

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, January 07, 2013****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 their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the January 07, 2013 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Chairman McDowell stated there was a need for the Agenda to be adjusted with the following add-on.

Administration - Approval of Required Documents for Proposed QSCB Financing for Columbus County Schools: William S. Clark, County Manager, is requesting Board approval of the following required documents for the proposed QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bonds) financing for the Columbus County Schools:

1. Installment Financing Contract Between Branch Banking and Trust Company and County of Columbus, North Carolina;
2. Deed of Trust and Security Agreement;
3. Agreement Concerning Certain School Improvements by and between The Columbus County Board of Education and Columbus County, North Carolina;
4. Lease by and between Columbus County, North Carolina as Lessor and The Columbus County Board of Education as Lessee; **and**
5. Resolution Approving an Installment Financing Contract, a Deed of Trust and Other Documents and Approving and Authorizing Certain Actions in Connection with Financing a Portion of the Cost of Certain Improvements to School Facilities.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjust the January 07, 2013 Agenda by adding on the above listed item, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Items #2 and #3: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner James E. Prevatte delivered the invocation. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Trent Burroughs.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

The following retirement plaque was presented to Cleo Skipper for her many years of service to the Columbus County Department of Social Services.

PRESENTED TO

CLEO SKIPPER

**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
TO
COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 03, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, and the December 17, 2012 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433: stated the following:

1. I would like to speak on Agenda Item #10;
2. I have a lot of grandchildren that attend different schools in the County;
3. These things need to be addressed in our County;
4. There are certain things that you can do to enhance the security in our schools and these things need to be discussed with appropriate security levels; **and**
5. A workshop is needed involving levels of confidentiality on security measures that will be put into place.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION of PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL, ADOPTION and PRESENTATION of CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED PROCLAMATION:

Jackie Roseboro, Chairperson, Founders Day Committee, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Centennial Celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Proclamation.

**Proclamation
Centennial Celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; **and**

WHEREAS, the Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 at Howard University, by twenty-two undergraduate women; **and**

WHEREAS, these young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need; **and**

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta provides an extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Program Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; **and**

WHEREAS, Chapters all across the nation and world of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are celebrating 100 years of historical presence since the founding of the beloved sisterhood; **and**

WHEREAS, the Whiteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is one of over 900 chapters internationally who share this public service commitment with over 200,000 predominately black college educated women; **and**

WHEREAS, the Whiteville Alumnae Chapter serves Bladen and Columbus Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January, 13, 2013, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Day in Columbus County. We encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. for 100 years of service and further extend our appreciation for the services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 7th day of January, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **CHARLES McDOWELL, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

(SEAL)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Centennial Celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

The Centennial Celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Proclamation was orally read and presented to the members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Agenda Item #8: **CDBG GRANT # 11-C-2369, NC CATALYST PROGRAM - RE-AFFIRMATION of PROGRAM MANUAL RESOLUTION and APPROVAL of FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

- A. Experienced Administrator Letter;**
- B. Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters;**
- C. Certification of Eligibility Form;**
- D. Grant Project Ordinance; and**
- E. Flood Plain Certification.**

Warren Wooten, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval of the re-affirmation of the Program Manual Resolution and the aforelisted documents for the CDBG Grant # 11-C-2369.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to re-affirm the Program Manual Resolution and the following documents for the CDBG Grant # 11-C-2369:

- A. Experienced Administrator Letter;
- B. Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters;
- C. Certification of Eligibility Form;
- D. Grant Project Ordinance; **and**
- E. Flood Plain Certification.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. Copies of these documents will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

Agenda Item #9: **RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH, JANUARY 2013:**

Rhonda Bullard-Dutton, CEOE, Whiteville City Schools, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Local School Board Member Recognition Month.

**RESOLUTION
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH
January 2013**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, recognizes the importance of public education in our community; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, appreciates the vital role played by those individuals who, as local school board members, establish policies to ensure an efficient, effective school system; **and**

WHEREAS, school board members serve as a voice that enables our community to preserve local management and control of our public schools; **and**

WHEREAS, school board members are charged with representing our local education interests to state and federal government and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, school board members unselfishly devote their knowledge, time, and talents as advocates for our school children;

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners recognizes and salutes the members of the Whiteville City School Board by proclaiming the month of January, as Local School Board Recognition Month.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Local School Board Member Recognition Month, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS - REQUEST for ADDITIONAL RESOURCE OFFICERS:

Alan Faulk, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, requested Board approval of additional resource officers for the Columbus County School System.

Mr. Faulk stated the following:

1. In the last ten (10) to twelve (12) years, there have been fifty to sixty (50-60) students killed in school shootings;
2. I am here tonight to request some funds for additional security in our schools; **and**
3. We do have security in place and we try to keep this information to minimum exposure to the public.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Commissioner McKenzie: Do you have an amount that you are requesting?

Alan Faulk: We presently contract with the Sheriff's Department for nine (9) Resource Officers, and the yearly amount is approximately four hundred fifteen thousand and 00/100 (\$415,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner Prevatte: If you request nine (9) additional Resource officers, would that include equipment, cars, uniforms, etc?

Alan Faulk: That would include everything.

Commissioner Prevatte: Has the State done anything to improve security measures in our schools?

Alan Faulk: We have crisis plans and they are approved by the State, They work with us in this manner. We fund the contract with the Sheriff's Department with the At-Risk Funds which we can use for security reasons. In the last four (4) years, we have lost one hundred (100) positions in Columbus County Schools. Right now, we have no additional funds.

Commissioner Russ: Can you use lottery funds for this?

Alan Faulk: No. As you know, our lottery funds are tied up with the project that was just approved.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to take this matter under consideration until we can meet with the school systems and discuss what their best ideas are before we make a decision.

AMENDED MOTION:

After discussion was conducted, Commissioner Prevatte made an **amended motion** to take

this matter under consideration until we can meet with the school systems and discuss what their best ideas are before we make a decision, and to move the annual meeting with the two (2) school systems up to February, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The **amended motion** unanimously passed.

Tom Haigler, Superintendent, Whiteville City Schools: stated the following:

1. Alan and I feel the same way;
2. The most important thing to consider is our children;
3. We need to make sure what we do is done in the proper manner;
4. We need to develop our security measures in a secure manner and not advertised to the public; **and**
5. We do ask that if funds are made available, we currently have two (2) SRO's that are funded out of our budget, we could use some additional funds.

Commissioner McKenzie: Do you have a dollar figure?

Tom Haigler: Off the top of my head, the present cost of the two (2) SRO's with Whiteville Police Department is sixty thousand and 00/100 (\$60,000.00) dollars.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Agenda Item 10A: ADMINISTRATION - APPROVAL of REQUIRED DOCUMENTS for PROPOSED QSCB FINANCING for COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the following required documents for the proposed QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bonds) financing for the Columbus County Schools:

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Chairman Charles T. McDowell introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT, A DEED OF TRUST AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County"), is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (the "State"), under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State; **and**

WHEREAS, the County has the power, pursuant to Section 160A 20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, to (a) finance the purchase of real and personal property by installment agreements that create in the property purchased a security interest to secure payment of the purchase price to the entity advancing moneys for such transaction and (b) finance the construction of fixtures or improvements on real property by agreements that create in such fixtures or improvements and in the real property on which such fixtures or improvements are located a security interest to secure repayment of moneys advanced or made available for such construction; **and**

WHEREAS, the County and The Columbus County Board of Education, a body corporate which has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools in the Columbus County Schools, its respective school administrative unit (the "Board of Education"), have determined to cooperate in a plan to finance a portion of the cost of a project which each has

found to be necessary and desirable to provide for improved public school facilities and improved public education in such school administrative unit; **and**

WHEREAS, such project consists of (a) the replacement of windows at Williams Township Elementary School, (b) the replacement of windows at Acme-Delco Elementary School and © the construction of an eight-classroom building for grades 4 through 8 of approximately 11,000 square feet and related site improvements, the removal of temporary buildings and the acquisition of any necessary land at Cerro Gordo Elementary School (the “Project”); **and**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the “Board”) has determined to proceed with the financing pursuant to said Section 160A-20 of a portion of the cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,132,537.50 (the “Amount Advanced”), and it is necessary to approve an installment financing contract, a deed of trust and other documents and approve and authorize certain actions in connection therewith; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 54F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the County has received an allocation of qualified school construction bond authority in an amount of not less than \$3,132,537.50 and desires that its obligation to repay the Amount Advanced under the Installment Financing Contract (as hereinafter defined) constitute a taxable direct payment qualified school construction bond pursuant to Section 54F of the Code; **and**

WHEREAS, there have been presented for consideration by the Board copies of the following documents relating to such matter:

- (a) a draft of an Installment Financing Contract, between the County and Branch Banking and Trust Company (the “Installment Financing Contract”), under which Branch Banking and Trust Company (the “Bank”) would advance the Amount Advanced to finance a portion of the cost of the Project and the County would be obligated to make Installment Payments (as defined therein) to repay the Amount Advanced and to make certain other payments, among other requirements, such obligations being subject to termination by the County under certain circumstances as provided therein;
- (b) a draft of a Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the “Deed of Trust”) which the County would execute and deliver to a trustee for the benefit of the Bank and which would encumber the site of Cerro Gordo Elementary School and the improvements on such site and certain related property, subject to certain exceptions, as security for the County’s obligation to repay the Amount Advanced and any other funds advanced to it pursuant to the Installment Financing Contract;
- © a draft of an Agreement Concerning Certain School Improvements (the “Administrative Agreement”) between the Board of Education and the County, under which the Board of Education would convey to the County the site of Cerro Gordo Elementary School and the improvements thereon by a General Warranty Deed and undertake certain responsibilities with respect to the Project as described therein; and
- (d) a draft of a Lease (the “Lease”) between the County, as lessor, and the Board of Education, as lessee, which provides for the lease by the County to the Board of Education of the site of Cerro Gordo Elementary School and the improvements thereon as a part of such plan to finance a portion of the cost of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby confirms that the Project and its use are essential for improved public education in the County and the Project will permit the County to carry out public functions that it is authorized by law to perform.

Section 2. The Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the County to enter into the Installment Financing Contract, the Deed of Trust, the Administrative Agreement and the Lease in order to effectuate the financing of a portion of the cost of the Project as described above.

Section 3. The form and content of the Installment Financing Contract, the Deed of Trust, the Administrative Agreement and the Lease, each of which will be a valid, legal and binding obligation of the County in accordance with its terms, are hereby approved in all respects and the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager of the County, the Finance Director of the County, the County Attorney of the County and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Installment Financing Contract, the Deed of Trust, the Administrative Agreement and the Lease, as may be applicable, in substantially the forms presented to the Board, together with

such additions, changes, modifications and deletions as they, with the advice of counsel, may deem necessary and appropriate, and such execution and delivery shall be conclusive evidence of the approval and authorization thereof by the Board and the County; provided, however, that the due date of the final Installment Payment is not later than December 31, 2028 and that the Amount Advanced does not exceed \$3,132,537.50.

Section 4. The Board hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the actions of the County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the County in connection with this matter.

Section 5. The officers and employees of the County are authorized and directed (without limitation except as may be expressly set forth herein) to take such other actions and to execute and deliver such other documents, certificates, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as they, with the advice of counsel, may deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Installment Financing Contract, the Deed of Trust, the Administrative Agreement and the Lease.

Section 6. The County hereby designates its obligation to repay the Amount Advanced under the Installment Financing Contract a qualified school construction bond for the purposes of Section 54F(a)(3) of the Code and hereby makes an irrevocable election on its books and records that Section 6431(f) of the Code will apply to such obligation to repay the Amount Advanced.

Section 7. If any section, phrase or provision of this resolution is for any reason declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions of this resolution.

Section 8. All motions, orders, resolutions, ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon E. McKenzie, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, P. Edwin Russ, Trent Burroughs, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.

Noes: None.

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I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on January 7, 2013 as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 33 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page 129 and ending on page ____.

I **HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY** that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 8th day of January 2013.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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

Agenda Item #11: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - APPROVAL of MEMBERSHIP LIST:

David McPherson, Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, requested Board approval of the following membership list for the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Billy Hobbs	Bobby Worley	Dana Mauldin	Les High
David McPherson	Mark Cox	Deuce Niven	Travis Paul
Edwin Russ	Dalton Dockery	Tony Miller	Jeremy Jernigan
Kay Worley	Scott Merritt	Robin Wetherington	Kim Smith
Sheila Johnson	Allen Johnson	Kip McClary	Tony Soles
Tom Buller	Peter Yurgel		

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the aforelisted membership list for the Local Emergency Planning Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed..

Agenda Item #12: AGING - APPROVAL of TITLE III-D EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH PROMOTION FUNDS:

Ed Worley , Director of Aging, requested Board approval of Title III-D Evidence Based Health Promotion Funds through Cape Fear Council of Governments, in the amount of \$4,000.00 with a 10% County match of \$440.00.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the Title III-D Evidence Based Health Promotion Funds through Cape Fear Council of Governments, in the amount of \$4,000.00 with a 10% County match of \$440.00, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: AIRPORT - APPROVAL of AGREEMENT for AIRPORT SAFETY/MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (FIVE YEAR TERM) by ADOPTION of RESOLUTION:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the Agreement for Airport Safety/Maintenance Project (Five Year Term) for Columbus County Municipal Airport, by approval and adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolution of the Sponsor

A motion was made by Ricky Bullard, Columbus County Commissioner, and seconded by P. Edwin Russ, Columbus County Commissioner, for the adoption of the following resolution, upon being put to a vote it was duly adopted:

THAT WHEREAS Columbus County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”) has requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as “Department”) to provide and oversee safety improvements on the operational surfaces of the Columbus County Municipal Airport; **and**

WHEREAS, the Department has agreed to provide safety improvement services as defined in Paragraph 1 of the Agreement in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 63.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Sponsor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an Agreement with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to fulfillment of its obligation as incurred under this resolution and its Agreement with the Department.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the Agreement for Airport

Safety/Maintenance Project (Five Year Term) for Columbus County Municipal Airport, by approval and adoption of the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Agreement will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

Agenda Item #14: HEALTH - SUPPORT of PARTNERSHIP and ASSISTANCE with POTENTIAL LAND DONATION PROSPECTS:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, requested Board approval of a potential partnership with East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine, and assistance with potential land donation prospects.

Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. I have with me tonight Dr. Darryl Diefes, the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Health;
2. Thank you Nicole for the excellent article you prepared for The News Reporter;
3. We have an opportunity to have a Community Service Learning Center placed in our County by East Carolina University;
4. This discussion was started back in 2006 when they were given the money by the General Assembly to form a dental school;
5. A few weeks ago, we had the firm that is doing the research as to where to locate these Community Research Learning Centers' representative Robert Powell and Dr. Michael Shultz, the Director of the Community Learning Centers, came and met with Dr. Diefes and myself;
6. I think we have a good shot at this, and we are in competition with Brunswick County for this Community Service Learning Center;
7. Their goal is to have ten (10) Community Service Learning Centers;
8. They have opened up one (1) in Ahoskie, the second one is supposed to open up in Elizabeth City, they broke ground in Sylva and Lexington;
9. In our area, we have four (4) students within the four (4) county area that is going to this dental school;
10. We do have a Children's Pediatric Health Clinic, and I cannot keep a dentist on board longer than a year;
11. I don't have the money to pay what a large university can pay;
12. There are a lot of adults in our County that need dental work and cannot afford to pay for the dental work;
13. We have a lot of Medicaid in our County, and not all of the dentists are taking Medicaid payments;
14. What I am asking from you is support in trying to find a piece of land that someone will donate to East Carolina University for this Community Service Learning Center;
15. They need two to three (2-3) acres of land, and they have the plans for the approximately 10,000 square foot building with ten (10) treatment rooms; **and**
16. They will be hiring local people.

Chairman Diefes stated the following:

1. East Carolina will be responsible for the construction of the building;
2. All they are asking from Columbus County is the donation of the land;
3. They will supply the faculty members, and the main faculty member will be someone who lives in the County;
4. The entire mission of the East Carolina Dental School is to begin to find a way to treat the under served North Carolinians in rural areas;
5. Chapel Hill has done a great job in training dentists but they tend to go to the metropolitan areas; **and**
6. We are trying to get dental students accepted for East Carolina University east of I-95.

For clarification purposes, Commissioner Prevatte asked if they were asking the Board to help to locate a potential person who would donate this land. Ms. Smith replied stating they were not asking the County for the donation of the land, but to help locate someone who would be willing to do this.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve to help locate a person who would be willing to donate two to three (2-3) acres of land to East Carolina University for a Community Service Learning Center, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of DOWN EAST CONNECT FARMERS FRESH MARKET GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension Director, requested Board approval of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Cycle 4 with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by adoption of the following Down East Connect Farmers Fresh Market Grant Project Ordinance.

**DOWN EAST CONNECT FARMERS FRESH MARKET GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
Adoption Date: January 7, 2013**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is **HEREBY ADOPTED**:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Down East Connect Farmers Fresh Market.

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the grant.

SECTION 3. The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2013/2014.

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project as of January 2013.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	AMOUNT
	NC Department of Agriculture and Consumers Sciences Grant Award	\$40,000.00
TOTAL:		\$40,000.00

SECTION 5. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	AMOUNT
	Salaries and Wages / Executive Director	\$12,000.00
	Project Manager	\$20,000.00
	Driver	\$4,000.00
	Contractor/Consultant	\$4,000.00
TOTAL:		\$40,000.00

SECTION 6: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. She shall keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION 7: Copies of the Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for directions in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of January, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **CHARLES McDOWELL, Chairman**

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

Mr. Dockery stated the following:

1. One of our agents, Howard Wallace, wrote a grant for the Down East Connect Project and was awarded \$40,000.00;
2. This will look at fostering and continuing to work with the Down East Connect Project;
3. There are no matching funds to this grant but I need the Board to accept these funds; **and**

4. These funds will go toward salaries, they have a Project Manager, an Executive Director and a driver that make all this work.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. There is a Project Manager, a Consultant and an Executive Director;
2. The Project Manager works with the farmers;
3. The Executive Director works with the Board and helps with the spending of the money;
4. Joshua Heinberg, located in New Hanover County is the Executive Director;
5. Who keeps the percentage of the money from the products that are sold after the farmers are given their percentage, and what is this money being used for?;
6. The program being initially set up for the growers in Columbus County;
7. Some counties that started this type program have went defunct;
8. We have sold over \$75,000.00 of products since the program started;
9. There are some issues with the program;
10. Columbus County has received grants amounting to \$76,000.00 with no cost to the County;
and
11. Answers to these questions will be obtained and given to the Clerk to be shared with the County Commissioners.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to accept the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Cycle 4 with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by adoption of the Down East Connect Farmers Fresh Market Grant Project Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL to ACCEPT the BUILDING REUSE and RESTORATION GRANT on BEHALF of MAXPRO MANUFACTURING, LLC:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval to accept the \$312,000.00 Building Reuse and Restoration Grant from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center on behalf of MaxPro Manufacturing, LLC (Project Cinema).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to accept the \$312,000.00 Building Reuse and Restoration Grant from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center on behalf of MaxPro Manufacturing, LLC (Project Cinema), seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE of COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY to the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT to NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE § 160A-274:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Approving Sale of County Owned Property to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160A-274.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE of COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY
to the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE § 160A-274**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus owns a certain parcel located in Welches Creek Township of Columbus County containing 1.72 acres; **and**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has by this resolution declared the aforementioned property to be surplus to its needs; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation desires to purchase 0.071 acres of said parcel for an additional highway right of way; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has offered to purchase the property for \$100.00:

THEREFORE, the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the sale of the aforementioned County owned property to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
2. The sale price for the aforementioned property is \$100.00.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 7th day of January, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Mr. Stephens stated the following:

1. They are asking to extend the State right-of-way on County property;
2. This is located on Red Hill Road at the bridge at Welches Creek; **and**
3. They have offered the County \$100.00 for 0.07 acre.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Approving Sale of County Owned Property to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160A-274, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS//RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Department of Aging Advisory Council Motion: Commissioner Russ Second: Commissioner Burroughs	EB	Lynwood Norris (Commissioner Representative)	12/2012	Commissioner McKenzie
Home and Community Care Block Grant Motion: Commissioner Byrd Second: Commissioner Prevatte	EB	Lynwood Norris (Commissioner Representative)	12/2012	Commissioner Burroughs
E-911 Oversight Committee ***Served Maximum 8 year term)	II III IV V	Mike Bartley *** William Rushing Alton C. Edwards*** Jerry Hodges***	12/2012 12/2012 12/2012 12/2012	HOLD RE-APPOINT HOLD HOLD
Travel and Tourism Board	II III IV V	Greg Parker Ernestine Keaton Nancy Sigmon Diane Nobles Ward	12/2012 12/2012 12/2012 12/2012	RE-APPOINT HOLD HOLD APPOINT

Agenda Item #19: PURCHASING/SAFETY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing/Safety Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

Purchasing data is between July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

1. January 2012 - obtained re-certification for “Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer” through the Institute of Government;
2. Provide various services to all departments;

3. Processed 1,270 purchase orders (last year 1,427);
4. Property/liability insurance;
5. Fleet vehicle maintenance;
6. Maintain titles and required paperwork on all registered vehicles and trailers;
7. In charge of central warehouse;
8. Held surplus sale April 2012, collected \$22,685 total;
9. All "land" telephone issues (31 reported - last year 67);
10. Purchasing and business credit cards; **and**
11. Handle cell phones, fuel cards and copier program.

Safety data is between January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

1. Safety incidents in 2011 - 37 (2010 - 51);
2. Recordable incidents - 10 (2010 - 13)
3. All OSHA reporting and annual data;
4. Investigate all incident/injuries;
5. Safety Committee - meets monthly at a different department, a safety audit is performed at that location;
6. Training - Annual Safety and Defensive Driving; **and**
7. Completed NIMS All-Hazard Safety Officer Training through FEMA.

Agenda Item #20: RECREATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Julie Strickland, Recreation Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. We have a seven (7) member staff;
2. We take lots of pride in the work that we do whether it is big or small;
3. We continue to make junctures with civic organizations and community organizations due to the tight economy;
4. We have completed 55 different projects at 17 different facilities;
5. We have done aeration and tilling at 22 athletic fields;
6. We have mowed approximately 5,450 acres of grass;
7. The majority of my equipment is 15+ years old;
8. We maintained 185 acres of land mass;
9. Installed or replaced 6,000 linear feet of wire fencing at buildings and installed 12 gates at 4 different facilities and preventive fence maintenance at all facilities;
10. Transported 172 sets of bleachers for use by festivals, events and programs throughout the County;
11. We have provided 24 programs throughout the County with an excess of 12,000 people in attendance or participating;
12. We have been at 195 meetings or community functions in the last 14 months; **and**
13. The biggest accolade we have is we are now located above ground in a double wide trailer and most of our equipment is in one location.

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

At 7:28 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 03, 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 #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the November, 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 7:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	3,368
Revenue	10-3431-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	3,368
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	1,965
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue - Sheriff	1,965

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Tax Refunds and

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,012.17
Johnson, Willie	PROPERTY: 26655	Total:	\$1,139.37
Value: \$13,800.00	Year: 03-12	Account: 14-07600	Bill#: 99999
Release value of land. DBL Act#14-07580 Matthew Johnson . Release Welches Creek(101.76), release Columbus Rescue(25.44)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$98.01
Mason, Veronica	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$780.88
Value: \$3,528.00	Year: 09-12	Account: 13-01502	Bill#: 99999
Release value of mobile home. Demolished and replaced. Act#13-00636. Release Klondyke Fire(8.41), release Columbus Rescue(2.41) release Water District II(10.17) release late list (10.88)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$15.53
Meggs, Christopher Wayne	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$20.02
Value: \$1,905.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-26623	Bill#: 25911
Release portion of value on boat. Listed in Bladen County.			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$132.85
Ward, Bobby Joe	PROPERTY: 8221	Total:	\$149.15
Value: \$16,300.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-25975	Bill#: 41716
Release portion of value. D/W was moved off in 2011. Release Old Dock(13.04), release Columbus Rescue(3.26)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$4.33
Wise, David & Sherry	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$6.63
Value: \$531.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-39861	Bill#: 44853
Release value of boat. Not runnable. Release Riegel Rescue(1.59), release Columbus Rescue(.11) release late list(.60)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Etheridge, Paul Harvey	PROPERTY: 6778	Total:	\$218.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-06280	Bill#: 9571
Refund user fee. Vacant without a can.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Allgood, Fred T. & Mary Ann		PROPERTY: 4446	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 01-02301	Bill#: 97824
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Black, Audrey Inman		PROPERTY: 21357	Total: \$109.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-01743	Bill#: 422
Release portion of user fee. Can delivered June 2012.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bright, Bobby		PROPERTY: 19707	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 11-03800	Bill#: 1531
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9-7-04			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Callahan, Colby		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$90.81
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 07-03644	Bill#: 3631
Release portion of user fee. Mobile home sold			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Clifton, Jamie		PROPERTY: 23905	Total: \$98.27
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-01104	Bill#: 5299
Release user fee. Can picked up 3/2012			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Collier, Ralph (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 949	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 01-15900	Bill#: 5680
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Cribb, Michael		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-05622	Bill#: 6638
Release user fee. Can picked up 1-6-2010 Dwelling Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Davis, Corene Graham & Howard		PROPERTY: 1128	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 01-00997	Bill#: 7240
Release user fee. Dwelling Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Deutsche Bank Nat'l Trust c/o Joan		PROPERTY: 17577	Total: \$136.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 10-01159	Bill#: 33170
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Duncan, C W		PROPERTY: 12875	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 07-03500	Bill#: 8340
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Farnum, Valarie Michalle		PROPERTY: 94839	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 11-04732	Bill#: 9948
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/20/12			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Fipps, Terry Robert		PROPERTY: 81407	Total: \$109.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-02462	Bill#: 10350
Release portion of user fee. Can received July 2012.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Freeman, Henry Wells		PROPERTY: 19100	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 11-09660	Bill#: 11514
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Gore, Joseph P.		PROPERTY: 15939	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-11443	Bill#: 13500
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Hedgepeth, Robert Linwood		PROPERTY: 14460	Total: \$131.00

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Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 8-08460	Bill#: 16473
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jones, Betty Lennon		PROPERTY: 26438	Total: \$441.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 11-12	Account: 14-07681	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee yrs 2011 and 2012. Can picked up 7-8-2010 Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Allene L.		PROPERTY: 7306	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-01517	Bill#: 22680
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Meadows, Leslie R.		PROPERTY: 93520	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-00219	Bill#: 25747
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11-12-09			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mongiello, Joan		PROPERTY: 17577	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 10-04422	Bill#: 26695
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Morgan, Winona C.		PROPERTY: 17577	Total: \$128.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2010	Account: 10-00109	Bill#: 54116
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Nobles, David G.		PROPERTY: 25139	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-29620	Bill#: 28046
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Pope, James Morris		PROPERTY: 75852	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 11-20722	Bill#: 30139
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Price, Dixie Grainger (ETALS)		PROPERTY: 11005	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 06-04114	Bill#: 30826
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Prince, William B. (Sr.) & Miriam G.		PROPERTY: 86872	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-05137	Bill#: 31232
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Rivas, Hugo & Fabiola B.		PROPERTY: 78179	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 14-05557	Bill#: 32389
Release user fee. Shop uses a commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sarvis, Danny Richard & coleman Paul		PROPERTY: 16712	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-03625	Bill#: 33327
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Smith, T V & Joyce		PROPERTY: 13490	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 07-04404	Bill#: 36154
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2-6-09			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Soles, Liston & Mona Faye		PROPERTY: 25566	Total: \$18.13
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-37380	Bill#: 36403
Release portion of user fee. Vacant. Can picked up 11/28/12			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Soles, Lorena Jordan		PROPERTY: 24172	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-00346	Bill#: 36407
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Spivey, Patsy		PROPERTY: 61627	Total: \$218.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 09-27273	Bill#: 37179
Release user fee. Shop vacant .			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Thurman, Lucille		PROPERTY: 20285	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 11-27737	Bill#: 39893
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/3/05			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Walker, Zack & Lillian (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 18411	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 10-18140	Bill#: 41452
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Bobby Joe		PROPERTY: 8221	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-25975	Bill#: 41716
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Purl Otto Ward Jr.		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$18.13
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 02-02134	Bill#: 42246
Release portion of user fee. Vacant. Can picked up 11/27/12			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Wells Johnnie F. (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 29712	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-38580	Bill#: 43128
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2-3-2011			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Williams, Connie M.		PROPERTY: 23132	Total: \$145.48
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-01155	Bill#: 43787
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4-2012			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Williams, Marian Wells		PROPERTY: 18423	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 10-18560	Bill#: 44016
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Wright, Samuel		PROPERTY: 17406	Total: \$508.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 10-02038	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Years 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Young, Alden (Jr.)		PROPERTY: 9565	Total: \$72.68
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 04-05158	Bill#: 45547
Release user fee. Can picked up 5/10/12 Dwelling vacant.			

Agenda Item #24: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
 - a. The tentative date for our visit to our sister city process in China is in April, 2013;
 - b. We will be leaving out of Raleigh on April 27, 2013, and we will return the next Friday night;
 - c. I will be checking with their mayor to see if this will fit into their schedules; **and**
 - d. I need to know who is interested in going because I will need to do the passports, the VISA applications and other related paperwork pretty soon.

2. **Kimberly Smith, Health Director:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to invite everyone to come by and get your flu shot;
 - b. Make sure you wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands; **and**
 - c. If you are going to China, go by the Health Department and make sure you have had your vaccines.

3. **Sheriff Batten:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to make a followup comment to the school board's request;
 - b. In the essence of things, it would be moving in the right direction to put security in the schools;
 - c. It is a logistical nightmare when you jump into it in the middle of a budget year;
 - d. We are not equipped as far as vehicles and equipment goes, to put Resource Officers in the schools right now;
 - e. When we originated the Resource Officers, the school did pay for uniforms, and all the equipment it took to equip each officer up front, and then after that there was no more expense to the school for that, and that is an additional cost of approximately \$45,000.00;
 - f. I do support this, but we can't put Resource Officers in the schools with what we have to work with right now; **and**
 - g. I would like to suggest that when you meet with the two (2) school boards that you allow myself and Chief Britt to sit in on the meeting so we can hear what the discussion is and offer our input if there is anything that needs to be said.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. Kip, I understand there have been five (5) names submitted for water testing in the Hallsboro area, and are there any funding to pay for these tests?
Kip McClary: There is no funding at this time.; **and**
 - b. Mr. Clark, will you check with Drew Cox on the paving of Mitchell Cemetery Road.
2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. Kay, how are the radio systems?
Kay Worley: replied stating the following:
-we are moving forward with it;
-we do have the tower site up at Tabor City and everyone seems to be happy with it;
-when we put the site up at Tabor City, we realigned the antennas at Nakina, and that is good;
-we hope to have the antenna up at Chacbourn, we are taking down the antenna there and putting up a bigger one, and that should help the Chadbourn, Cerro Gordo and Evergreen area, and we will try to have that done this week;
 - b. I understand that quite a few beavers have been caught;
 - c. I would like to commend all the County personnel for going out seeking things to bring to our County; **and**
 - d. On the school Resource officers, the schools did not plan for this, it is a serious matter that needs to be taken into serious consideration.
3. **Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:
 - a. I hope there is a meeting scheduled soon for the Wellness Center;
 - b. We need to have a photo session in the near future, and I would like to do this at the first meeting in February;
 - c. I would like to thank Nicole for the article they did with the map on the parking issues; **and**
 - d. I would like to thank Sheriff Batten and Chief Britt for volunteering to meet with the school systems, and we hope to meet in February, and I would like for you to contact the Clerk with this information.

C. County Manager (William S. Clark):

1. The power company got here early and they have putting up electrical service poles and taking some poles down;
2. They will start the demolition by the end of the week; **and**
3. When we get the buildings torn down and get the lot leveled out, before we start the actual construction of the courthouse, I think it would be appropriate to have a groundbreaking.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (4) Economic Development, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Item #25: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:17 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman McDowell requested that Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“The Economic Development Director discussed with the Board of Commissioners matters relating to the location or expansion of an industry. The Economic Development Director also discussed a resolution in support of the Project Green application.”*

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the following Resolution of Support for Grant Application to North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for Project Green, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for GRANT APPLICATION
to NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Economic Development Commission has locally identified a project for a corporation as Project Green; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is experiencing a current unemployment rate of 11.4%, and is in need of all available opportunities to provide employment to our citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, Project Green is a manufacturing operation; **and**

WHEREAS, Project Green has committed to create multiple jobs within eighteen (18) months of the grant award; **and**

WHEREAS, Project Green has committed to retain the newly created jobs for a minimum of six (6) months; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County will commit to an incentive grant which will fulfill the five percent (5%) cash match requirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, support a grant application to North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for the project known locally to the Columbus County Economic Development Commission as Project Green.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**

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

Agenda Item 26: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:23 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

**_____
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**_____
CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**

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

Monday, January 07, 2013

7:28 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:28 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 03, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 03, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/9/2012	302174.00.98	Lorie Bushnell	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/6/20112	600135.00.98	Linda Tedder	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/13/2012	204490.00.97	William Fipps	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/29/2012	302490.00.98	Sally Hayes	25.00	Posting Error

11/26/2012	302940.00.98	Stella Harper	(25.00)	Posting Error
11/29/2012	302940.00.98	Stella Harper	(5.00)	Posting Error

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

OTHER:

REQUEST for WORKSHOP:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated the following:

1. Recently, the Board approved combining the five (5) water districts throughout the County into one (1) water system;
2. In the process, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, recommended that we do a study related to the financing of that, and how to structure that so that everything works as it should, and we are moving forward with that;
3. We would like to request a workshop before the next Commissioners' Meeting to bring in someone who has experience in that area to do a presentation to you relating to the structure that we would need to create to make this happen;
4. We have looked at some organizations that do this type of study;
5. We have been given the opportunity to bring in someone who has had over 30 years of experience managing public utilities for Harnett County;
6. He is now retired and has been retained by Green Engineering, and his name is Rodney Tart;
7. Mr. Tart has 30+ years of experience in financing, structuring of water utilities, and was instrumental in building the water system for Harnett County;
8. He has a lot of insight he can bring in related to financing, structuring and putting us in a position so that as we do move forward with future projects, we take into consideration things that may be necessary to keep our structures as they should be to give us the most advantage for future funding, future financing and things of that nature; **and**
9. We would like to request bringing Mr. Tart in at 5:00 P.M. at the next Commissioners' Meeting and let him do a presentation and give you an overview of some of the things that we have already been looking at here, and then let him give some discussion as to how we need to move forward, and if we need to move forward with his expertise or look for someone else.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a workshop for a presentation from Rodney Tart on the combination of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 5:00 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, January 07, 2013

7:28 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:28 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 03, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 03, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/7/2012	111640.00.87	Timothy Moody	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/13/2012	111793.00.96	Jaqueline Battle	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/27/2012	120150.00.96	Dana Keel	(52.00)	Customer Leak
11/29/2012	112130.00.98	Billy Hood	33.00	Returned Bank Draft

11/29/2012	112130.00.98	Billy Hood	25.00	Returned Bank Draft Fee
11/30/2012	132974.00.97	Jay Lampe	(414.00)	Customer Leak

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2012 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

OTHER:

REQUEST for WORKSHOP:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated the following:

1. Recently, the Board approved combining the five (5) water districts throughout the County into one (1) water system;
2. In the process, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, recommended that we do a study related to the financing of that, and how to structure that so that everything works as it should, and we are moving forward with that;
3. We would like to request a workshop before the next Commissioners' Meeting to bring in someone who has experience in that area to do a presentation to you relating to the structure that we would need to create to make this happen;
4. We have looked at some organizations that do this type of study;
5. We have been given the opportunity to bring in someone who has had over 30 years of experience managing public utilities for Harnett County;
6. He is now retired and has been retained by Green Engineering, and his name is Rodney Tart;
7. Mr. Tart has 30+ years of experience in financing, structuring of water utilities, and was instrumental in building the water system for Harnett County;
8. He has a lot of insight he can bring in related to financing, structuring and putting us in a position so that as we do move forward with future projects, we take into consideration things that may be necessary to keep our structures as they should be to give us the most advantage for future funding, future financing and things of that nature; **and**
9. We would like to request bringing Mr. Tart in at 5:00 P.M. at the next Commissioners' Meeting and let him do a presentation and give you an overview of some of the things that we have already been looking at here, and then let him give some discussion as to how we need to move forward, and if we need to move forward with his expertise or look for someone else.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a workshop for a presentation from Rodney Tart on the combination of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 5:00 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, January 07, 2013

7:28 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:28 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 03, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 03, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/6/2012	380875.00.98	Ronnie Walker	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/15/2012	350650.00.98	Chris Dew	46.00	Returned Check
11/15/2012	350650.00.98	Chris Dew	25.00	Returned Check Fee

11/20/2012	341135.00.98	Charles Wilkins	(5.00)	Billing Error
11/29/2012	350650.00.98	Chris Dew	30.00	Late Penalty Fee

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

OTHER:

REQUEST for WORKSHOP:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated the following:

1. Recently, the Board approved combining the five (5) water districts throughout the County into one (1) water system;
2. In the process, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, recommended that we do a study related to the financing of that, and how to structure that so that everything works as it should, and we are moving forward with that;
3. We would like to request a workshop before the next Commissioners' Meeting to bring in someone who has experience in that area to do a presentation to you relating to the structure that we would need to create to make this happen;
4. We have looked at some organizations that do this type of study;
5. We have been given the opportunity to bring in someone who has had over 30 years of experience managing public utilities for Harnett County;
6. He is now retired and has been retained by Green Engineering, and his name is Rodney Tart;
7. Mr. Tart has 30+ years of experience in financing, structuring of water utilities, and was instrumental in building the water system for Harnett County;
8. He has a lot of insight he can bring in related to financing, structuring and putting us in a position so that as we do move forward with future projects, we take into consideration things that may be necessary to keep our structures as they should be to give us the most advantage for future funding, future financing and things of that nature; **and**
9. We would like to request bringing Mr. Tart in at 5:00 P.M. at the next Commissioners' Meeting and let him do a presentation and give you an overview of some of the things that we have already been looking at here, and then let him give some discussion as to how we need to move forward, and if we need to move forward with his expertise or look for someone else.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a workshop for a presentation from Rodney Tart on the combination of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 5:00 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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

Monday, January 07, 2013

7:28 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:28 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 03, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 03, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/26/12	430298.00.98	Mark Brewer	(35.00)	Posting Error
11/26/12	430298,.00.98	Mark Brewer	(5.00)	Posting Error

11/26/2012	430289.00.97	Abraham Bustos	35.00	Posting Error
11/27/2012	430082.00.98	Ricky Patrick	(191.00)	Customer Leak
11/28/2012	430241.00.97	Georgianna Smith	(26.00)	Posting Error
11/28/2012	430241.00.97	Georgianna Smith	(5.00)	Posting Error
11/28/2012	430421.00.97	Gary Bass, Jr.	26.00	Posting Error
11/29/2012	410000.00.98	John Breton	26.00	Retuned Bank Draft
11/29/2012	430396.00.98	Linda Buffkin	(168.00)	Customer Leak
11/30/2012	430580.00.98	Irene Brown	(116.00)	Customer Leak

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

OTHER:

REQUEST for WORKSHOP:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated the following:

1. Recently, the Board approved combining the five (5) water districts throughout the County into one (1) water system;
2. In the process, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, recommended that we do a study related to the financing of that, and how to structure that so that everything works as it should, and we are moving forward with that;
3. We would like to request a workshop before the next Commissioners' Meeting to bring in someone who has experience in that area to do a presentation to you relating to the structure that we would need to create to make this happen;
4. We have looked at some organizations that do this type of study;
5. We have been given the opportunity to bring in someone who has had over 30 years of experience managing public utilities for Harnett County;
6. He is now retired and has been retained by Green Engineering, and his name is Rodney Tart;
7. Mr. Tart has 30+ years of experience in financing, structuring of water utilities, and was instrumental in building the water system for Harnett County;
8. He has a lot of insight he can bring in related to financing, structuring and putting us in a position so that as we do move forward with future projects, we take into consideration things that may be necessary to keep our structures as they should be to give us the most advantage for future funding, future financing and things of that nature; **and**
9. We would like to request bringing Mr. Tart in at 5:00 P.M. at the next Commissioners' Meeting and let him do a presentation and give you an overview of some of the things that we have already been looking at here, and then let him give some discussion as to how we need to move forward, and if we need to move forward with his expertise or look for someone else.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a workshop for a presentation from Rodney Tart on the combination of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 5:00 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, January 07, 2013

7:28 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:28 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

December 03, 2012 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 03, 2012 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER, 2012 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2012

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/7/2012	709172.00.98	David Greiner	25.00	Disconnect Fee
11/13/2012	800133.00.98	Samuel Gore	25.00	Disconnect Fee

11/20/2012	706300.00.97	Samasiha Coleman	(5.00)	Billing Error
11/26/2012	709775.00.96	Delores Williams	(248.00)	Customer Leak
11/27/2012	800522.00.95	Tanya Smith	50.00	Tampering Fee 10/04/2012
11/27/2012	800522.00.95	Tanya Smith	50.00	Tampering Fee 10/19/2012
11/27/2012	800522.00.95	Tanya Smith	50.00	Tampering Fee 11/20/2012
11/30/2012	800522.00.95	Tanya Smtih	123.00	Broken Setter Fee

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

OTHER:

REQUEST for WORKSHOP:

Kip McClary, Public Utilities Director, stated the following:

1. Recently, the Board approved combining the five (5) water districts throughout the County into one (1) water system;
2. In the process, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, recommended that we do a study related to the financing of that, and how to structure that so that everything works as it should, and we are moving forward with that;
3. We would like to request a workshop before the next Commissioners’ Meeting to bring in someone who has experience in that area to do a presentation to you relating to the structure that we would need to create to make this happen;
4. We have looked at some organizations that do this type of study;
5. We have been given the opportunity to bring in someone who has had over 30 years of experience managing public utilities for Harnett County;
6. He is now retired and has been retained by Green Engineering, and his name is Rodney Tart;
7. Mr. Tart has 30+ years of experience in financing, structuring of water utilities, and was instrumental in building the water system for Harnett County;
8. He has a lot of insight he can bring in related to financing, structuring and putting us in a position so that as we do move forward with future projects, we take into consideration things that may be necessary to keep our structures as they should be to give us the most advantage for future funding, future financing and things of that nature; **and**
9. We would like to request bringing Mr. Tart in at 5:00 P.M. at the next Commissioners’ Meeting and let him do a presentation and give you an overview of some of the things that we have already been looking at here, and then let him give some discussion as to how we need to move forward, and if we need to move forward with his expertise or look for someone else.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a workshop for a presentation from Rodney Tart on the combination of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 5:00 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:34 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman