruell Randolph & Johnny Page		PROPERTY: 17411	Total: \$3,038.75
Value: \$65,000.00	Year: 07-11	Account: 10-00104	Bill#: 99999
Refund portion of value on 1972 warehouse. Was billed as a dwelling by clerical error. Refund Cole Service(325.00) refund Columbus Rescue(65.00), refund Water			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$841.08
Brooks, W D (Jr)		PROPERTY: 12316	Total: \$861.72
Value: \$51,600.00	Year: 10-11	Account: 06-02461	Bill#: 99999
Refund entire value of storage bldg. Double listed act#6-00050 W D Brooks, Jr. Refund Columbus Rescue(20.64)			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bryant, Thelma		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$438.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 10-11	Account: 15-00014	Bill#: 99999
Refund user fees. Yrs 2010-2011. Mobile home is vacant			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$45.27
Gore, Kevin R		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$517.00
Value: \$3,205.00	Year: 05-06	Account: 13-15730	Bill#: 999999
Refund value of mobile home Sold for salvage after 2005. Refund Klondyke Fire(4.44), refund Columbus Rescue(1.27) Refund Water II(5.71), refund			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Dukes, Judson L. (Jr)		PROPERTY: 14248	Total: \$264.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 10-11	Account: 08-04907	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. House torn down and does not have a can.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Smith, James W. & Donna Y		PROPERTY: 88624	Total: \$223.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 06-33485	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Dwelling is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Soles, Gloria Nanette		PROPERTY: 4314	Total: \$111.50
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 01-87001	Bill#: 61562
Release user fee. Home burned 1/25/11			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Watts, Ricky Bank		PROPERTY: 5323	Total: \$648.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 09-11	Account: 02-03321	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Vacant.			

Agenda Item #23. COMMENTS:

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

A. Public:

Robert Adams: I rode by the building at the Department of Aging and saw three or four

local contractors working, and it would be nice if we could put them to work on other projects we got in the county and reduce the unemployment rate.

B. Department Heads:

1. **Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director:**
 - A. I would like to thank you for appointing the Beaver Management Committee;
 - B. They have elected John Deans as the Chairman, and Lofton Cox as the Vice Chairman;
 - C. The committee will meet again on June 11, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Cooperative Extension Meeting Room; **and**
 - D. They are discussing some ideas and will be bringing these ideas to the Board very soon.

John Deans: stated the following:

1. Thank you for recognizing that we do have a problem here in the County;
2. We have a USDA beaver trapper dedicated to our County, and he is working as hard as he can;
3. His first priority is D.O.T., and he can barely keep up with the D.O.T. projects;
4. We are trying to develop a plan and we will present that plan to you when we get finished;
5. My experience with this situation is that we have a major problem, and need to get started soon; **and**
6. You will not get rid of the beavers, you will have to manage the problem by placing this in the budget every year.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for William S. Clark, County Manager, to place \$30,000 in a contingency fund for the Beaver Management Program, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director:** stated the following:
 - A. The M.I.S. Department has made some signs for the promotion of the reduced tap fee that will be placed at intersections on a rotation basis in the County;
 - B. We are still waiting on revised quotes from the News Reporter;
 - C. We are continuing to run this ad in the Tabor City Tribune;
 - D. It is on every radio station in the County as a public announcement, and it is on the Swap Shop;
 - E. There is a report in the Board Packet, in the Information section, on the scrap tires;
 - F. The County does not pay the rent on any of the containers for scrap tires, but we do pay the tonnage disposal on every container that is collected from the different tire dealers in the County;
 - G. There are eleven (11) of those trailers being utilized in the County at this time, eight (8) at tire dealers, and three (3) at County facilities - one (1) at the Byrdville site and two (2) at the Landfill;
 - H. We do get reimbursed from the State sales tax on tires for our cost for operating the system, and it is not a 100% reimbursement at this time, but we are working on improving those numbers as well; **and**
 - I. To offset the cost of this program, we implemented a disposal tax of \$2.00.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** I apologize for being late. I was involved in a vote recount, and I still have a twenty-six (26) vote lead, and that is where we are.
2. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** What system do we have in place if we were to experience the same problem with our water system that the City of Whiteville experienced? Kip McClary replied stating that we would utilize the same system, the reverse 9-1-1.

3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
- A. I saw the signs up for the promotion of the reduced tap fees for the water district and I compliment you;
 - B. Mr. Clark, when will we be ready to go out to bid for the Courthouse?;
and
William S. Clark, County Manager: replied stating the following:
 - Right now, we are waiting on the Department of Insurance to give us the okay, with a stamp of approval on the plans;
 - We have not resolved the issue with the parking with the City of Whiteville;
 - Glen Ware would like to present an update to the Board before it goes out to bid;
 - If all of this comes together, hopefully it will go out to bid in early fall;
 - C. I am ready to set the budget workshops.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to set the budget workshops after the June 04, 2012 Board Meeting, and then set each budget workshop systematically after each meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

- 4. **Commissioner Norris:** It is good to see the number of employees here tonight, and I want to thank you.
- 5. **Commissioner Russ:** With the Pyrolysis Project, we could reduce the amount that is charged to our citizens for trash pickup.
- 6. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A. I checked nursing home inspections information, and they look good;
 - B. The building at the Aging Department is looking good;
 - C. The hospital lease will be on the next agenda; **and**
 - D. D.O.T. will do some work around our Courthouse.
- D. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to introduce and welcome Shawn Martin. Shawn is a Public Administration student at Appalachian University, and he is going to be interning with Columbus County this summer.

Agenda Item #24: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:29 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. 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, May 21, 2012

8:59 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 8:59 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the May 07, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the APRIL, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/5/2012	302309.00.97	CANDACE LEGGETT	25.00	POSTING ERROR
4/5/2012	302309.00.98	LINDA BECK	-30.00	POSTING ERROR

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/5/2012	100564.00.93	AUDELLA CARPENTER JACOBS	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/10/2012	600285.00.98	ESTHER SMITH	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
4/12/2012	102965.00.98	ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ	-565.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/16/2012	101610.00.98	LEWIS C. SOLES	122.00	RETURNED CHECK/FEE
4/18/2012	302690.00.98	W. BENJAMIN CRIBB	-8.00	BILLING ERROR
4/19/2012	401920.00.97	SUZANNE COLEMAN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	301880.00.93	RICHARD EARL TODD	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	600560.00.94	CHRISTOPHER MARK PANEL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	604065.00.96	ASHLEY FAITH BARNHILL	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	600342.00.95	ROBERT LEE LONGS, JR	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	207380.00.98	RUTH J. MILLER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	205043.00.98	VERNEVA HEMINGWAY	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	404230.00.98	R. C. SELLERS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	401380.00.97	GAIL PERRY	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	200780.00.01	LILLIE PURCHA	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	204080.00.98	TAMMY MCPHERSON	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	100570.00.98	TIM COLEMAN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	200010.00.97	MICHAEL JAMES COX	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	402420.00.97	BRITTON GODWIN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/26/2012	101555.00.98	FRANCES D. CHAPPELL	-240.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/26/2012	402490.00.93	KRISTY CARTRETTE	-176.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
4/30/2012	205330.00.98	JOSEPH BOYD JR	-900.00	WRITE OFF
4/30/2012	105100.00.96	THOMAS E. RIGGINS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/30/2012	100870.00.95	KEITH JOHN TURNER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/30/2012	101610.00.98	LEWIS C. SOLES	-30.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/30/2012	401680.00.98	BRI CARING HEART CHILD	-120.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/30/2012	401680.00.98	BRI CARING HEART CHILD	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/30/2012	302309.00.98	LINDA BECK	-55.00	POSTING ERROR
4/30/2012	302309.00.97	CANDACE LEGGETT	25.00	POSTING ERROR

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Monday, May 21, 2012

8:59 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 8:59 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the May 07, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the APRIL, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/9/2012	144327.00.98	GARY WAYNE WALKER	-50.00	BILLING ERROR
4/10/2012	111360.00.98	KENNETH H HAYES	-12.00	METER READ WRONG

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

Monday, May 21, 2012

8:59 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:

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:59 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the May 07, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the APRIL, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/9/2012	340880.00.98	HENRY MARTIN	-20.00	METER READ WRONG

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/9/2012	340680.00.97	JERRY & TIM PRIDGEN	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
4/10/2012	360350.00.90	ANAN AL-MASAID	-8.00	BILLING ERROR
4/12/2012	370665.00.96	DONNA BOSWELL WARD	-16.00	BILLING ERROR
4/19/2012	380350.00.92	JANINE RIDDICK	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	350695.00.97	CANDY M. SOLES	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	350220.00.98	WILLIAM LEWIS	-68.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
4/19/2012	380020.00.97	KATHERINE FERUS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	370845.00.97	MACKY BROWN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/30/2012	341844.00.98	GREGORY THOMAS DUNCAN	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/30/2012	350019.00.92	RAYMOND A. LEWIS	-47.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
4/30/2012	380304.00.98	DMT INVESTMENTS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 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, May 21, 2012

8:59 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 8:59 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the May 07, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the APRIL, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/9/2012	430255.00.98	COLLINS WILLIAM GRAHAM, JR	-560.00	REMOVE PENALTIES
4/19/2012	430583.00.98	FELICIA J. GREENE	-280.00	REMOVE PENALTIES

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/19/2012	430460.00.98	TOMMY R. WILSON	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	430599.00.98	ANGIE BUTCHER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	430599.00.98	ANGIE BUTCHER	-25.00	BILLING ERROR
4/19/2012	410340.00.92	TABITHA DAVIS	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/23/2012	430040.00.98	RODNEY FREEMAN	-9.00	METER READ WRONG
4/27/2012	430165.00.97	M. BRANDON DYSON	-96.00	BILLING ERROR
4/30/2012	430368.00.98	GREG KEITH	-75.00	REMOVE PENALTIES
4/30/2012	430468.00.98	BRAD SETTLEMAYER	-30.00	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 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, May 21, 2012

8:59 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 8:59 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the May 07, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the APRIL, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/5/2012	709906.00.98	JAMES RIGGINS	50.00	METER TAMPERING

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
4/19/2012	704580.00.97	ROSA HERRERA LUVIANO	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	800522.00.97	AARON THOMAS HUGHES	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/19/2012	800900.00.98	WANDA TINKLER	25.00	DISCONNECTION FEE
4/20/2012	800080.00.98	DONALD MICHAEL STANLEY	-5.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/20/2012	709831.00.98	REBA LONG	-5.00	REMOVE PENALTY
4/20/2012	800460.00.98	RICHARD FAULK	-21.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
4/30/2012	800637.00.98	GORE'S CHAPEL CHURCH	-53.00	CUSTOMER LEAK
4/30/2012	800493.00.98	MARTHA RUSS LOWRIMORE	-29.00	CUSTOMER LEAK

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 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