

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 20, 2015
6:30 P. M

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time In the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex building, located at 112 West Smith St., Whiteville, NC, for the purpose of conducting their regularly scheduled meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**
Samantha Alsup, **Deputy Clerk**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

PUBLIC HEARING #1: Revisions proposed to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:45 pm, Chairman Burroughs opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from any interested party on the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

Planning Director Gary Lanier explained the proposed changes to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance:

- The term “Conditional Use” permit will now be the “Special Use” permit due to the proposed new planning legislation, NCGS 160D, which also changed the terminology.
- The addition and creation of the Columbus County Board of Adjustment, including its duties as a quasi-judicial board, for variances, special use permits and appeals of administrative decisions.
- The makeup of the Board of Adjustment which has seven members would be 5 regular members and 2 alternates with the two alternates rotating every hearing.
- It takes a 4/5th majority to issue a special use permit.
- Chairman Burroughs asked that the language as to where the members will come from be changed to state the members of the Board of Adjustment will be appointed from each County Commissioner’s district.
- Commissioner McDowell questioned the rotation procedure of the alternates that the rotation procedure may discourage alternate board members from attending the hearing . Mr. Lanier explained that they would not necessarily know that they are the alternate until they arrive.
- Chairman Burroughs, Vice Chairman Bullard and Commissioner McDowell stated they want to see stringent requirements for solar farms included in the Land Use Regulation Ordinance or in a separate solar farm ordinance. Such requirements should include creating vegetative buffers for adjacent residential lots, adjacent non-residential lots where the landowner requests a vegetative buffer and property lots with road frontage.
- Chairman Burroughs said that this was pretty much the consensus of the board and they are advising that this be done before the next quasi-judicial hearing on a solar farm application.
- Mr. Lanier said that these changes can be made before the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Stephens pointed out that if we are going to make additional changes we will need to have another public hearing and make those changes available to the public prior to the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:55pm, the Public Hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING #2: Whether the County Commissioners should approve a proposed installment financing agreement to finance a portion of the cost of renovating the historic courthouse and to assist several water and sewer districts in refunding certain indebtedness of said districts.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 7:00 pm, Chairman Burroughs opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from any interested party on a proposed installment financing agreement to finance a portion of the cost of renovating the historic courthouse and to assist several water and sewer districts in refunding certain indebtedness of said districts. Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:**Finance Director Bobbie Faircloth stated the following:**

The public hearing is on the refunding of our water district debt and financing of the Historical Courthouse renovations. We're looking at refunding three (3) of our water district debts, Water District II, Water District III and Water District V, which have interest rates over 4%. In doing the refunding the Water Districts are expected to have savings over 3% as long as the market continues to hold.

Chairman Burroughs asked what the amounts were for the courthouse renovation project and the water and sewer district debt refinancing. Ms. Faircloth stated that the amount that we are borrowing for the courthouse renovation is 4 million dollars and the amount of the water and sewer districts is 14.7 million dollars.

Commissioner Byrd asked if it would be a variable interest rate or a fixed rate. Ms. Faircloth stated as far as the bonds go, it would be a variable interest rate with the estimated TIC costs being a little over 3%. Some bonds will possible be at 2%, and in later years, other bonds may reach 4% or greater.

There was no public input during this public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 7:07 pm, the Public Hearing closed.

Agenda Item #1, #2 and #3: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

At 7:08 pm, Chairman Burroughs called the Columbus County Board of Commissioners regular session meeting to order. Commissioner Bullard delivered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Prevatte.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATIONS:

On behalf of the Columbus County Commissioners, Commissioner Edwin Russ presented a Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville Rescue Unit, Incorporated. Chief Shannon Strickland accepted on behalf of Whiteville Rescue Unit.

Chairman Trent Burroughs presented a Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Tabor City Emergency Services. Chief Darren Norris accepted on behalf of Tabor City Emergency Services.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, and same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item#6: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for public comment:

Comments:

Ms. Jackie A. Ray, owner of J. Ray Realty, Inc., addressed the Board regarding the trouble she has had with parking issues in the parking lot where her business is located since the new courthouse was opened. Ms. Ray made the following statements:

- She is a taxpayer of Columbus County and City of Whiteville, and has been conducting business at that location since 2003, having started with Langston Realty.
- A year and a half ago, parking problems arose with the construction of the new courthouse and the changes to the adjacent parking lot where her office is located.
- Because of the changes to the parking lot, four parking spaces were lost and another one was lost due to the creation of green space and the addition of a new sidewalk in that lot.
- As a result, she and her staff, at times, have had to park on the sidewalk to load and unload signs and other things when doing stuff for the community. They, however, are not the only ones that have had to park like this. She can provide pictures to prove this.
- Two months ago, county employees began parking right in front of her business. She spoke with one of them about her concern for her clients' need for parking so as to access her business, but she was rudely informed that it was a county parking lot and that county employees could park there.
- She has had clients tell her that when they can't find parking at J. Ray Realty, they have on some occasions taken their business to the competitor down the street.
- At other times, when her clients park there, bailiffs have followed them in the business informing them if they don't move their cars they will get a ticket. Thankfully, Sheriff Hatcher rectified this when she went on vacation it started again,
- At times, because of having to park on the sidewalk, she has been contacted by Whiteville Police Department, even though no one else who parks on the sidewalk has been contacted.
- She concluded her remarks by making some suggestions to the Board, regarding signage and designated parking spaces in the four parking lots around the courthouse and the parking area between the tax office and the new courthouse.
- She asked the Board for some mercy, help and a possible solution to her current situation.

Commissioner Bullard told Ms. Ray that he understood her problem and asked the County Manager and County Attorney to look into what could be done due to the fact that those businesses in that lot have always had parking space available to it before the construction of the new courthouse. He asked the County Attorney if we could lease a space to her. Commissioner McDowell asked if we could designate space. County Attorney stated that the county could not lease space to Ms. Ray and regarding designation of spaces, it would be difficult to enforce that. However, he did suggest that we tell county employees not to park in those spaces so that the public can have access to those spaces when they enter those businesses. Commissioner Bullard asked the County Attorney to look into it.

Agenda Item # 7: PRESENTATION ON BEAVER TRAPPING

Terry Strickland, Beaver Trapper, spoke about beaver trapping and offered some suggestions for the beaver bounty program from a trapper's perspective and recommends some changes to the trapping laws:

- To allow possession of a water animal (otter, muskrat, raccoon, mink) from accidental catch during a legal beaver trapping season. Right now the law is that anything you catch in the trap, other than beaver, has to be thrown away. This is ridiculous.
- To allow trapping of fox with a number 2 size trap or a 4 ¾ inside jaw spread, whichever is smaller.
- To allow fox trapping in February as well as January with the same bag limit. Some counties you can trap for (4) four months, some just (1) one, and some no trapping at all is allowed. He asks that the commissioners look into extending that to two months.
- Please look at the fox laws, which are governed by the counties.
- The Bounty Program works, from a trapper's perspective. Up until the end of last year, the program only allowed 15 beavers to be trapped every two weeks, which wasn't hard to do, since trappers can catch 16-20 a day. But that restriction was lifted and now we can turn in what we catch. He asks that they continue to allow trappers to turn in what they catch.
- He and his brother have caught 1100 beavers on this program.
- Dam removal. Last couple of years he tore out over 50 dams for landowners as a courtesy and has not gotten paid for it while other agencies have gotten paid for disposing of dams and refused to do it.
- He showed photos of dams that he took out with a rake and hoe, explaining that you didn't need explosives to take out a dam. A dam should be taken out in sections -- 18 inches at a time. Anything more, could cause flooding. It's also better on the habitat downstream.
- Trappers should be paid for taking out the dams if he's there and shouldn't have to wait 2-3 weeks for someone else to do it.

- He thanked them for putting money into the program and asked them to trust the beaver trappers to do the job they asked them to do.

Commissioner Byrd noted that we want to make sure that only Columbus County beavers are being caught. Mr. Strickland stated that he has photos and video that show date and location of trapped beavers. Also landowners are responsible for tagging the beavers caught on their land. Soil and Water Conservation Director, Edward Davis, appreciates the Commissioners putting this program together and this year adding the dam removal money as well. He agreed that taking out the dams in stages as described by Mr. Strickland, even though it takes longer, lessens the possibility of property being flooded and roads being blown out downstream. That's the proper way to remove dams in more populous areas, he said.

Agenda item # 8: APPROVAL OF DOA LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR AIRPORT SAFETY/MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the request for approval of a letter of commitment for airport safety/maintenance projects and the same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 9: DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE – SOCIAL SERVICES:

Director Algernon McKenzie, Director of Social Services, delivered his monthly administrative update to the Board, and stated:

- Drug testing for the Work First program will not begin July 1, 2015, but instead will begin on August 3, 2015. Because the State has secured a provider, additional training on computer security will be necessary.
- With regard to changes to the Daycare Assistance Program, non-parent relatives (such as grandparents), who use the daycare assistance program, will not be able to participate in the program until after June 30, 2015. Because of the delay, some of these clients asked for hearings, and two hearings were held. In the interim, the Division of Child Development and Early Education agreed to extend those services to those clients for 90 days, or the end of September. Unless something changes, after that date there will be no daycare assistance for those clients. As a result, there has been a lot of criticism by daycare providers, families and other citizens to the General Assembly so hopefully, they will make it a permanent change.
- The department continues to work through the Medicaid backlog, and he is proud to announce that Columbus County was one of 71 counties that met their June 30th deadline for Medicaid re-certification. We are very proud of the hard work of our staff who put in long hours in order to meet that deadline.
- We are still working on the applications for Food and Nutrition, Medicaid applications, etc. They are continuing to increase.
- NC FAST is getting a little better. It has some glitches, especially in the Medicaid and Food and Nutrition programs. We are sending up "help tickets" to Raleigh to get the problems fixed. We are waiting for the State to send us a resolution. If it's a Medicaid issue, Raleigh makes those problems a priority.

**Monthly Administrative Update
For Service Month June 2015**

On June 10, 2015, our monthly agency staff meeting was held. Mrs. Val Southern from Community Care of Lower Cape Fear was our guest. She explained to staff the services they provide to those in need of health services. This is a service that staff can use as a resource for family who come into our agency.

During the meeting, I informed staff of the Drug Testing Policy, which will begin on July 1, 2015.

Staff was reminded to turn off computers in the evening when they leave. This will protect the loss of information and harm to the computers in the event of severe weather.

Staff was asked to leave doors open or remove anything hanging on their doors that may move at night, when the heat and air conditioning units come on. This may cause the burglar alarm to be triggered, thus, causing law enforcement and the Director to be called to the building during the night.

On June 11, 2015, I attended the Directors Executive Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC. During the meeting, the Director's Association Budget for 2015-16 was presented and approved.

We were given updates on the training for staff on Work First Drug Testing, Senate Bill 424 and the warning letter North Carolina received from USD. (Regarding Food & Nutrition timely processing).

The Division of Health and Human Services is working on a statewide case management system for Child Welfare Services. This system will be a part of NCFAST. A committee consisting of state staff, county directors, supervisors and social workers are working on a plan. This business plan will include ways to improve services, implement a statewide system and provided needed forms, etc., when it is completed. We were given a preview of the work that has been done up to this point.

On June 16, 2015, a training webinar on Work First Drug Testing was held in our conference room. I attended, along with the Program Administrator, Work First Supervisors and line workers.

On June 17, 2015, I attended the Department Managers and the Columbus County Partnership for Children's monthly meetings.

Staff are continuing to work after hours, when possible, and have made great progress in processing applications and re-certifications. We received notice on July 7, 2015, that Columbus County was one of 71 counties to meet the June 30th deadline for completing Medicaid re-certifications.

We continue to see an increase in applications in Food and Nutrition and Medicaid and experience some system slowness.

June 2015 **Economic Services**

Food & Nutrition

Applications Taken: 223
Applications Approved: 222
Active Cases: 6,483
Benefits Issued: \$1,572,961
Participants Served: 13,411

Adult Medicaid

Applications Taken: 116
Cases Terminated: 22
Redeterminations: 378

Family & Children's Medicaid

Applications Taken: 162
Applications Processed: 224
Redeterminations: 803
Total Medicaid Cases: 16,855
Total Individuals Receiving: 17,147

Child Support

Absent Parents Located: 178
Orders Enforced: 1,010
Active Cases: 4,189
Collections: \$504,397.46

June 2015 **Human Services**

Adult Services (APS)

APS Reports Accepted: 17
County Wards: 20
Adults Served via Guardianship: 20
Adults Served APS: 36
Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,605
Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$31,009.67

Children's Protective Services (CPS)

Reports Accepted: 46
 Reports Screened Out: 17
 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 46
 Children Served: 90
 Contacts with Families Monthly: 361
 Assessments: 33

Foster Care

Foster Children in Foster Homes: 62
 Children Placed Outside County: 12
 Agency Adoptions: 6
 Pending Adoptions: 15
 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 11

Work First Employment (TANF)

Applications Taken: 20
 Applications Approved: 26
 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 409
 Entered Employment: 5
 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 1

Program Integrity

Collections for Fraud: \$3,572.78
 New Referrals: 32
 Cases Established: 0

Day Care

Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 549
 Children on the Waiting List: 56
 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$187,675.25

Agenda Item # 10: PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE:

Planning Department Director, Gary Lanier, asked the Board to approve and adopt the proposed revised Columbus County Land Use Regulation. The required public hearing was held tonight at 6:30 pm. Motion by Commissioner McDowell to add an appendix for solar farms that would include stringent setback rules, vegetative buffer requirements, and a requirement to maintain the grounds of the solar farm. County Attorney Stephens stated if we want to make changes to the proposed revised Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, we would need another public hearing on those changes and let's do it all at once, not piecemeal. Commissioner McDowell withdrew his motion.

Mr. Lanier stated that at the time we created the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance which enumerated the specific types of uses that require a conditional use permit, the intent was to take our existing Campground, Adult Business Establishments and Manufactured Home/Mobile Home Ordinances (which are on the list of regulated uses requiring a conditional use permit), out of the Code of Ordinances for Columbus County and make them appendices to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. A set of guidelines for solar farms or a new ordinance on solar farms would be added as a new appendix. That way anyone who wants to do anything in Columbus County can find the information all in one place. Currently, they have to go several places to find what they are looking for. The Land Use Regulation Ordinance was designed to have appendices added to it. We can rescind those ordinances from the Code of Ordinances for Columbus County and add them to the Land Use Regulation Ordinance as appendices. Director Lanier said that is what most counties are doing now – putting all of the land use regulations in one place. Chairman Burroughs suggested that Mr. Lanier and County Attorney Mr. Stephens come up with most comprehensive way to deal with the changes that are being suggested and deal with them all at one time.

Motion made by Commissioner Prevatte to table the request to approve the proposed revision to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance as currently proposed. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda # 11: DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE -- SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff Lewis Hatcher presented the following update to the Board:

- The statistics for the 2014-2015 fiscal year include: 466 concealed carry permits, 1134 purchase permits, 7743 civil papers received, 5124 civil papers served, 1593 arrests, 193 criminal summons and 262 involuntary commitments issued.
- Additional statistics include: 11,359 dispatches, 1,362 incidents, 1,598 total offenses (from those incidents), 837 total arrests, 1,297 total charges.
- Those charges include: 96 violent crimes (with 93 arrests), 902 property crimes (with 112 arrests), 32 sex crimes (with 23 arrests), 270 drug crimes (with 178 arrests), 77 fraud (with 42 arrests), 8 arson, 83 simple assaults and 31 missing person cases or runaways.
- The jail population as of today, July 20, 2015, is 197 inmates. Commissioner McKenzie asked what the number was last week. Last week it was 192 inmates, the Sheriff replied. He added that this figure fluctuates week to week depending on what type of court is going on, for example, case management court or probation court. On these weeks people may be released from jail or be shipped to the Department of Correction after being sentenced.
- Vice Chairman Bullard asked if the County rents space in the jail to other counties. Sheriff replied no, except they do house juveniles for Bladen County because they have no space in which to keep juveniles. The jail also will swap out inmates with other counties, especially involving gang-related crimes/defendants.

Agenda #12: PARKS AND RECREATION – BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY:

Motion to approve a background check policy for volunteers and seasonal employees for the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department was made by Commissioner Byrd and seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #13: RESOLUTION -- “STEPPING UP” INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ISSNESSES IN JAIL:

Motion made by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard to approve and adopt the initiative “Stepping Up to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail”. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prevatte and was passed unanimously.

Agenda #14: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – NCDOT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR FY 2015-2016:

Motion made by Commissioner McDowell to approve the NCDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement for FY 2015-15. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #15: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR REFUNDING BONDS:

Motion made by Commissioner Byrd to approve the submission of additional documents for the authorization and issuance of general obligation refunding bonds for Water Districts II, III and V. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prevatte and passed unanimously.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts II and V and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into Combination Meeting of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES:

June 20, 2015 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 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, IV and V and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - Approval of Adjustments to Monthly Water Bills for April, May and June, 2015:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, is requesting Board approval of these adjustments. This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and

Sewer Districts I, II, IV and V and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

Agenda Item # 18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - Increase in Tap Fee for a two (2") Inch Water Service:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, is requesting Board approval of the increase in tap fee for a two (2") inch water service.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, IV and V and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - Hookup within Three Hundred (300') Feet of Existing Water Line:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, is requesting Board approval of the requirement of hookup within three hundred (300') feet of an existing water line.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, IV and V and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to ADJOURN the COMBINATION MEETING of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Amendments

| TYPE | ACCOUNT | DETAILS | AMOUNT |
|----------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| EXPENSES | 10-5301-549986 | Crisis Intervention | (277,870.00) |
| REVENUES | 10-3530-430068 | Crisis Intervention | (277,870.00) |

Tax Refunds and Release

Property Value Amount: \$61.18
 Beam, Mike **PROPERTY:** 93608 Total: \$67.26
 Value: \$7,600.00 Year: 2014 Account: 11-03936 Bill#: 59432
 Release value of camper. Sold 12/12/13. Release Hallsboro Fire(4.56) release Columbus Rescue(1.52)

Property Value Amount: \$468.63
 CIT Group/Consumer Finance Inc. The **PROPERTY:** 18204 Total: \$593.13
 Value: \$57,500.00 Year: 2008 Account: 10-04822 Bill#: 52622
 Release value of D/W. Sold at tax sale for less than total due. Release Columbus Rescue(11.50)

Property Value Amount: \$176.34
 Davis, Louise **PROPERTY:** 77842 Total: \$864.89
 Value: \$10,500.00 Year: 11-14 Account: 01-19967 Bill#: 99999
 Release value of dwelling. Home burned Dec 2011. Release Columbus Rescue(6.54)

Property Value Amount: \$468.63
 Floyd, Jasper (Sr) **PROPERTY:** 18204 Total: \$586.13
 Value: \$57,500.00 Year: 2007 Account: 10-05240 Bill#: 50108
 Release value dwelling. Release Columbus Rescue(11.50)

Property Value Amount: \$74.91
 Floyd, Larry **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$1,753.12
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 05- Account: 01-28081 Bill#: 99999

Release entire value and user fee. M/H not fit for habitation. Release Brunswick Fire(6.72) release
Columbus Rescue(1.92) release late list(7.47)

Property Value Amount: \$1,802.18
Floyd, Mary Henry (Heirs) c/o Benjamin **PROPERTY:** 0000 Total: \$1,850.60
Value: \$26,900.00 Year: 05-14 Account: 10-05580 Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Sold for legal fees and taxes. A 2014 case. Prop# 17655&17654.
Release Columbus Rescue(48.42)

Property Value Amount: \$193.92
Gaskins, Matthew **PROPERTY:** 91738 Total: \$441.38
Value: \$23,500.00 Year: 2014 Account: 06-05245 Bill#: 72217
Release value of dwelling and user fee. Home moved in 2013. Release Yam City
Fire(24.09) release Columbus Rescue(4.82)release late list(.55)

Property Value Amount: \$60.95
Lacewell, Pamela Yvonne **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$925.84
Value: \$2,147.00 Year: 08-12 Account: 15-22799 Bill#: 99999
Release entire value of m/h. Does not own this home. Billed in Bladen County. Release
Acme Delco(8.97) release Columbus Rescue(1.50) release late list(7.14)

Property Value Amount: \$130.41
McClelland, Warren **PROPERTY:** 82016 Total: \$368.66
Value: \$16,200.00 Year: 2014 Account: 13-25161 Bill#: 84532
Release value of dwelling. House burned 12-31-13. Release Klondyke Fire(11.34) release
Columbus Rescue(3.24) release Water II(5.67)

Property Value Amount: \$169.00
REO Solutions, Inc. c/o Capital Servicing **PROPERTY:** 18204 Total: \$173.92
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 09-13 Account: 10-05638 Bill#: 99999
Release value of D/W. Sold at tax sale for less than total due. Release Columbus
Rescue(4.92)

Property Value Amount: \$202.86
Thompson, Martha J. & Stephanie D. Moss **PROPERTY:** 84245 Total: \$451.10
Value: \$31,700.00 Year: 2014 Account: 07-03115 Bill#: 99972
Release value of property and user fee. To be rebilled. Release Yam City Fire(25.20)
release Columbus Rescue(5.04)

Property Value Amount: \$359.58
Yates, Mattie c/o Robert Yates **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$368.58
Value: \$5,000.00 Year: 05-13 Account: 10-19380 Bill#: 99999
Release value of lot. Sold at tax sale. Prop# 61931& 61941. Release Columbus
Rescue (9.00)

Property Value Amount: \$2,342.68
Yates, Robert **PROPERTY:** 18455 Total: \$3,544.08
Value: \$25,300.00 Year: 05-14 Account: 10-19404 Bill#: 99999
Release entire value of dwelling. Sold at tax sale. Home gone for several years. Release
Columbus Rescue(58.66)

User Fee Amount: \$0.00
Blackwell, Mildred/Erik **PROPERTY:** 23564 Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 13-02454 Bill#: 60541
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00
Brigman, Sarah Burden **PROPERTY:** 10175 Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 06-02400 Bill#: 61469
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee Amount: \$0.00
Cornwell, Shawn & Carrie **PROPERTY:** 95314 Total: \$218.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 07-00430
Release user fee. No can at this address. Can being sent.

Bill#: 66044

User Fee

Faircloth, S J c/o Richard J. Faircloth **PROPERTY:** 15719
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14 Account: 09-07920
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$436.00
Bill#: 99999

User Fee

Fowler, Richard David & Cheryl Jean **PROPERTY:** 00000
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 06-02121
Release user fee. No can at this address.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 71266

User Fee

Graham, Alexander & Annie **PROPERTY:** 85123
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14 Account: 14-01847
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$436.00
Bill#: 99999

User Fee

Moore, Grace R. (ETAL) **PROPERTY:** 9316
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 04-11933
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$131.00
Bill#: 87090

User Fee

Packer, William & Tamika **PROPERTY:** 91743
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 12-04452
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 89110

User Fee

Prevatte, Bobby Ray Sr. **PROPERTY:** 00000
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 12-05242
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 90999

User Fee

Sibbett, John Andrew & Sherry Louise **PROPERTY:** 3580
Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-14 Account: 01-04650
Release user fee. M/H vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$436.00
Bill#: 99999

User Fee

Strickland, Christine S. **PROPERTY:** 78140
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014 Account: 03-01937
Release portion of user fee. Home Burned 2013. New can delivered 7/17/14.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$108.98
Bill#: 98526

User Fee

Strickland, Michael Wayne **PROPERTY:** 89627
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14 Account: 10-02161
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$436.00
Bill#: 99999

User Fee

Young, James Leon **PROPERTY:** 15265
Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-14 Account: 08-21420
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$877.00
Bill#: 99999

Agenda Item # 21: COMMENTS:

A. Department Managers

1. Parks and Recreation Director Julie Strickland informed the Commissioners that a lot of the local youth are competing in state level competitions. The 13 year old Dixie Boys team played in Southport last week. They were awarded the Sportsmanship Award. The 11-12 year old Dixie Youth State Tournament is being hosted by Cerro Gordo and there are two teams from Columbus County playing in that tournament. The 9 - 10 year Angels team are competing in the softball state tournament in Burgaw and are the only undefeated team in the tournament.

B. Board of Commissioners

1. Vice Chairman Bullard: Vice Chairman Bullard suggested we need to show our appreciation at our next meeting by recognizing the ball teams that Ms. Strickland mentioned as well as the community for hosting the Dixie Youth State Majors Tournament.
2. Commissioner Byrd: Commissioner Byrd stated that, after hearing from several attorneys, it has come to his attention that in the new courthouse the attorneys, he feels like, are being treated like criminals. This is especially true because of the lack of access to private bathrooms. The new courthouse belongs to Columbus County and therefore, the seven (7) County Commissioners and Mr. Clark, govern that building. Attorneys have to use the same bathrooms as the defendants and other members of the public except for one bathroom on the second floor that is not for the general public. This was a recent change and was not the case when the courthouse first opened. He believes attorneys should have a bathroom on every floor. Commissioner Byrd stated when we built the courthouse we added plenty of bathrooms. The courthouse is supposed to be safe for everyone, including the attorneys, who may have to use a restroom with someone who is the opposing party in a case they are handling. But yet, district attorneys and interns can go anywhere in the courthouse they want. However an attorney, for the most part, can only go where the public is allowed. From my understanding, if the attorneys complain, Judge Sasser will take from the attorneys the room on the second floor which is basically a "chicken coop". The courthouse is supposed to be safe and the Commissioner stated that he feels like attorneys should be looked after just like any clerk, district attorney or other courthouse personnel -- just like it was at the old courthouse. Additionally, the whole backside of the courthouse is off limits to attorneys, but not to district attorneys or interns. Access to the new courthouse, should be the same as it was in the old courthouse. Sheriff Hatcher stated that the committee that was set up to oversee the construction of the new courthouse granted the Sheriff and Judge Sasser the authority to oversee security. Commissioner Byrd replied that he served on that committee and recalled it was opened up to discussion about who would have authority over the courthouse but there was never a vote authorizing anyone to be over it. The Sheriff stated there was no vote, just a consensus of the people that were at that courthouse committee meeting. The Sheriff stated he controls the security over the court house and in particular over the entrance to the courthouse whereby attorneys and other court officials have to wear an ID card to bypass the scanner. The Sheriff stated he does not control who has access to the bathrooms in the courthouse. Sheriff Hatcher said his officers have the same access as the public, and nothing more. Only the bailiffs have access to the back area of the courthouse and behind the courtrooms. Commissioner McDowell agreed that there should be more access to bathroom facilities for the attorneys because of the need for security. If the Sheriff is in charge of security and the Judge is in charge of his courtroom, then we need to identify who is in charge of everything else. Commissioner Byrd stated that we need to work on this problem and asked Sheriff Hatcher to meet with the Bar to discuss their concerns.
3. Commissioner McKenzie: The Commissioner asked when the grand opening of the courthouse would be. Mr. Clark responded the courthouse is not finished yet. We are still working on the punch list. The grand opening will probably be in August.
4. Chairman Burroughs stated the following:
 - He, Commissioner McDowell and Commissioner Russ attend the NACo Annual Conference in Charlotte which was well attended from people all over the country
 - All the meetings were very informative
 - He was the voting delegate for Columbus County and voted our three votes in the NC caucuses
 - Met Sally Clark, the incoming president of NACo
 - Discussed rural issues with the delegation from Wyoming
 - Met Roy Brooks from Texas who was elected to the 2nd VP slot for NACo and who should remember Columbus County because we supported him although he was not supported by the NC delegation
5. Commissioner Charles McDowell:
 - Attended a workshop on the mentally ill population in our local jails and prisons – NC has two programs in Durham and Mecklenburg that are working to identify people with mental health issues by screening inmates before being brought before a judge so that they will spend less time in jail

- We were told that there are more people in jail and prison who are mentally ill, than are in mental health facilities
- Had a meeting on P3 (public private partnerships) and they are really coming up with innovative ways of doing things even though it doesn't affect NC as much as other states
- US Secretary of Transportation and US Secretary of Defense were at the conference, and other influential people from the federal government were there to explain why things work so slow
- Brad Daugherty, a former UNC basketball player and motivational speaker, spoke and was a wonderful speaker
- Danica Patrick, the NASCAR driver, hosted us at the Hall of Fame Banquet
- Stated he would like to have a radio tower update from Kay Worley. Mr. Clark said there was a meeting last Thursday and everyone was pleased with the progress being made. Vice-Chairman Deuce Niven agreed. Mr. Clark added that Senator Smith helped speed the process up.

6. Commissioner Edwin Russ:

- He would like to see the "Characters of Freedom" group come make a presentation to the Board at one of our board meetings, or a presentation in front of our new courthouse, or a presentation at our Veterans Park when it opens
- He will speak with Mr. Clark about it for a future meeting
- Its free to the public

C. County Manager

1. Smith Street, in front of the new courthouse, has been paved.

D. County Attorney

1. He also has received phone calls from attorneys about the new courthouse. From his research, the Sheriff, by statute, has authority over security for the courthouse. The resident Superior Court Judge can promulgate rules over other issues involving the courthouse. The County provides the facility and some equipment. If there are conflicts between the County Commissioners and the resident Superior Court Judge over rules that the Judge has promulgated, then it can be litigated. But cases such as these have thus far not gone to a trial because the parties involved always work it out.

Agenda item # 20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 pm, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Samantha E. Alsup, Deputy Clerk

Trent Burroughs, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS **I**, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2015
8:08 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, II, III, IV and V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**
Samantha Alsop, **Deputy Clerk**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:08 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Motion made by Commissioner Byrd to approve the submission of additional documents for the authorization and issuance of general obligation refunding bonds for Water Districts II, III and V. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prevatte and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 16: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 Water and Sewer District I Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 17: APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY WATER BILLS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2015:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of adjustments to the following water bills for April, May and June 2015:

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 4/10/2015 | 700033.00 98 | KENNETH STOCKS | \$ (68.25) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |
| 4/13/2015 | 705900.00 98 | JAMES FAULK JR | \$ (336.75) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |

| DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 5/12/2015 | 370510.00 98 | WAYNE SHELLEY | \$ (256.36) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |
| 5/12/2015 | 330270.00 96 | CLARENCE BEST | \$ (30.00) | POSTING ERROR |
| 5/13/2015 | 330510.00 98 | LARRY BROWN | \$ (7.70) | BILLING ERROR |

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015 | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 33.49 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |

Motion made by Commission McKenzie to approve adjustments to the monthly water bills for April, May and June, 2015. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #18: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN TAP FEE FOR A TWO (2") INCH WATER SERVICE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of an increase in the tap fee for a two (2") inch water service. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bullard to approve the increase in tap fees for a two inch water service. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #19: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF HOOKUP WITHIN THREE HUNDRED (300') FEET OF EXISTING WATER LINE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of requirement of hookup within three hundred (300') feet of existing water line. Motion was made by Commissioner McDowell to approve that new dwellings constructed within 300 feet of an existing water line from the NCDOT right of way be required to hook up to the Columbus County Public Water Supply System unless the dwelling had to be rebuilt due to an act of god or structure fire. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Prevatte stated since the hookup fee is \$500 now, could the water board offer a reduced rate to residents as a special at some point during the year. Mr. McKenzie thought it could be done a set time during the year. Mr. Fowler stated the water department offers monthly payments to those who need it. Mr. Clark said, in the past, when the water board has done that before, a good time is between Christmas and April, when folks are getting their income tax refund checks. Commissioner McDowell suggested that the water board consider offering the hookup at cost to residents whose well goes bad. Mr. Fowler stated the cost of materials for a hookup is \$374.

Commissioner Byrd, Mr. Prevatte, and Mr. Clark stated that recently there was a water meeting at Welches Creek with approximately 200 people. It was the best we've had in the County. The folks were very interested in signing up to the public water system. They need to know that when you sign up you don't have to pay the \$150 fee. We are just trying to get a head count so we can see where we are going.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:17 pm, Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, **II**, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2015
8:08 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, II, III, IV and V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**
Samantha Alsop, **Deputy Clerk**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:08 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR REFUNDING BONDS:

Finance Director Bobbie Faircloth requested approval of the following additional documents for the refunding of bonds:

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED INTEREST ON BONDS MADE PURSUANT
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to said Board a statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds hereinafter described, if issued, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

On July 20, 2015, the Board of Commissioners introduced an order authorizing \$5,750,000 Refunding Bonds of said District (the "Bonds").

I have estimated that, if the Bonds are duly authorized and issued, the total amount of interest that will be paid on the Bonds over the expected term of the Bonds is \$3,378,616.67. Such estimate is based on a number of assumptions regarding certain future events and circumstances, including the following:

The Bonds will be issued at one time in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,320,000.

The Bonds will mature or be payable in 26 installments of principal payable on May 27, \$125,000 2016 and 2017, \$135,000 2018 and 2019, \$140,000 2020, \$150,000 2021 and 2022, \$160,000 2023, \$165,000 2024, \$180,000 2025, \$190,000 2026, \$200,000 2027, \$205,000 2028, \$215,000 2029, \$230,000 2030, \$235,000 2031, \$245,000 2032, \$260,000 2033, \$270,000 2034, \$265,000 2035, \$260,000 2036 to 2038, inclusive, \$255,000 2039 and 2040 and \$250,000 2041.

The Bonds will bear interest at interest rates per annum of 2% for Bonds maturing in 2016, 3% for Bonds maturing in 2017, 4% for Bonds maturing in 2018 to 2021, inclusive, 5% for Bonds maturing in 2022 to 2030, inclusive, 4% for Bonds maturing in 2031 to 2040, inclusive, and 4.125% for Bonds maturing in 2041, payable semiannually, until their respective maturities or installment payment dates. Prevailing interest rates at the time that the Bonds are sold will vary based upon a variety of economic and other conditions.

The estimated total amount of interest on the Bonds over the expected term of the Bonds is preliminary and for general informational purposes only. Said District makes no assurance that the assumptions upon which such estimate is based will occur, and the occurrence of certain of such assumptions is beyond the control of said District. Differences between the actual circumstances at the time the Bonds are issued and the assumptions set forth above could result in significant differences between the estimated total amount of interest and the total amount of actual interest to be paid on the Bonds if and when issued. Pursuant to

Section 159-55(d) of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, the validity of the Bonds is not subject to challenge on the grounds that the actual interest to be paid on the Bonds when issued is different than the estimated total amount of interest on the Bonds set forth above.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of July 2015.

Finance Officer

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 P.M., on July 20, 2015.

Present: Chairman Trent Burroughs, presiding, and Commissioners P. Edwin Russ, James Prevatte, Giles Byrd, Amon McKenzie, Charles McDowell, Ricky Bullard

Absent: N/A_____.

Also present: Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, and Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to said Board (in the absence of June B. Hall, Clerk to said Board).

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Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF
REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), is considering authorizing the issuance of Refunding Bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,750,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the District's outstanding Water Bond, Series 2002A and Water Bond, Series 2002B, both dated January 28, 2002, including paying expenses related thereto, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the District, as follows:

Section 1: Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds that (i) the issuance of such bonds is necessary or expedient in order to realize debt service savings for the District, (ii) the principal amount of such bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such bonds because it is based upon the best estimate of the District of the funds needed for such purpose and takes into account any other funds of the District available for such purpose, (iii) the District's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service such bonds will not be excessive because it is expected that debt service savings will be realized in connection with the issuance of such bonds and (v) such bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2: The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of said County are each hereby designated as a representative of the District to file an application for approval of such bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers relating to such matter on behalf of the District are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.
Upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.
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Thereupon Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,750,000
REFUNDING BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), is hereby authorized to issue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,750,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the District's outstanding Water Bond, Series 2002A and Water Bond, Series 2002B, both dated January 28, 2002, including paying expenses related thereto.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of the District has been filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer of the County (the "Finance Officer") as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the District that is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after said order has been introduced and before said order has been adopted.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and the Local Government Commission of North Carolina the statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds authorized by said order, if issued, that is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners at the time said order is introduced and with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on said bonds as so required.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Byrd seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the order heretofore introduced and entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,750,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was placed upon its adoption. The vote upon the adoption of said order was:

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

Noes: None.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$5,750,000 REFUNDING BONDS" had been adopted.

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The Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News-Reporter.

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Thereupon Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1.Said Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$5,750,000 Refunding Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 20, 2015, which order has taken effect.

(b) That none of said Refunding Bonds have been issued; that no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of said Refunding Bonds; and that it is necessary to issue at this time said Refunding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this resolution.

(c) That the shortest period of time in which the debt of said District to be refunded by the issuance of said Refunding Bonds can be finally paid without making it unduly burdensome on the taxpayers of said District, as determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "Local Government Commission"), is a period which expires on May 27, 2041.

Section 2.Pursuant to said order, there shall be issued a single bond of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), designated "General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2015" and dated the date of delivery thereof (the "Bond"). The Bond shall be in a principal amount not exceeding \$5,750,000, shall be stated to mature in annual installments of principal on May 27 of such years not exceeding May 27, 2041, shall bear interest on the unpaid part of such principal installments at such rates, which interest shall be payable on November 26, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on May 27 and November 26 of each year until payment of such principal amount, and shall have such other terms and provisions as shall be determined by the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County"), subject to the limitations contained in this resolution. The County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County may also determine to change such principal and interest payment dates within any year not exceeding 2041 and to make the Bond subject to the right of prior redemption. The County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County shall execute one or more certificates to evidence the making of such determinations, and each such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the determinations of the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County, as applicable, as to the matters stated therein.

The Bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, the Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest on the Bond shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

The principal of and the interest on the Bond shall be payable to the person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of the Bond or his registered assigns or legal representative as the same shall become due and payable on the respective payment dates by wire transfer or other means in accordance with information to be provided to the Issuer by the registered owner of the Bond.

The Bond shall be initially issued as one fully-registered bond, numbered R-1, and shall be initially registered in the name of "County of Columbus, North Carolina," as the initial purchaser of the Bond (the "Purchaser").

The Issuer has pledged its faith and credit to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond. Unless other funds are lawfully available and appropriated for the timely payment thereof, the Issuer will levy on all real and tangible personal property taxable by the Issuer such ad valorem taxes as may be necessary to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bond as they become due.

Unless indicated otherwise, the provisions of this resolution that follow shall apply to each Bond issued or issuable hereunder, whether initially or in replacement thereof.

Section 3. The Bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal or a facsimile of the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Bond.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission to be endorsed on the Bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the Local Government Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar (hereinafter defined) to be endorsed on the Bond shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on the Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bond, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and the Bond may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of the Bond shall be the proper officers to sign the Bond although at the date of the Bond such persons may not have been such officers.

The Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The Bond to be registered in the name of the County of Columbus, North Carolina and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

No. R-1

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United States of America

State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2015

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

or registered assigns or legal representative the principal amount of _____ DOLLARS

in annual installments on the dates and in the amounts as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
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and to pay interest from the date hereof on the unpaid part of such principal installments at the rates per annum specified above, such interest being payable on November 26, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on May 27 and November 26 of each year until payment of such principal amount. The principal of and the interest on this bond shall be payable to the person appearing on the registration books of said District as the registered owner of this bond or his assigns or legal representative as the same shall become due and payable on the respective payment dates by wire transfer or other means in accordance with instructions to be provided to said District by the registered owner of this bond. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is being issued by said District for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding certain outstanding bonds of said District, including paying expenses related thereto, as provided in a resolution duly passed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on July 20, 2015 (the "Resolution"), and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order adopted by said Board of Commissioners, which has taken effect, and the Resolution.

[If the Bond is subject to the right of prior redemption, then provisions describing such right shall be set forth herein and applicable.]

The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of this bond. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new bond, registered in the name of the transferee, in a principal amount equal to the outstanding installments of principal of this bond, containing the same outstanding installments of principal and bearing interest at the same rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bond Registrar shall not register the transfer of this bond to any person or entity other than a bank, insurance company or similar financial institution unless such transfer has been approved by the Local Government Commission.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said District, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond [to be manually signed by] [to bear the facsimile signatures of] the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and [a facsimile of] its corporate seal to be [printed] [impressed] hereon, all as of the date of this bond set forth above.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Secretary, Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.
Finance Officer of the County of Columbus,
North Carolina, as Bond Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 4.The Bond will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity except as the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County may determine in a certificate executed pursuant to Section 2 of this resolution prior to the issuance of the Bond.

Section 5.The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration of transfer of the Bond. The transfer of the Bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for the Bond a new Bond, registered in the name of the transferee, in a

principal amount equal to the outstanding installments of principal of the Bond so surrendered, containing the same outstanding installments of principal and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which the transfer of the Bond shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time a new Bond in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. Any Bond surrendered in any such registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Issuer or the Bond Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such registration of transfer of the Bond sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the Issuer or the Bond Registrar for registering the transfer of the Bond under this resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bond Registrar shall not register the transfer of the Bond to any person or entity other than a bank, insurance company or similar financial institution unless such transfer has been approved by the Local Government Commission.

As to any Bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any Bond and the interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon any Bond, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents as may be necessary for the registration and registration of transfer of the Bond within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Bond. The Finance Officer of the County is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bond (collectively the "Bond Registrar"), subject to the right of the Board of Commissioners to appoint another Bond Registrar, and as such shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer and payment of the Bond as provided in this resolution.

Section 6. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as are applicable to the Bond, except to the extent that the Issuer obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the Bond being includable in the gross income of the owner of the Bond for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 7. The actions of the County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County in applying to the Local Government Commission to sell the Bond and otherwise in connection with providing for the issuance of the Bond are hereby approved and ratified. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the Bond at private sale without advertisement to the Purchaser, at such price as the Local Government Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Issuer, subject to the approval of the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County; provided that the Bond is sold at a purchase price of not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the face value of the Bond plus one hundred percent (100%) of any interest accrued thereon from the date thereof to the date of delivery and payment therefor and, further, that the true interest cost of the Bond does not exceed four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) per annum.

Section 8. In connection with the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, the law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel to the District.

Section 9. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County and their designees are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions and to execute and deliver such other documents, certificates, contracts, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the issuance of the Bond or the refunding of the bonds to be refunded in connection with the issuance of the Bond. Such actions include determining on behalf of the Issuer whether or not to proceed with such refunding in whole or in part depending upon the cost savings available in connection with the issuance of the Bond and, if a determination is made to proceed with such refunding, giving or causing to be given notices of redemption of such bonds to be refunded as required by the resolutions providing for their issuance passed by the Board of Commissioners and such related documents as may be applicable.

Section 10. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015" was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2015, the record having been

made in Minute Book _____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page _____ and ending at page _____, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the matters described therein.

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 ____ day of July 2015.

Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT II,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED**

I, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Clerk to said Board a statement of the debt of said District pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

| | | (a) | GROSS DEBT | |
|------|---|-----|------------|----------------|
| a(1) | Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds: | | | |
| | Water Bonds | \$ | 5,434,000 | |
| | Other bonds | | <u>0</u> | \$ 5,434,000 |
| a(2) | Bonds authorized by an order introduced on July 20, 2015, but not yet adopted: | | | |
| | Refunding Bonds | \$ | | 5,750,000 |
| a(3) | Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders: | \$ | | 0 |
| a(4) | Outstanding debt not evidenced by bonds | \$ | | <u>6817.52</u> |
| a(5) | Installment financing debt proposed but not yet incurred..... | \$ | | 0 |
| (a) | GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a(3), a(4) and a(5)..... | \$ | | 11,190,817.52 |

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

I, Samantha Alsop, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on July 20, 2015, after the introduction and before the adoption of an order authorizing bonds of said District, and that said statement is open to public inspection my office as the Clerk to said Board.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this ____ day of July 2015.

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

Motion made by Commissioner Byrd to approve the submission of additional documents for the authorization and issuance of general obligation refunding bonds for Water Districts II, III and V. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prevatte and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 16: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 Water and Sewer District II Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 17: APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY WATER BILLS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2015:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of adjustments to the following water bills for April, May and June 2015:

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 4/10/2015 | 700033.00 98 | KENNETH STOCKS | \$ (68.25) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |
| 4/13/2015 | 705900.00 98 | JAMES FAULK JR | \$ (336.75) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |

| DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 5/12/2015 | 370510.00 98 | WAYNE SHELLEY | \$ (256.36) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |
| 5/12/2015 | 330270.00 96 | CLARENCE BEST | \$ (30.00) | POSTING ERROR |
| 5/13/2015 | 330510.00 98 | LARRY BROWN | \$ (7.70) | BILLING ERROR |

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015 | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 33.49 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |

Motion made by Commission McKenzie to approve adjustments to the monthly water bills for April, May and June, 2015. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #18: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN TAP FEE FOR A TWO (2") INCH WATER SERVICE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of an increase in the tap fee for a two (2") inch water service. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bullard to approve the increase in tap fees for a two inch water service. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #19: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF HOOKUP WITHIN THREE HUNDRED (300') FEET OF EXISTING WATER LINE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of requirement of hookup within three hundred (300') feet of existing water line. Motion was made by Commissioner McDowell to approve that new dwellings constructed within 300 feet of an existing water line from the NCDOT right of way be required to hook up to the Columbus County Public Water Supply System unless the dwelling had to be rebuilt due to an act of god or structure fire. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Prevatte stated since the hookup fee is \$500 now, could the water board offer a reduced rate to residents as a special at some point during the year. Mr. McKenzie thought it could be done a set time during the year. Mr. Fowler stated the water department offers monthly payments to those who need it. Mr. Clark said, in the past, when the water board has done that before, a good time is between Christmas and April, when folks are getting their income tax refund checks. Commissioner McDowell suggested that the water board consider offering the hookup at cost to residents whose well goes bad. Mr. Fowler stated the cost of materials for a hookup is \$374.

Commissioner Byrd, Mr. Prevatte, and Mr. Clark stated that recently there was a water meeting at Welches Creek with approximately 200 people. It was the best we've had in the County. The folks were very interested in signing up to the public water system. They need to know that when you sign up you don't have to pay the \$150 fee. We are just trying to get a head count so we can see where we are going.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:17 pm, Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, **III**, IV AND V
 COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
 Monday, July 20, 2015
 8:08 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, II, III, IV and V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**
 Samantha Alsup, **Deputy Clerk**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:08 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR REFUNDING BONDS:

Finance Director Bobbie Faircloth requested approval of the following additional documents for the refunding of bonds:

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED INTEREST ON BONDS MADE PURSUANT
 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to said Board a statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds hereinafter described, if issued, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

Section 1. On July 20, 2015, the Board of Commissioners introduced an order authorizing \$4,600,000 Refunding Bonds of said District (the "Bonds").

Section 2. I have estimated that, if the Bonds are duly authorized and issued, the total amount of interest that will be paid on the Bonds over the expected term of the Bonds is \$2,736,980. Such estimate is based on a number of assumptions regarding certain future events and circumstances, including the following:

- (a) The Bonds will be issued at one time in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,315,000.
- (b) The Bonds will mature or be payable in 26 installments of principal payable on May 27, \$100,000

2016, \$105,000 2017 and 2018, \$110,000 2019, \$115,000 2020, \$120,000 2021, \$125,000 2022, \$130,000 2023, \$140,000 2024,

\$145,000 2025, \$150,000 2026, \$160,000 2027, \$170,000 2028, \$175,000 2029, \$185,000 2030, \$195,000 2031, \$200,000 2032, \$210,000 2033, \$215,000 2034 to 2036, inclusive, \$210,000 2037 and 2038, \$205,000 2039 and 2040 and \$200,000 2041.

(c) The Bonds will bear interest at interest rates per annum of 2% for Bonds maturing in 2016, 3% for Bonds maturing in 2017, 4% for Bonds maturing in 2018 to 2021, inclusive, 5% for Bonds maturing in 2022 to 2030, inclusive, 4% for Bonds maturing in 2031 to 2040, inclusive, and 4.125% for Bonds maturing in 2041, payable semiannually, until their respective maturities or installment payment dates. Prevailing interest rates at the time that the Bonds are sold will vary based upon a variety of economic and other conditions.

The estimated total amount of interest on the Bonds over the expected term of the Bonds is preliminary and for general informational purposes only. Said District makes no assurance that the assumptions upon which such estimate is based will occur, and the occurrence of certain of such assumptions is beyond the control of said District. Differences between the actual circumstances at the time the Bonds are issued and the assumptions set forth above could result in significant differences between the estimated total amount of interest and the total amount of actual interest to be paid on the Bonds if and when issued. Pursuant to Section 159-55(d) of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, the validity of the Bonds is not subject to challenge on the grounds that the actual interest to be paid on the Bonds when issued is different than the estimated total amount of interest on the Bonds set forth above.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of July 2015.

Finance Officer

I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on July 20, 2015, at the time an order authorizing bonds of said District was introduced, and that said statement is open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk to said Board.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this ____ day of July 2015.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Clerk to said Board a statement of the debt of said District pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

| (a) GROSS DEBT | | | |
|----------------|--|--------------|-----------------|
| a(1) | Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds: | | |
| | Water Bonds..... | \$ 4,405,000 | |
| | Other bonds | 0 | 4,405,000 |
| a(2) | Bonds authorized by an order introduced on July 20, 2015, but not yet adopted: | | |
| | Refunding Bonds..... | \$ | 4,600,000 |
| a(3) | Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders: | \$ | 0 |
| a(4) | Outstanding debt not evidenced by bonds..... | \$ | <u>6,817.52</u> |
| a(5) | Installment financing debt proposed but not yet incurred | \$ | 0 |
| (a) | GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a(3), a(4) and a(5)..... | \$ | 9,011,817.52 |
| (b) DEDUCTIONS | | | |
| b(1)(a) | Funding and refunding bonds authorized by orders introduced but not yet adopted..... | \$ | 4,600,000 |
| b(1)(b) | Proposed refunding installment financing debt | \$ | 0 |
| b(2) | Funding and refunding bonds authorized but not yet issued | \$ | 0 |
| b(3) | The amount of money held in sinking funds or otherwise for the payment of any part of the principal of gross debt other than debt incurred for water purposes or sanitary sewer purposes (to the extent that the bonds are deductible under G.S. §159-55(b))..... | \$ | 0 |

| | | | |
|---------------------|--|----|--------------|
| b(4) | Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposes | \$ | 0 |
| b(5) | Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.S. §159-55(b) | \$ | 0 |
| b(6) | Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt..... | \$ | 0 |
| b(7) | The amount, as estimated by the Finance Officer, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt | \$ | 0 |
| (b) | DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4)g, b(5), b(6) and b(7) | \$ | 4,600,000 |
| (c) NET DEBT | | | |
| (c) | NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b)..... | \$ | 4,411,817.52 |
| (d) APPRAISED VALUE | | | |
| (d) | APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to taxation by said District before the application of any assessment ratio, being the value fixed in 2015 | \$ | 210,561,100 |
| (e) | Percentage which the NET DEBT (c) bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d)..... | | 2.10% |

The foregoing statement is true.

Finance Officer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS)

ss.:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on July 20, 2015, after the introduction and before the adoption of an order authorizing bonds of said District, and that said statement is open to public inspection my office as the Clerk to said Board.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this ____ day of July 2015.

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 P.M., on July 20, 2015.

Present: Chairman Trent Burroughs, presiding, and Commissioners P. Edwin Russ, Giles Byrd, James Prevatte, Charles McDowell, Amon McKenzie, Ricky Bullard

Absent: N/A_____.

Also present: Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, and Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to said Board (in the absence of June B. Hall, Clerk to said Board).

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Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF
REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), is considering authorizing the issuance of Refunding Bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,600,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the District's outstanding Water Bond, Series 2002A, dated March 25, 2002, including paying expenses related thereto, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the District, as follows:

Section 3. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds that (i) the issuance of such bonds is necessary or expedient in order to realize debt service savings for the District, (ii) the principal amount of such bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such bonds because it is based upon the best estimate of the District of the funds needed for such purpose and takes into account any other funds of the District available for such purpose, (iii) the District's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service such bonds will not be excessive because it is expected

that debt service savings will be realized in connection with the issuance of such bonds and (v) such bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 4. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of said County are each hereby designated as a representative of the District to file an application for approval of such bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers relating to such matter on behalf of the District are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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Thereupon Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,600,000
REFUNDING BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), is hereby authorized to issue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,600,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the District's outstanding Water Bond, Series 2002A, dated March 25, 2002, including paying expenses related thereto.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of the District has been filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer of the County (the "Finance Officer") as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the District that is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after said order has been introduced and before said order has been adopted.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and the Local Government Commission of North Carolina the statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds authorized by said order, if issued, that is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners at the time said order is introduced and with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on said bonds as so required.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the order heretofore introduced and entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,600,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was placed upon its adoption. The vote upon the adoption of said order was:

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

Noes: None.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,600,000 REFUNDING BONDS" had been adopted.

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The Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News-Reporter.

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Thereupon Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1.Said Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$4,600,000 Refunding Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 20, 2015, which order has taken effect.

(b) That none of said Refunding Bonds have been issued; that no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of said Refunding Bonds; and that it is necessary to issue at this time said Refunding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this resolution.

(c) That the shortest period of time in which the debt of said District to be refunded by the issuance of said Refunding Bonds can be finally paid without making it unduly burdensome on the taxpayers of said District, as determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "Local Government Commission"), is a period which expires on May 27, 2041.

Section 2.Pursuant to said order, there shall be issued a single bond of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), designated "General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2015" and dated the date of delivery thereof (the "Bond"). The Bond shall be in a principal amount not exceeding \$4,600,000, shall be stated to mature in annual installments of principal on May 27 of such years not exceeding May 27, 2041, shall bear interest on the unpaid part of such principal installments at such rates, which interest shall be payable on November 26, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on May 27 and November 26 of each year until payment of such principal amount, and shall have such other terms and provisions as shall be determined by the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County"), subject to the limitations contained in this resolution. The County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County may also determine to change such principal and interest payment dates within any year not exceeding 2041 and to make the Bond subject to the right of prior

redemption. The County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County shall execute one or more certificates to evidence the making of such determinations, and each such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the determinations of the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County, as applicable, as to the matters stated therein.

The Bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, the Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest on the Bond shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

The principal of and the interest on the Bond shall be payable to the person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of the Bond or his registered assigns or legal representative as the same shall become due and payable on the respective payment dates by wire transfer or other means in accordance with information to be provided to the Issuer by the registered owner of the Bond.

The Bond shall be initially issued as one fully-registered bond, numbered R-1, and shall be initially registered in the name of "County of Columbus, North Carolina," as the initial purchaser of the Bond (the "Purchaser").

The Issuer has pledged its faith and credit to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond. Unless other funds are lawfully available and appropriated for the timely payment thereof, the Issuer will levy on all real and tangible personal property taxable by the Issuer such ad valorem taxes as may be necessary to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bond as they become due.

Unless indicated otherwise, the provisions of this resolution that follow shall apply to each Bond issued or issuable hereunder, whether initially or in replacement thereof.

Section 3. The Bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal or a facsimile of the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Bond.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission to be endorsed on the Bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the Local Government Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar (hereinafter defined) to be endorsed on the Bond shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on the Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bond, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and the Bond may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of the Bond shall be the proper officers to sign the Bond although at the date of the Bond such persons may not have been such officers.

The Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The Bond to be registered in the name of the County of Columbus, North Carolina and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

No. R-1

\$.....

United States of America

State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT III
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2015

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
 or registered assigns or legal representative the principal amount of _____

DOLLARS

in annual installments on the dates and in the amounts as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
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and to pay interest from the date hereof on the unpaid part of such principal installments at the rates per annum specified above, such interest being payable on November 26, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on May 27 and November 26 of each year until payment of such principal amount. The principal of and the interest on this bond shall be payable to the person appearing on the registration books of said District as the registered owner of this bond or his assigns or legal representative as the same shall become due and payable on the respective payment dates by wire transfer or other means in accordance with instructions to be provided to said District by the registered owner of this bond. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is being issued by said District for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding certain outstanding bonds of said District, including paying expenses related thereto, as provided in a resolution duly passed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on July 20, 2015 (the "Resolution"), and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order adopted by said Board of Commissioners, which has taken effect, and the Resolution.

[If the Bond is subject to the right of prior redemption, then provisions describing such right shall be set forth herein and applicable.]

The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of this bond. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new bond, registered in the name of the transferee, in a principal amount equal to the outstanding installments of principal of this bond, containing the same outstanding installments of principal and bearing interest at the same rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bond Registrar shall not register the transfer of this bond to any person or entity other than a bank, insurance company or similar financial institution unless such transfer has been approved by the Local Government Commission.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said District, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond [to be manually signed by] [to bear the facsimile signatures of] the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and [a facsimile of] its corporate seal to be [printed] [impressed] hereon, all as of the date of this bond set forth above.

 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Secretary, Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

Finance Officer of the County of Columbus,
North Carolina, as Bond Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 4. The Bond will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity except as the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County may determine in a certificate executed pursuant to Section 2 of this resolution prior to the issuance of the Bond.

Section 5. The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration of transfer of the Bond. The transfer of the Bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall

authenticate and deliver in exchange for the Bond a new Bond, registered in the name of the transferee, in a principal amount equal to the outstanding installments of principal of the Bond so surrendered, containing the same outstanding installments of principal and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which the transfer of the Bond shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time a new Bond in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. Any Bond surrendered in any such registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Issuer or the Bond Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such registration of transfer of the Bond sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the Issuer or the Bond Registrar for registering the transfer of the Bond under this resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bond Registrar shall not register the transfer of the Bond to any person or entity other than a bank, insurance company or similar financial institution unless such transfer has been approved by the Local Government Commission.

As to any Bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any Bond and the interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon any Bond, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents as may be necessary for the registration and registration of transfer of the Bond within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Bond. The Finance Officer of the County is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bond (collectively the "Bond Registrar"), subject to the right of the Board of Commissioners to appoint another Bond Registrar, and as such shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer and payment of the Bond as provided in this resolution.

Section 6. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as are applicable to the Bond, except to the extent that the Issuer obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the Bond being includable in the gross income of the owner of the Bond for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 7. The actions of the County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County in applying to the Local Government Commission to sell the Bond and otherwise in connection with providing for the issuance of the Bond are hereby approved and ratified. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the Bond at private sale without advertisement to the Purchaser, at such price as the Local Government Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Issuer, subject to the approval of the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County; provided that the Bond is sold at a purchase price of not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the face value of the Bond plus one hundred percent (100%) of any interest accrued thereon from the date thereof to the date of delivery and payment therefor and, further, that the true interest cost of the Bond does not exceed four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) per annum.

Section 8. In connection with the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, the law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel to the District.

Section 9. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County and their designees are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions and to execute and deliver such other documents, certificates, contracts, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the issuance of the Bond or the refunding of the bonds to be refunded in connection with the issuance of the Bond. Such actions include determining on behalf of the Issuer whether or not to proceed with such refunding in whole or in part depending upon the cost savings available in connection with the issuance of the Bond and, if a determination is made to proceed with such refunding, giving or causing to be given notices of redemption of such bonds to be refunded as required by the resolutions providing for their issuance passed by the Board of Commissioners and such related documents as may be applicable.

Section 10. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015" was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2015, the record having been made in Minute Book _____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page _____ and ending at page _____, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the matters described therein.

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 ____ day of July 2015.

Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Motion made by Commissioner Byrd to approve the submission of additional documents for the authorization and issuance of general obligation refunding bonds for Water Districts II, III and V. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prevatte and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 16: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 Water and Sewer District III Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 17: APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY WATER BILLS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2015:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of adjustments to the following water bills for April, May and June 2015:

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT | |
| 4/10/2015 | 700033.00 98 | KENNETH STOCKS | \$ (68.25) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT | |
| 4/13/2015 | 705900.00 98 | JAMES FAULK JR | \$ (336.75) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT | |

| DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT | |
| 5/12/2015 | 370510.00 98 | WAYNE SHELLEY | \$ (256.36) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT | |
| 5/12/2015 | 330270.00 96 | CLARENCE BEST | \$ (30.00) | POSTING ERROR | |
| 5/13/2015 | 330510.00 98 | LARRY BROWN | \$ (7.70) | BILLING ERROR | |

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015 | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT | |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 33.49 | RETURNED CHECK | |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE | |

Motion made by Commission McKenzie to approve adjustments to the monthly water bills for April and May, 2015. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #18: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN TAP FEE FOR A TWO (2") INCH WATER SERVICE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of an increase in the tap fee for a two (2") inch water service. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bullard to approve the increase in tap fees for a two inch water service. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #19: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF HOOKUP WITHIN THREE HUNDRED (300') FEET OF EXISTING WATER LINE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of requirement of hookup within three hundred (300') feet of existing water line. Motion was made by Commissioner McDowell to approve that new dwellings constructed within 300 feet of an existing water line from the NCDOT right of way be required to hook up to the Columbus County Public Water Supply System unless the dwelling had to be rebuilt due to an act of god or structure fire. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Prevatte stated since the hookup fee is \$500 now, could the water board offer a reduced rate to residents as a special at some point during the year. Mr. McKenzie thought it could be done a set time during the year. Mr. Fowler stated the water department offers monthly payments to those who need it. Mr. Clark said, in the past, when the water board has done that before, a good time is between Christmas and April, when folks are getting their income tax refund checks. Commissioner McDowell suggested that the water

board consider offering the hookup at cost to residents whose well goes bad. Mr. Fowler stated the cost of materials for a hookup is \$374.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:17 pm, Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, **IV** AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2015
8:08 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, II, III, IV and V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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APPOINTEES ABSENT:

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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APPROVED:

SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2015
8:08 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, II, III, IV and V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**
Samantha Alsop, **Deputy Clerk**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:08 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR REFUNDING BONDS:

Finance Director Bobbie Faircloth requested approval of the following additional documents for the refunding of bonds:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 P.M., on July 20, 2015.

Present: Chairman Trent Burroughs, presiding, and Commissioners P. Edwin Russ, Amon McKenzie, Ricky Bullard, Charles McDowell, Giles Byrd, James Prevatte

Absent: N/A _____.

Also present: Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, and Samantha Alsop, Deputy Clerk to said Board (in the absence of June B. Hall, Clerk to said Board).

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Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF
REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), is considering authorizing the issuance of Refunding Bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,400,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the District's outstanding General Obligation Water Bond, Series 2008, dated February 4, 2008, including paying expenses related thereto, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the District, as follows:

Section 1. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds

that (i) the issuance of such bonds is necessary or expedient in order to realize debt service savings for the District, (ii) the principal amount of such bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such bonds because it is based upon the best estimate of the District of the funds needed for such purpose and takes into account any other funds of the District

available for such purpose, (iii) the District's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service such bonds will not be excessive because it is expected that debt service savings will be realized in connection with the issuance of such bonds and (v) such bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of said County are each hereby designated as a representative of the District to file an application for approval of such bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers relating to such matter on behalf of the District are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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Thereupon Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,400,000
REFUNDING BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

1. That, pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "District"), is hereby authorized to issue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,400,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of the District's outstanding General Obligation Water Bond, Series 2008, dated February 4, 2008, including paying expenses related thereto.
2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.
3. That a sworn statement of the debt of the District has been filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for said County and is open to public inspection.
4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer of the County (the "Finance Officer") as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners the sworn statement of debt of the District that is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after said order has been introduced and before said order has been adopted.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

The Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the Finance Officer as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and the Local Government Commission of North Carolina the statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds authorized by said order, if issued, that is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners at the time said order is introduced and with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina.

Thereupon the Finance Officer filed with the Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, in the presence of the Board of Commissioners, the statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on said bonds as so required.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the order heretofore introduced and entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,400,000 REFUNDING BONDS" was placed upon its adoption. The vote upon the adoption of said order was:

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

Noes: None.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,400,000 REFUNDING BONDS" had been adopted.

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The Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News-Reporter.

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Thereupon Chairman Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1.Said Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$4,400,000 Refunding Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 20, 2015, which order has taken effect.

(b) That none of said Refunding Bonds have been issued; that no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of said Refunding Bonds; and that it is necessary to issue at this time said Refunding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this resolution.

(c) That the shortest period of time in which the debt of said District to be refunded by the issuance of said Refunding Bonds can be finally paid without making it unduly burdensome on the taxpayers of said District, as determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "Local Government Commission"), is a period which expires on May 27, 2045.

Section 2.Pursuant to said order, there shall be issued a single bond of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), designated "General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2015" and dated the date of delivery thereof (the "Bond"). The Bond shall be in a principal amount not exceeding \$4,400,000, shall be stated to mature in annual installments of principal on May 27 of such years not exceeding May 27, 2045, shall bear interest on the unpaid part of such principal installments at such rates, which interest shall be payable on November 26, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on May 27 and November 26 of each year until payment of such principal amount, and shall have such other terms and provisions as shall be determined by the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County"), subject to the limitations contained in this resolution. The County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County may also determine to change such principal and interest payment dates within any year not exceeding 2045 and to make the Bond subject to the right of prior redemption. The County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County shall execute one or more

certificates to evidence the making of such determinations, and each such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the determinations of the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County, as applicable, as to the matters stated therein.

The Bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, the Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest on the Bond shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

The principal of and the interest on the Bond shall be payable to the person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of the Bond or his registered assigns or legal representative as the same shall become due and payable on the respective payment dates by wire transfer or other means in accordance with information to be provided to the Issuer by the registered owner of the Bond.

The Bond shall be initially issued as one fully-registered bond, numbered R-1, and shall be initially registered in the name of "County of Columbus, North Carolina," as the initial purchaser of the Bond (the "Purchaser").

The Issuer has pledged its faith and credit to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond. Unless other funds are lawfully available and appropriated for the timely payment thereof, the Issuer will levy on all real and tangible personal property taxable by the Issuer such ad valorem taxes as may be necessary to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bond as they become due.

Unless indicated otherwise, the provisions of this resolution that follow shall apply to each Bond issued or issuable hereunder, whether initially or in replacement thereof.

Section 3: The Bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal or a facsimile of the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Bond.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission to be endorsed on the Bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the Local Government Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar (hereinafter defined) to be endorsed on the Bond shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on the Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bond, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and the Bond may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of the Bond shall be the proper officers to sign the Bond although at the date of the Bond such persons may not have been such officers.

The Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The Bond to be registered in the name of the County of Columbus, North Carolina and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

No. R-1 \$.....

United States of America

State of North Carolina

County of Columbus

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2015

The Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, a body politic and corporate in the County of Columbus North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
or registered assigns or legal representative the principal amount of _____ DOLLARS

in annual installments on the dates and in the amounts as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
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and to pay interest from the date hereof on the unpaid part of such principal installments at the rates per annum specified above, such interest being payable on November 26, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on May 27 and November 26 of each year until payment of such principal amount. The principal of and the interest on this bond shall be payable to the person appearing on the registration books of said District as the registered owner of this bond or his assigns or legal representative as the same shall become due and payable on the respective payment dates by wire transfer or other means in accordance with instructions to be provided to said District by the registered owner of this bond. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is being issued by said District for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding certain outstanding bonds of said District, including paying expenses related thereto, as provided in a resolution duly passed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, on July 20, 2015 (the "Resolution"), and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order adopted by said Board of Commissioners, which has taken effect, and the Resolution.

[If the Bond is subject to the right of prior redemption, then provisions describing such right shall be set forth herein and applicable.]

The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of this bond. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new bond, registered in the name of the transferee, in a principal amount equal to the outstanding installments of principal of this bond, containing the same outstanding installments of principal and bearing interest at the same rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bond Registrar shall not register the transfer of this bond to any person or entity other than a bank, insurance company or similar financial institution unless such transfer has been approved by the Local Government Commission.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said District, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of said District, has caused this bond [to be manually signed by] [to bear the facsimile signatures of] the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and [a facsimile of] its corporate seal to be [printed] [impressed] hereon, all as of the date of this bond set forth above.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Secretary, Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

Finance Officer of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as Bond Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 3. The Bond will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity except as the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County may determine in a certificate executed pursuant to Section 2 of this resolution prior to the issuance of the Bond.

Section 4. The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration of transfer of the Bond. The transfer of the Bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for the Bond a new Bond, registered in the name of the transferee, in a principal amount equal to the outstanding installments of principal of the Bond so surrendered, containing the same outstanding installments of principal and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which the transfer of the Bond shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time a new Bond in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. Any Bond surrendered in any such registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Issuer or the Bond Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such registration of transfer of the Bond sufficient to reimburse it

for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the Issuer or the Bond Registrar for registering the transfer of the Bond under this resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bond Registrar shall not register the transfer of the Bond to any person or entity other than a bank, insurance company or similar financial institution unless such transfer has been approved by the Local Government Commission.

As to any Bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any Bond and the interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon any Bond, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents as may be necessary for the registration and registration of transfer of the Bond within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Bond. The Finance Officer of the County is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bond (collectively the "Bond Registrar"), subject to the right of the Board of Commissioners to appoint another Bond Registrar, and as such shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer and payment of the Bond as provided in this resolution.

Section 5. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as are applicable to the Bond, except to the extent that the Issuer obtains an opinion of bond counsel to the effect that noncompliance would not result in interest on the Bond being includable in the gross income of the owner of the Bond for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 6. The actions of the County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County in applying to the Local Government Commission to sell the Bond and otherwise in connection with providing for the issuance of the Bond are hereby approved and ratified. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the Bond at private sale without advertisement to the Purchaser, at such price as the Local Government Commission determines to be in the best interest of the Issuer, subject to the approval of the County Manager or the Finance Officer of the County; provided that the Bond is sold at a purchase price of not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the face value of the Bond plus one hundred percent (100%) of any interest accrued thereon from the date thereof to the date of delivery and payment therefor and, further, that the true interest cost of the Bond does not exceed four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) per annum.

Section 7. In connection with the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, the law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel to the District.

Section 8. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County and their designees are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions and to execute and deliver such other documents, certificates, contracts, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the issuance of the Bond or the refunding of the bonds to be refunded in connection with the issuance of the Bond. Such actions include determining on behalf of the Issuer whether or not to proceed with such refunding in whole or in part depending upon the cost savings available in connection with the issuance of the Bond and, if a determination is made to proceed with such refunding, giving or causing to be given notices of redemption of such bonds to be refunded as required by the resolutions providing for their issuance passed by the Board of Commissioners and such related documents as may be applicable.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015" was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

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I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2015, the record having been made in Minute Book _____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page _____ and ending at page _____, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the matters described therein.

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 ____ day of July 2015.

Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED INTEREST ON BONDS MADE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Deputy Clerk to said Board a statement estimating the total amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds hereinafter described, if issued, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

Section 10. On July 20, 2015, the Board of Commissioners introduced an order authorizing \$4,400,000 Refunding Bonds of said District (the "Bonds").

Section 11. I have estimated that, if the Bonds are duly authorized and issued, the total amount of interest that will be paid on the Bonds over the expected term of the Bonds is \$3,213,559.32. Such estimate is based on a number of assumptions regarding certain future events and circumstances, including the following:

- (a) The Bonds will be issued at one time in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,215,000.
- (b) The Bonds will mature or be payable in 30 installments of principal payable on May 27, \$70,000 2016, \$75,000 2017 and 2018, \$80,000 2019, \$85,000 2020 and 2021, \$90,000 2022, \$95,000 2023, \$100,000 2024, \$105,000 2025, \$110,000 2026, \$115,000 2027, \$120,000 2028, \$125,000 2029, \$130,000 2030, \$140,000 2031, \$145,000 2032, \$150,000 2033, \$155,000 2034, \$165,000 2035, \$170,000 2036, \$175,000 2037, \$185,000 2038, \$190,000 2039, \$200,000 2040, \$205,000 2041, \$215,000 2042 and \$220,000 2043 to 2045, inclusive.
- (c) The Bonds will bear interest at interest rates per annum of 2% for Bonds maturing in 2016, 3% for Bonds maturing in 2017, 4% for Bonds maturing in 2018 to 2021, inclusive, 5% for Bonds maturing in 2022 to 2030, inclusive, 4% for Bonds maturing in 2031 to 2040, inclusive, and 4.125% for Bonds maturing in 2041 to 2045, inclusive, payable semiannually, until their respective maturities or installment payment dates. Prevailing interest rates at the time that the Bonds are sold will vary based upon a variety of economic and other conditions.

The estimated total amount of interest on the Bonds over the expected term of the Bonds is preliminary and for general informational purposes only. Said District makes no assurance that the assumptions upon which such estimate is based will occur, and the occurrence of certain of such assumptions is beyond the control of said District. Differences between the actual circumstances at the time the Bonds are issued and the assumptions set forth above could result in significant differences between the estimated total amount of interest and the total amount of actual interest to be paid on the Bonds if and when issued. Pursuant to Section 159-55(d) of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, the validity of the Bonds is not subject to challenge on the grounds that the actual interest to be paid on the Bonds when issued is different than the estimated total amount of interest on the Bonds set forth above.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of July 2015.

Finance Officer

I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on July 20, 2015, at the time an order authorizing bonds of said District was introduced, and that said statement is open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk to said Board.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this ____ day of July 2015.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SWORN STATEMENT OF DEBT MADE PURSUANT
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer of County of Columbus, North Carolina, having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for said County, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to make and file with the Clerk to said Board a statement of the debt of said District pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or other revenues or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

| | | (a) | GROSS DEBT | |
|------|--|-----|------------|-----------------|
| a(1) | Outstanding debt evidenced by bonds: | | | |
| | Water Bonds..... | \$ | 4,228,000 | |
| | Other bonds..... | | <u>0</u> | \$ 4,228,000 |
| a(2) | Bonds authorized by an order introduced on July 20, 2015, but not yet adopted: | | | |
| | Refunding Bonds..... | \$ | | 4,400,000 |
| a(3) | Unissued bonds authorized by adopted orders: | \$ | | 0 |
| a(4) | Outstanding debt not evidenced by bonds | \$ | | <u>6,817.52</u> |

| | | | |
|---------------------|--|----|--------------|
| a(5) | Installment financing debt proposed but not yet incurred | \$ | 0 |
| (a) | GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2), a(3), a(4) and a(5)..... | \$ | 8,634,817.52 |
| (b) DEDUCTIONS | | | |
| b(1)(a) | Funding and refunding bonds authorized by orders introduced but not yet adopted | \$ | 4,400,000 |
| b(1)(b) | Proposed refunding installment financing debt | \$ | 0 |
| b(2) | Funding and refunding bonds authorized but not yet issued..... | \$ | 0 |
| b(3) | The amount of money held in sinking funds or otherwise for the payment of any part of the principal of gross debt other than debt incurred for water purposes or sanitary sewer purposes (to the extent that the bonds are deductible under G.S. §159-55(b)) | \$ | 0 |
| b(4) | Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for water purposes..... | \$ | 0 |
| b(5) | Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred, or to be incurred, for sanitary sewer system purposes to the extent that said debt is made deductible by G.S. §159-55(b) | \$ | 0 |
| b(6) | Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred to the extent that such assessments will be applied, when collected, to the payment of any part of the gross debt..... | \$ | 0 |
| b(7) | The amount, as estimated by the Finance Officer, of special assessments to be levied for local improvements for which any part of the gross debt (that is not otherwise deducted) was or is to be incurred, to the extent that the special assessments, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt | \$ | 0 |
| (b) | DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7) | \$ | 4,400,000 |
| (c) NET DEBT | | | |
| (c) | NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b) | \$ | 4,234,817.52 |
| (d) APPRAISED VALUE | | | |
| (d) | APPRAISED VALUE of property subject to taxation by said District before the application of any assessment ratio, being the value fixed in 2015 | \$ | 140,614,100 |
| (e) | Percentage which the NET DEBT (c) bears to the APPRAISED VALUE (d) | | 3.01% |

The foregoing statement is true.

Finance Officer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS) ss.:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July 2015.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

I, Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a statement which was filed with me at a meeting of said Board held on July 20, 2015, after the introduction and before the adoption of an order authorizing bonds of said District, and that said statement is open to public inspection my office as the Clerk to said Board.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this ____ day of July 2015.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

Agenda Item # 16: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 Water and Sewer District V Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 17: APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY WATER BILLS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2015:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of adjustments to the following water bills for April and June 2015:

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 4/10/2015 | 700033.00 98 | KENNETH STOCKS | \$ (68.25) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |
| 4/13/2015 | 705900.00 98 | JAMES FAULK JR | \$ (336.75) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |

| DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 5/12/2015 | 370510.00 98 | WAYNE SHELLEY | \$ (256.36) | LEAK ADJUSTMENT |
| 5/12/2015 | 330270.00 96 | CLARENCE BEST | \$ (30.00) | POSTING ERROR |
| 5/13/2015 | 330510.00 98 | LARRY BROWN | \$ (7.70) | BILLING ERROR |

| DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015 | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| DATE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | NAME ON ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 33.49 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 6/18/2015 | 800141.00 98 | DAVID JOHNSON | \$ 25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |

Motion made by Commission McKenzie to approve adjustments to the monthly water bills for April and June, 2015. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #18: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN TAP FEE FOR A TWO (2") INCH WATER SERVICE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of an increase in the tap fee for a two (2") inch water service. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bullard to approve the increase in tap fees for a two inch water service. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #19: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF HOOKUP WITHIN THREE HUNDRED (300') FEET OF EXISTING WATER LINE:

Danny Fowler Public Utilities Director requested Board approval of requirement of hookup within three hundred (300') feet of existing water line. Motion was made by Commissioner McDowell to approve that new dwellings constructed within 300 feet of an existing water line from the NCDOT right of way be required to hook up to the Columbus County Public Water Supply System unless the dwelling had to be rebuilt due to an act of god or structure fire. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Prevatte stated since the hookup fee is \$500 now, could the water board offer a reduced rate to residents as a special at some point during the year. Mr. McKenzie thought it could be done a set time during the year. Mr. Fowler stated the water department offers monthly payments to those who need it. Mr. Clark said, in the past, when the water board has done that before, a good time is between Christmas and April, when folks are getting their income tax refund checks. Commissioner McDowell suggested that the water board consider offering the hookup at cost to residents whose well goes bad. Mr. Fowler stated the cost of materials for a hookup is \$374.

Commissioner Byrd, Mr. Prevatte, and Mr. Clark stated that recently there was a water meeting at Welches Creek with approximately 200 people. It was the best we've had in the County. The folks were very interested in signing up to the public water system. They need to know that when you sign up you don't have to pay the \$150 fee. We are just trying to get a head count so we can see where we are going.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:17 pm, Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman