

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, June 04, 2012****6:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting two (2) public hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 for the County of Columbus: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive oral or written comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral or written comments from the public on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 for the County of Columbus. Chairman McKenzie requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy for Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

PRESENTATION of BUDGET MESSAGE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, delivered the following Budget Message.

B U D G E T M E S S A G E

TO: Mr. Amon McKenzie, Chairman
 Columbus County Board of Commissioners

FROM: William S. Clark
 Columbus County Manager

DATE: May 21, 2012

RE: **Columbus County Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Message**

Overview

The Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 is presented in accordance with the North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act, North Carolina General Statute 153A-82. North Carolina law states that a balanced budget must be publicly presented by June 1 and a balanced budget adopted by June 30. We are pleased to present a balanced budget that is without a property tax increase.

General fund and total budget appropriations are noted below:

2012-2013 General Fund	2011-2012 General Fund	Decreased Dollars	%
\$52,027,055	\$52,918,476	\$891,421	(-0.01%)
2012-2013 Total Budget	2011-2012 Total Budget	Decreased Dollars	%
\$71,400,289	\$71,740,153	\$339,864	(-0.01%)

Employee Wage Adjustments

Using the first year phase in pay scale projected by the MAPS Group, we recommend moving all of our employees to at least the minimum level of the new pay scale. All employees not affected by the pay study will receive a 1% wage adjustment and those who have exceeded the maximum in their pay grade will receive a one time 1% lump sum adjustment. The wage adjustments will be effective October 1, 2012 and will be paid during the October pay cycle. The wage adjustment represents a 4% increase overall in wages.

Local Governmental Employees Retirement System

The employer contribution to the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System will decrease this year from 7.01% to 6.74%.

Health Insurance

Our healthcare provider proposed an 18% increase in employee healthcare premiums to maintain our existing coverage. Through negotiations with our employee healthcare insurance provider, premiums were kept to an increase of 5.7% which is a savings of \$407,692.47. United HealthCare will continue to be the county's healthcare insurance provider. Co-pays and deductibles will increase for our employees. A FSA (flexible spending account) will also be available to our employees for the first time.

General Insurance

General Liability, Property and Workers Compensation insurance premiums decreased this year for a savings of \$13,431.

Enterprise Funds

Solid Waste User Fees: A) County Residents \$218.00/year (Decrease of \$5.00)
 B) Municipal Residents \$131.00/year (Increase of \$5.00)

Water Districts I , II, III and V: No rate change.

Water District IV Rate increase of \$1.00 to the minimum bill and a \$1.00 increase per additional 1,000 gallons.

Revenue Sources

Ad-valorem Property Tax Collections – Tax collections are calculated based on a collection rate of 96%, at the current rate of 81.5 cents per \$100.

Transfers from Other Departments to the General Fund – Total transfers to the General Fund for indirect costs and debt repayment are as follows:

\$ 22,673 - WD I	Indirect Costs	\$9,447 - WD V	Indirect Costs
\$ 27,297 - WD II	Indirect Costs	\$45,110 - Health Department	Indirect Costs
\$ 89,937 - WD II	Debt Repayment	\$23,410 - HUD	Indirect Costs
\$ 19,839 - WD III	Indirect Costs	\$29,949 - Solid Waste	Indirect Costs
\$ 76,230 - WD III	Debt Repayment	\$11,503 - Transportation	Administrative Costs
\$ 15,116 - WD IV	Indirect Costs	\$1,500,000 Solid Waste	Repayment

The transferred amount of \$1,870,511 is the equivalent of approximately .06 cents in property tax that is not required in this fiscal year budget

Education

Total current expense allocations for city and county schools, and Southeastern Community College have been increased by 3% over last year's appropriation. Capital Outlay for Whiteville City Schools and Southeastern Community College has each been increased by \$220,000. \$750,000 For Columbus County's Schools was approved on February 6, 2012.

Conclusion

Staff has worked hard to provide you with a balanced budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 without a property tax increase. I would like to thank Director of Finance Bobbie Faircloth and our department managers for their efforts in the development of this budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William S. Clark
Columbus County Manager

COMMENTS:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for comments. No comments were received from the public, written or oral.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:09 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: **Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend and receive comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman McKenzie opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend and receive comments from the public. 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.

COMMENTS:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for comments. No comments were received either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:31 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

6:31 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

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

At 6:31 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the June 04, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

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

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the May 14, 2012 Discussion of Lease with Columbus Regional Healthcare System Workshop Meeting Minutes, and the May 21, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed

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

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

Edwin Lewis Roberts, 501 E. 1st Avenue, Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431: stated the following:

1. I am a Chadbourn Town Councilman, and I get questions everyday on different matters;
2. One of the questions that I am asked quite often is "What are the tax funds that the citizens pay used for?"; **and**
3. We pay Chadbourn taxes and Columbus County taxes.

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie: replied stating the tax funds are used for the operational costs of the County. This is the same as the Town of Chadbourn except on a much larger scale.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman McKenzie presented the following retirement plaque to Carolyn S. Ward for her many years of service to the Columbus County Sheriff's Department.

PRESENTED TO

CAROLYN S. WARD

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
TO
COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

8-19-1987 - 5-31-2012

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #7: COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT - UPDATE by GLENN WARE:

Glenn Ware, Architect, Bonsall, Ware Architects, delivered the following update on the new Courthouse Annex Project.

1. For the past year, we have been working on the design of the project;
2. We issued the documents to the State for their review and approval about three (3) months ago;
3. We received their final comments about a week ago, and we have responded to those;
4. Basically, as far as State reviews, everything is approved;
5. We are ready to go forward, and I would like to give you a brief review of the design to let you know what it looks like and how it goes together;
6. All the pertinent users have been very cooperative, and they have all had input into the design of the building;
7. What you have is a very efficient, and very economic courthouse that is going to serve this County for a long time;
8. The building is located exactly where we originally discussed it would be;
9. We made allowances for access from the Courthouse Square;
10. We have access for prisoners through a sally port in an enclosed garage;
11. We have secure parking for Judges;
12. We have made accommodations for access around the building for fire departments and the occupants of the adjoining properties
13. There is a pedestrian walkway that joins Smith Street;
14. First Floor: primarily for the Clerk of Court, single holding area, mechanical and electrical, Probation and Parole;
15. Second Floor: two (2) standard courtrooms (140 people), prisoner holding area, Judges' Offices, Jury rooms, fire exits to front of Courthouse;
16. Third Floor: large courtroom (180 people), multi-purpose room, can be used for small courtroom, if needed;
17. Overall, the building is about forty-two thousand (42,000 SF) square feet;
18. The building code changed during the design of the building;
19. Typically, the review takes about six (6) weeks, and this took twelve (12) weeks for the final review to be done; **and**
20. We are ready and waiting for when you are ready to go out to bid.

Agenda Item #8: COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - FIRST AMENDMENT to LEASE:

The Board of Trustees for Columbus Regional Healthcare System, requested approval of the following First Amendment to Lease.

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE (this "First Amendment") is effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2012 (the "Effective Date"), by and between COLUMBUS REGIONAL

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the “Hospital”), and COLUMBUS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (the “County”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

Recitals:

- A. The County and Columbus County Hospital, Inc., the former name of the Hospital, entered into a Lease on August 19, 1996 (the “Lease”);
- B. The Parties have determined that it is mutually beneficial, and in the interests of the citizens and residents of the County, to amend the Lease in order to extend the term of the Lease, and in order to make certain confirming changes to the Lease to update the same; **and**
- C. The Parties desire to amend the Lease, and have reduced such amendment to writing as stated in this First Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

- 1. **Amendments to Lease.** The following amendments shall be made to the Lease as of the Effective Date:
 - A. Throughout the Lease, all references to “Columbus County Hospital, Inc.” or “CCH” shall be deleted and such references shall be changed to “Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc.” or “CRHS”.
 - B. Section 1 of the Lease is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The term of this Lease shall commence on **December 1, 1996**, and shall continue thereafter until **November 30, 2043**. All profits, funds, and gifts accumulated by CRHS shall be held by CRHS and used only in the regular operation of CRHS and the expansion or replacement of buildings and equipment, as well as to provide health care services in Columbus County.
 - C. The last sentence of Section 2 of this Lease is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The said Lessee (CRHS) shall also pay to Columbus County all sums due as they mature on the debt service of the said amount for the expansion (\$11,764,000, issued in 1997), as well as all sums due as they mature consistent with the terms of any future financing for the benefit of CRHS, including an estimated \$25,000,000 issuance in 2012.
 - D. The first sentence of Section 5, Subsection (A) of the Lease is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 - (A) The composition of the Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc. Board of Trustees shall consist of ten (10) members.
 - E. Section 6(d) of the Lease is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 - (d) It is understood that the Lessee, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc., may purchase other real estate during the term of the Lease in its own name. If the Lessee intends to purchase any real estate under the name of Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc., then the chief executive officer of CRHS will immediately notify the County Manager of the planned purchase and will provide him or her with a copy of the details of the proposed transaction. The Lessee also agrees that it will not purchase said property under the name of CRHS, nor dispose of any real estate acquired by CRHS during the term of the Lease, nor transfer any real estate owned by a subsidiary or other related entity into CRHS, without approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, provided that said Board of

Commissioners shall act upon the CRHS request within thirty (30) days. If the Board of Commissioners does not act upon such request within such thirty (30) day period, such request shall be deemed to be approved. If any real property is owned under the CRHS name at the end of the Lease, then the Lessee will deed to Columbus County all such property it owns at the termination of the Lease without reservation for the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

F. Section 7(f) of the Lease is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(f) At any time when Columbus County should take possession of the hospital (subsection (h) of this number) due to failure of CRHS to meet its installment obligations as they mature during the term of this Lease, CRHS hereby irrevocably assigns, in fee, to Columbus County all of its right, title, and interest in any tangible and intangible assets and any other real and personal property in order to allow Columbus County to continue the operation of the hospital for the citizens of Columbus County for any remaining portion of the term of this Lease.

2. **Effect on Lease; General Provisions.** Except as set forth in this First Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Lease (as amended by the First Amendment) are hereby ratified and declared to be and remain in full force and effect. Captions and paragraph headings are used herein for convenience only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this First Amendment as of the date first written above.

COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC.

BY: _____
TITLE: _____

COLUMBUS COUNTY

BY: _____
TITLE: _____

Chairman McKenzie stated the following:

1. We see that you have rectified the situation of the real property acquisition being relieved from taxation;
2. We don't see where you have included the additional Commissioner on the Board of Trustees; **and**
3. The development of a Wellness Center with the hospital taking the lead.

Henry Hawthorne replied stating the following:

1. We saw the additional Commissioner as a request and not an inclusion in the amendment;
2. What I would like to do, on behalf of our Board of Trustees, is to offer a proposal that we develop a Joint Task Force that includes Mr. Clark, myself, a member of our Board, a member your Board and two or three members of the community;
3. I would propose that Mr. Clark and I bring a couple of suggestions to the first Task Force Meeting, and that Task Force be engaged for three (3) primary purposes as follows:
 - A. Formally receiving the business plan developed by the UNC Management Academy cohort as finalized in 2011-2012;
 - B. Utilizing this plan as a foundation for engaging a company with experience developing community wellness centers to provide a formal business and sustainability plan that best meets the needs of our community; **and**
 - C. Receives said report and develops recommendations to bring to both the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the CRHS Board of Trustees within 90 days receipt; **and**
4. Our Board would be happy to share the costs of that engagement to show that this is

something that we take very serious.

Chairman McKenzie stated that until this requested information was included in the amendment, then the Board would not approve the amendment.

After additional discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for the appropriate language to be included in the amendment to be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #9: WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS - NORTH WHITEVILLE ACADEMY PROPERTY:

Dr. Tom Hagler, Superintendent, and Dr. Jim Dimuzio, Board Chairman, will conduct a discussion on the options for the North Whiteville Academy property.

Dr. Jim Dimuzio stated the following:

1. I would like to share a proposal with you on our ongoing attempts to try and cut costs in the operations of our schools;
2. We did an experiment last year that worked out very well;
3. We moved our North Whiteville Academy students and we made a separate center near Central Middle School, and held our North Whiteville Academy there to save a lot of expenditures, and it worked out great;
4. With the real estate market they way it was, selling was not an option, but we did want to lease that property to try and generate some revenue;
5. We wanted to offer the County Commissioners the right of first refusal to either purchase or lease that property; **and**
6. If you want the property, that is fine, but if not, we would like to try and lease that property.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to authorize the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education to lease, or sell, the North Whiteville Academy property, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: FOREST SERVICE - REQUEST to ALLOCATE FY 2011-2012 FUNDS to FY 2012-2013:

Jamie Ward, North Carolina Forest Service, requested Board approval to allocate the FY 2011-2012 unspent funds to FY 2012-2013 for truck replacement.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the allocation of the FY 2011-2012 unspent funds to FY 2012-2013 for truck replacement, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of APPLICATION for PROPOSED RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP):

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the application for the Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP).

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the application for the Proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP), in the amount of one hundred seventy-nine thousand, sixty-four and 00/100 (\$179,064.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #12: AIRPORT - AMENDMENT to LEASE AGREEMENT:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the following Amendment to Lease Agreement for the Columbus County Airport.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT ("**Amendment**"), made and entered into as of the last date set forth in the notary acknowledgments below, by and between the **COUNTY**

OF COLUMBUS, a body politic and corporate, hereinafter referred to as “Lessor”; and **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**, a body politic and corporate, hereinafter referred to as “Lessee”, with reference to the following Recitals:

RECITALS

- A. Lessor and Lessee are parties to that certain Lease Agreement dated March 31, 1970, recorded in the Office of the Columbus County Register of Deeds in Book 257, at Page 595 (the “Lease”), pursuant to which Lessor leases a tract or parcel of land containing 1.25 acres, more or less, as more particularly described in the Lease (said tract or parcel of land hereinafter referred to as the “Premises”), to Lessee.
- B. Lessor desires to expand its operations at the Columbus County Airport and as part of such expansion has proposed constructing a taxiway within an approximate 0.56 acre area of the Premises.
- C. In furtherance of its expansion plans, Lessor has requested that Lessee amend the Lease by reducing the size of the Premises by approximately 0.56 acres and Lessee has consented, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, to amend the Lease for such purposes.
- D. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of NC Forest Service, an agency of Lessee, has requested and approved the execution of the Amendment for the purposes set forth herein.
- E. The execution of this Amendment for and on behalf of Lessee has been duly approved by the Governor and Council of State at a meeting held in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, on the 7th day of February, 2012.
- F. Lessor and Lessee have mutually agreed as herein set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Premises and the mutual covenants herein and other good and valuable consideration, Lessor and Lessee agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The foregoing recital of facts is hereby incorporated herein to the same extent as if hereinafter fully set forth.
- 2. The Lease is incorporated into this Amendment by this reference. All capitalized terms appearing in this Amendment and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Lease.
- 3. The description of the Premises in the Lease is hereby amended by excepting from said description that certain parcel of land identified as “Reduction in Lease Area 0.56 AC (24,305 SF)” on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, reference to which map being hereby made for a more particular description of said reduction area. The Premises, as reduced in size pursuant to this Amendment, now contains 0.69 acres, more or less, and is more particularly shown and described as the “Lease Area” on Exhibit A and Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, less and except the reduction area of 0.56 acres, more or less. Lessor acknowledges that Lessee is surrendering said reduction area to Lessor “as is”, without any representations or warranties of any kind and Lessor’s re-entry into said reduction area shall constitute conclusive evidence that as of the date thereof said reduction area is in good order and satisfactory condition.
- 4. To the extent modified herein, and as so modified, the Lease is hereby ratified and confirmed and continues in full force and effect.
- 5. If there is any conflict between the terms of this Amendment and the Lease, this Amendment shall prevail.

[Signatures on Following Pages]

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this Amendment has been duly executed by the Parties hereto, in duplicate originals, as of the dates set forth in the notary acknowledgments below.

LESSOR: (County Seal)
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
By: **WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manager**

ATTEST:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, **DEBRA J. EPPS**, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State do hereby certify that **JUNE B. HALL** personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is Clerk of the County of Columbus and that by authority duly given and as an act of the County of Columbus, the foregoing instrument was signed by **WILLIAM S. CLARK**, its County Manager, attested by herself as Clerk and sealed with the common seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this the 5th day of June, 2012,

/s/ **DEBRA J. EPPS, Notary Public**
My Commission Expires: 10-05-2014

LESSEE:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
By: _____
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROY COOPER, Attorney General
By: _____
Assistant Attorney General

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the County of _____ and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of North Carolina, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is Secretary of State of North Carolina, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the State, the foregoing instrument was signed in it name by **BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, sealed with the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, and attested by herself as Secretary of State of North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Amendment to Lease Agreement for the Columbus County Airport, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the two (2) exhibits will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 4, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #13: ELECTIONS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Carla Strickland, Elections Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

1. Conducted the Municipal Elections on November 4, 2011;
2. A recount was conducted on the Mayoral race for the Town of Bolton;
3. Began and completed the Statewide and Local re-districting geocode changes necessary to implement the new district lines drafted by State Legislators and Local Government officials;
4. Geocode changes were completed in the first week of December, 2011, and the local geocode changes were completed during the first week of February, 2012;
5. Candidate filing began in February, 2012 for the Partisan, Judicial and Presidential Preference Primary and General Elections;
6. Conducted the May 8, 2012 Primary Election which included the State Constitutional Amendment Referendum;
7. Presently uploading the coding in preparation of Logic and accuracy testing of the equipment to be utilized for the second Primary which will take place on July 17, 2012;
8. The runoffs are for the NC Lieutenant Governor (Rep), NC Commissioner of Insurance (Rep), NC Commissioner of Labor (Dem), NC Secretary of State (Rep), and NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (Rep);
9. The National Change of Address (NCOA) program which had been implemented in 2009 has proven to be quite successful;
10. Presently working on preparations for the Wellness check which will be performed by the State Board of Elections this year;
11. Recently welcomed our new Deputy Director, William Matthew Gore;
12. We are now pre-registering sixteen (16) year olds;
13. Required to perform ADA accessibility surveys on all twenty-six (26) precinct buildings, additional one-stop site buildings;
14. Submitted a grant request for reimbursement of the coding costs for the Primary Election in the amount of \$4,409.15; **and**
15. We remain vigilant in keeping updated on the changes in election laws.

Agenda Item #14: SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL of ACCEPTANCE of FUNDS for ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director, requested the Board to authorize Chairman McKenzie to sign the grant contract accepting funds in the amount of twenty-three thousand, nine hundred twenty and 00/100 (\$23,920.00) dollars, with a local match of four thousand, seven hundred eighty-four and 00/100 (\$4,784.00) dollars, from North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach (DEAO).

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to authorize Chairman McKenzie to sign the grant contract accepting funds in the amount of twenty-three thousand, nine hundred twenty and 00/100 (\$23,920.00) dollars, with a local match of four thousand, seven hundred eighty-four and 00/100 (\$4,784.00) dollars, from North Carolina Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach (DEAO). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of LETTER of INTENT for PYROLYSIS PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Letter of Intent with Standard Oil, Inc.

LETTER OF INTENT

The **LETTER OF INTENT** (this “**LOI**”) is executed on this 4th day of June, 2012.

1. Standard Oil Inc., a company incorporated in Delaware (“**SOI**”) holds various rights relating to a pyrolysis technology which enable the liquefaction of municipal solid waste into synthetic refined products (including 97% octane gasoline, JP54 fuel oil, and D2 Diesel) herein the (“**Technology**”).
2. Columbus County Board of Commissioners (“**Columbus**”) wishes for “**SOI**” to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a MSW processing pyrolysis plant which utilizes such

Technology on a certain portion of Columbus County land. Such plant will be designed, built, financed, operated and maintained by “SOI”:

- (i) For the purpose of the liquefaction of MSW into synthetic refined products (including 97% octane gasoline, JP54 fuel oil, and D2 Diesel) and for the production of valuable process by-products such as electricity;
 - (ii) Has a rated capacity of minimum 700 tons of MSW per week; **and**
 - (iii) Shall be located at [(TBD) Landfill Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472] (herein referred to as the “**Project**”).
3. “SOI” and Columbus agree that in terms of the Project:
- (i) “SOI” shall be responsible for the design, building, financing, operation and maintenance of the Project;
 - (a) All permits, consents and approvals necessary for the development and operation of the Project.
 - (ii) Columbus shall supply or procure MSW to be provided to “SOI” for the Project:
 - (a) Will provide Standard with a minimum five (5) acre parcel of land.
 - (b) 700 tons of MSW, per week (to agreed specifications) with such MSW being delivered by Columbus to the delivery point designated by “SOI” on the site described in paragraph (a) during the life of the Project and for a period not less than twenty-five (25) years.
 - (c) Ensure proper supply of electricity is available to operate the equipment; use of power will be operational expense of Standards.
 - (d) Shall provide assistance with the permitting process.
 - (e) Shall negotiate and sign long term off take agreement for fuel produced. It is understood that SOI reserves the right to sell any and all fuel on the open market that is not purchased by Columbus County Schools or other agencies of county government.
4. “SOI” and Columbus agree that they will meet and negotiate and use their best efforts to agree by the date three (3) months from the date hereof, definitive documentation to finalize the transactions contemplated hereby.
5. “SOI” and Columbus agree to perform, and cooperate with and assist each other in performing, any and all actions that may be necessary in order to achieve the establishment and operation of the Project.
6. This LOI shall be “Subject To” the following conditions: “SOI” shall provide sufficient documentation to Columbus showing the financial capability to fund the proposed Pyrolysis Liquefaction facility, “SOI” shall demonstrate proof of concept via video of operational facility and or arrange a site visit to manufacturing facility and pyrolysis liquefaction operational facility. Upon satisfactory accomplishment of the aforementioned conditions Columbus agrees to negotiate and enter into “off take” agreement, lease agreement and MSW/feedstock supply contract with “SOI” as stated in line items 3 (ii) e and 4.
7. This LOI shall take effect from the date hereof and shall continue in force until the date six (6) months from the date hereof.
8. Other than in respect of “SOI” to an affiliate, no party may assign its rights hereunder to any other person or entity without the written consent of each of the other parties.
9. If for any reason whatsoever any provision of this LOI is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other governmental authority to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties will negotiate in

good faith with a view to agreeing one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision, which substitute provisions are satisfactory to all relevant governmental authorities and produce as nearly as is practicable in all the circumstances the appropriate balance of the commercial interests of each of the parties. The remaining provisions of this LOI shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision.

- 10. Each party shall, bear their respective costs incurred by it for the review, negotiation and preparation of this LOI.
- 11. This LOI shall be governed by the laws of North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this LOI to be duly executed in two (2) counterpart English originals on the date first above written.

Standard Oil Inc.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Name: **Mr. Grant R. Johnson**
Title: **Executive Vice President**

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

ATTESTED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Name:
Title:
Standard Oil Inc.

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

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

I, **DEBRA J. EPPS**, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State do hereby certify that **JUNE B. HALL** personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is Clerk of the County of Columbus and that by authority duly given and as an act of the County of Columbus, the foregoing instrument was signed by **AMON E. McKENZIE**, its Chairman, attested by herself as Clerk and sealed with the common seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this the 5th day of June, 2012.

/s/ **DEBRA J. EPPS**
My Commission Expires: 10-05-2014

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

On this ____ day of _____, 2012, personally appeared before me **GRANT R. JOHNSON**, whose identity is personally known to me (or proven on the basis of satisfactory evidence) and who by me duly sworn/affirmed, did say that he is the Executive Vice President of Standard Oil Incorporated, and that said document was signed by him in behalf of said Corporation by Authority of its Bylaws, or (Resolution of its Board of Directors), and said Corporation executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent with Standard Oil Inc., seconded by Commissioner Prevatte.

Discussion:

Commissioner Bullard: I would like for you to explain the article that was published in The News Reporter.

Gary Lanier: The response I received from Mr. Ezzell states that their attorney will contact The News Reporter.

Commissioner Prevatte: This is a non-legal binding document.

Commissioner Bullard: Mr. Stephens, have you checked into the air quality issue related to this project?

Michael Stephens: No, I have not.

Gary Lanier: I have talked to Alex Hobbs at North Carolina State University, and he states this process has been around since the 1800's, and was utilized heavily in the 1940's.

Michael Stephens: I am comfortable with the Letter of Intent only.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a **substitute motion** to delay this matter until the next Board Meeting to allow for further investigation. The **substitute motion** dies for a lack of a second.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

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

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

NAY: Commissioner Bullard.

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

Commissioner Bullard: It is my opinion that the Economic Development Office needs an application that will allow for further information to be provided when these new businesses are being considered.

Gary Lanier: The private sector will not supply this information, but the public sector will.

Agenda Item #16: FINANCE - APPROVAL of RECORDS DESTRUCTION:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval to destroy the following specified records:

1. Deposit slips and backup information on all records dating from 2007/2008, and older, stored in the Finance Office; **and**
2. Check copies, registers and stubs from 2007/2008, and older, stored in the Finance Office.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following specified records in the Finance Department:

1. Deposit slips and backup information on all records dating from 2007/2008, and older, stored in the Finance Office; **and**
2. Check copies, registers and stubs from 2007/2008, and older, stored in the Finance Office.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: MENTAL HEALTH - APPOINTMENT of TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES for EASTPOINTE:

Commissioner James E. Prevatte, Chairman of the Southeast Regional Mental Health Board, requested Board approval of two (2) representatives to Eastpointe.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to appoint the following two (2) representatives to Eastpointe:

James E. Prevatte, P.O. Box 905, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 642-0400; **and**

Paul Russ, P.O. Box 220, Bolton, North Carolina 28423, Telephone: (910) 655-8743.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: 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 Motion: Bullard Second: Byrd	EB EB	N.I. "Chip" Singletary, Jr. Mike Hughes (Request not to be re-appointed)	04/2012 04/2012	Re-Appoint 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 7:41 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 21, 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 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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 #21: COMMENTS:

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

A. Public:

1. **Larry Smith:** stated the following:
 - a. I own property at or close to the existing landfill;
 - b. I do not want to smell trash burning at the Landfill 24 7's;
 - c. Look closely at this new project being proposed at the Landfill; **and**
 - d. Relative to the new Courthouse, if the County uses out-of-town contractors, then the out-of-town contractors should be forced to use all the local contractors they can to help the workers in Columbus County.
2. **Henry Hawthorne, CEO, Columbus Regional Healthcare System:** stated the following:
 - a. I apologize for being on your Agenda and not having the correct information;
 - b. I have corrected Section D of the First Amendment to Lease to read as follows:

D. The first sentence of Section 5, Subsection (A) of the Lease is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(A) The composition of the Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc. Board of Trustees shall routinely consist of ten (10) members, though from time to time it may consist of eleven (11) members.

The following sentence shall be inserted after the third paragraph of Section 5, Subsection (A):

The special eleventh member of the Board of Trustees of CRHS may be appointed by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as it may set fit from time to time, provided that the appointment shall be an annual appointment and shall be made at each organizational meeting in December of each year by the said Board of County Commissioners.

- c. I have prepared in writing our commitment to the Wellness Center as follows:

Columbus County Board of Commissioners
111 Washington Street
Whiteville, NC 28472

Dear Chairman McKenzie:

On behalf of the Columbus Regional Healthcare System Board of Trustees, in recognition of our mutual interest in furthering the resources in Columbus County to support health and wellness for our citizens, I am pleased to make the following proposal, and request Commissioner approval by resolution:

That Columbus County and Columbus Regional Healthcare System convene a joint task force of 6 - 7 members, including the Columbus County Manager, the CRHS CEO, a member of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, a member of the CRHS Board of Trustees, and 2 - 3 community citizens, as selected by the named members of the task force;

That this task force be charged with:

- 1) Formally receiving the business plan developed by the UNC Management Academy cohort as finalized in 2011-2012;

- 2) Utilizing this plan as a foundation for engaging a company with experience developing community wellness centers to provide a formal business and sustainability plan that best meets the needs of our community; **and**
- 3) Receives said report and develops recommendations to bring to both the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the CRHS Board of Trustees within 90 days receipt.

Columbus Regional Healthcare System looks forward to this process, and proudly commits to sharing the cost of the private engagement with the County.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ **HENRY HAWTHORNE**

After discussion was conducted, it was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Hawthorne to eliminate the verbiage in Section D. (A) “from time to time it may”, and state the Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc. Board of Trustees would be an eleven (11) member board, with two (2) Board members being Columbus County Commissioners.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Lease for Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc., with the recommended verbiage deletion, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

B. Department Heads:

Kip McClary, Solid Waste Director: stated the following:

1. To date, we have installed the collection system and now presently have a flare still operating in startup mode, not yet officially in the on position, and the greenhouse is near completion;
2. We recently received, from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, a notice that more funding is available in the amount of \$400,000 plus, that could enhance our project, and could provide us with generator equipment and the necessary power connections to produce electric power from the landfill gas;
3. In talking with the State Energy Office, they tell us that what they would like to do, rather than apply for a new project, to amend the current project we have with that additional funding;
4. They have asked us to prepare a budget, and with the assistance of Marilyn Meares and the Appalachian State University Energy Center, we have sent them a proposed budget, in the amount of \$455,000;
5. We are told that has a high potential to be funded, but we don't have anything in writing that says that is coming our way;
6. We must commit to have the funds spent by August 31, 2012, and are working on a tight deadline; **and**
7. The State will allow us to piggyback on what the other states are doing to keep from having to go out to bid.

William S. Clark, County Manager: Kip, will you address the operation of the generators and what it is going to take the County to maintain.

Kip McClary: replied stated the following:

1. These are packaged units that are basically a gasoline-style engine;
2. They are a special type of gasoline engine;
3. They will be converted in the manufacturing process to run on methane gas like a natural gas unit would do;
4. These will produce as much as 85 kw or 85,000 watts of power each;
5. These could be run in simultaneous mode with both units running or could be run individually;
6. There will be two (2) packaged units in house encapsulated in a container type unit and connected onto power;
7. They will however require some maintenance and upkeep on our part;
8. They will require oil changes, service and the units will have to be monitored;
9. With the gas plant, it will require some monitoring and some gas certifications;
10. We have put in the Solid Waste budget, money to contract that service out;
11. With the generated power, what we hope to do is to sell the power for enough to

offset the cost of our operation which could, once the equipment goes on line, it could require us to have somebody on staff to monitor the quality of gas, service the equipment, and if we go into selling carbon credits, which we have talked about before and got authorization from you to do, that requires a level of lab work that is also an expense to us; **and**

12. The sale of the carbon credits, the energy credits and the generated power could help offset and could possibly produce a revenue for the Solid Waste Department, but it could require us adding an additional person to the Solid Waste staff once this is up and running.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like for this Board to prepare a Resolution of Congratulations to Whiteville High School for the 2A Baseball Championship and present it to them at our next meeting; **and**
 - b. I would like for us to set a workshop date for the budget.
2. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. Work prevented my from attending the event at the depot;
 - b. The bicyclists are taking the health issue very serious;
 - c. I would like to commend Mr. Hawthorne for the service he delivered tonight;
 - d. I have always had good experience at the hospital; **and**
 - e. The only complaint that I have about the doctors here in Columbus County is that you can drive to Wilmington and see a doctor before you can see a doctor here in Columbus County.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. I think this Board is making some good decisions; **and**
 - b. We are accomplishing some things the County needs, we are taking a stand and doing some things that will move this County forward.
4. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - a. I noticed that Brunswick Fire Department has not turned in an audit for the past six (6) years, and are they required to do that?
William S. Clark: replied stating they are not receiving their special allocation from the County;
 - b. In the Cherry Grove area, they don't have access to high-speed internet. What can we do to get high-speed internet in that area?
William S. Clark: We will check into that.

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to check into the guidelines for the tax dollars and the special allocations that are going to the fire and rescue departments and bring this information back to the Board.
5. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to congratulate the Whiteville High School Baseball Team for their 2A Baseball Championship; **and**
 - b. I would like to thank Columbus Regional Healthcare System for staying after their presentation tonight.
6. **Commissioner Norris:** stated the following:
 - a. I am glad to be here; **and**
 - b. It is good to see everyone here tonight.
7. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. There are graduations going on, and attend if you can;
 - b. Congratulations to Whiteville High School;
 - c. We need to set a budget workshop;

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus to set the Budget Workshop for Monday, June 11, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., in the Commissioners Chambers.

- d. Shawn Martin is working with Columbus County this summer as an intern and he is having a good time;
- e. It is time for the County Attorney's evaluation, and I would like to have that by the next Board meeting to hand out to the Board members; **and**
- f. This Board relies on the experts that we hire and put into certain positions to supply us with accurate information so that we may make good and sound decisions for the citizens of Columbus County.

D. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I received a telephone call from Lee Croom, he owns the little white house on Smith Street as you are leaving the driveway at the Tax Office, he is interested in selling that house, I asked him what he wanted, and he stated whatever was on the tax books, and that is \$50,800.

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for Mr. Clark to check into this matter and bring the information back to the Board.

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 P.M., Commissioner Russ 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, June 04, 2012

7:41 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 7:41 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 21, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting **(5 sets)**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 21, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, June 04, 2012

7:41 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 7:41 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 21, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 21, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, June 04, 2012

7:41 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 7:41 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 21, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 21, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, June 04, 2012

7:41 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 7:41 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 21, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 21, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE Chairman

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

Monday, June 04, 2012

7:41 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 7:41 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 21, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 21, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE Chairman