

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 05, 2008

6:30 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
 Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Sammie Jacobs
 Lynwood Norris
 Ricky Bullard
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:

MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the May 05, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ronald Gore. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Bill Memory.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

- A. April 17, 2008 Workshop with Landfill Gas Task Force; **and**
- B. April 21, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte announced that two (2) Public Comment cards had been received. The following people spoke.

1. **James Edwin Spivey:** stated the following:
 - A. Why does Columbus Regional Healthcare System charge interest on the balance of hospital bills that have not been paid?;
 - B. The first twelve (12) months of the outstanding balance are free of interest charges, and after that length of time, interest is charged;
 - C. Why is the hospital outsourcing jobs when Columbus County needs the jobs to be within the County?

After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for the Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees, Commissioner Lynwood Norris, a member of the Board of Trustees, and William S. Clark, Columbus County Manager, to check into this matter.

2. **Gene F. McNeil:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to thank Commissioner Sammie Jacobs for working with the citizens in the eastern end of Columbus County;
 - B. I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for endeavoring to get a license plate office in the eastern end of the County;
 - C. As for the quarter-cent sales tax, me and my household are for it;
 - D. The entire County should be involved in this process, so they can understand what the tax is and the fairness of the tax; **and**
 - E. I need some information about this tax so I can share it with others.

Chairman Prevatte stated he appreciated the interest Mr. McNeil is showing and the information he needed would be provided to him.

Commissioner Jacobs stated he had appointed Mr. McNeil and Raymond Shaw to the Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Education Committee.

Vice Chairman Memory stated the County would be letting the contract for Water District IV in July, 2008.

Agenda Item #6: WHITEVILLE CHAMBER of COMMERCE - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION:

Janice Young, Executive Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support for Columbus First Marketing Plan.

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for
COLUMBUS FIRST MARKETING PLAN**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, including its retail, health care, professional services, educational institutions, manufacturing, financial, tourism, municipalities and other governmental agencies, is determined to convey a positive image; **and**

WHEREAS, this positive image will be conveyed not only to our citizens, but also to residents in the surrounding areas in order to attract and retain businesses and residents, thus producing a stronger economy; **and**

WHEREAS, all citizens benefit from having a healthier economy through increased commerce, improved quality of life, sustained growth and prosperity; **and**

WHEREAS, on behalf of the county and the aforementioned businesses and organizations, the chambers of commerce have developed the **Columbus First Marketing Plan** designed to contribute positively to the above by promoting Columbus County on a local, regional, state, and national basis; **and**

- WHEREAS**, the campaign will endeavor to:
- educate county citizens about the importance of shopping locally;
 - solicit the public via various means of advertising and publicity, electronic and otherwise, to visit, shop, and live in Columbus County;
 - bring together Columbus First participants in order to present a unified and comprehensive plan for cooperative promotion; **and**
 - offer training to Columbus First participants to enable them to build a reputation of outstanding service, friendliness, and professionalism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, fully support the **Columbus First Marketing Plan** and the improvements it offers to the citizens of Columbus County.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 5th day of May, 2008.

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/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Ms. Young stated the following:

1. I would like to speak on behalf of the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce;
2. The Columbus First Marketing Plan began as a Chamber project, and then we decided that this can't be just a Chamber project;
3. We need everybody in the County involved in this process;
4. We asked ourselves, "Do we have the expertise to do county-wide marketing?", and the answer was no;
5. We looked at two (2) companies and decided to use Imagined Creative out of Wilmington;
6. This plan will be two (2) years long;
7. We will carry this message through electronic measures;
8. We will create a country-wide relocation guide;
9. We will be working with Travel and Tourism;

10. We will get involved with advertisements in magazines;
11. We all need to take this message on a consistent and competitive level;
12. We will learn additional customer service through training classes;
13. This project will take a lot of money and our goal has been set at one hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$100,000.00) dollars;
14. On May 28, 2008, at 7:30 A.M., we will have a breakfast for our first launching, at Southeastern Community College, in the T-Building, and everyone is invited to attend;
15. This program is set to roll out in the fall of 2008;
16. We will be asking each of you to participate in this project personally; **and**
17. We will be inviting multiple participants in the County.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Columbus First Marketing Plan, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of the COLUMBUS COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL:

Tricia Lennon, Literacy Council, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution in Support of the Columbus County Literacy Council.

**Resolution in Support of the
Columbus County Literacy Council**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Literacy Council was established in 1979 by founder Ruth Whitley who responded to the great need for an adult literacy tutoring program in Columbus County and opened her home and heart to students seeking help with reading; **and**

WHEREAS, the Council grew and more non-readers in the county sought reading skills to better their lives, to increase work opportunities or simply to discover the joy of reading for the first time and the non-profit organization has helped individuals age 6 to 86 accomplish those goals; **and**

WHEREAS, the Literacy Council office space rented at the Waccamaw building, computer lab, and volunteer tutors and staff are available to county residents free of charge and at locations throughout; **and**

WHEREAS, today's technological society places greater and more rigorous literacy demands on the workforce and individuals must be able to read, write, do math, and think critically in the contexts of their work, families, and communities; **and**

WHEREAS, the Council's Federal funding dispersed through the North Carolina Community College System was decreased significantly for the 2007-08 fiscal year despite obtaining its national certification through ProLiteracy America and service to thousands of residents throughout the years; **and**

WHEREAS twenty (20%) percent of the people in Columbus County can neither read nor write and another thirty-four (24%) percent are at literacy risk according to surveys and studies by the North Carolina Literacy Resource Center and the United States Department of Education; **and**

WHEREAS, literacy is linked to employability, income levels and the quality of life and the Literacy Council's budget goes directly to providing space, computer access and materials to students and tutors and less than five (5%) percent funds a part time office assistant position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses their support for the **Columbus County Literacy Council** and encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to continue to support and consider increasing funding to Columbus County in order to continue to make one-on-one literacy tutoring available to everyone in Columbus County who seeks it; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to our state and federal representatives;

ADOPTED this the 5th day of May, 2008.

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/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

On behalf of Tricia Lennon, Charlene Hinnant stated the following:

1. Statistics show that one-fifth (1/5) of the citizens in Columbus County are determined to be at literacy risk;
2. Our funding comes from a Community College Fund from Raleigh;
3. We are a total volunteer organization except for one (1) part-time employee;
4. Our funding has been cut from twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) dollars to five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars;
5. We are doing fund raisers to keep this program going, but this is taking away from our tutoring;
6. We are requesting that you consider our funding as a line item in the Budget this year;
7. We were originally established as an Adult Literacy Council, but we are also educating youth;
8. Educated citizenry is good for the economy; **and**
9. Ages 0 - 5th grade makes up ten to fifteen (10% - 15%) percent of our clientele.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Columbus County Literacy Council, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8: AGING - APPROVAL of the FOLLOWING for the HOME and COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT:

- A. **To appoint Columbus County Department of Aging as the Receiver Provider and continue to be Lead Agent for Columbus County;**
- B. **To allow all programs to remain as presently provided;**
- C. **On behalf of Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee, accept the Proposed Budget of allocations of \$506,563 with local match of 10%, \$61,447, for a total \$614,477; and**
- D. **To allow the Columbus County Department of Aging to accept any additional funds for the Budget Year 2008-2009.**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the above listed items.

Commissioner Bullard stated the following:

1. I would like for this Agenda item to be tabled until after the Budget process;
2. I have talked to Mr. Clark and have asked him to get me some answers on some of the programs at the Department of Aging; **and**
3. I would like to know how much money some of the programs are making.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to table this Agenda item, and for Mr. Clark to look into the programs at the Department of Aging, seconded by Commissioner Gore.

After discussion was conducted, a roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Memory and Commissioners Bullard and Gore;
and
NAYS: Commissioners McKenzie, Jacobs and Norris.

The motion passed on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

Agenda Item #9: APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD:

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Commissioner Sammie Jacobs to appoint Reverend John Reid to fill Ronald Campbell's unexpired term on the Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council Board.

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs appointed Reverend John Reid, Post Office Box 300, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450, Telephone: (910) 646-4940, to fill the unexpired term of Reverend Ronald Campbell who is deceased, with term expiring June 30, 2010.

Agenda Item #10: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following National Nurses Week - May 6 - 12, 2008 Proclamation.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK - MAY 6 - 12, 2008
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; **and**

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; **and**

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative health care; **and**

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; **and**

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; **and**

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; **and**

WHEREAS, that more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; **and**

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; **and**

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Columbus County Commissioners have declared the week of **May 6-12** as **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK** in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Columbus County Commissioners, ask that all residents of this community join us in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residents of Columbus County celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the National Nurses' Week Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - FUNDS NEEDED and METHODS IMPLEMENTED:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, addressed the Board relative to the amount of funds needed for the remainder of FY 2007-2008, and his recommendation to eliminate the restriction of the vans to certain days of the week. Mr. Patton stated the following:

1. On the handouts I have provided to you, you will find that if we continue with the present rates, we will have a deficit of approximately seven thousand two hundred and 00/100 (\$7,200.00) dollars by the end of the fiscal year;
2. If the fares are increased to be three and 00/100 (\$3.00) dollars for in-town and ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars for the rural areas of Columbus County, for the remainder of the month of May and the month of June, we will have a gain of approximately one thousand

- one hundred and 00/100 (\$1,100.00) dollars;
3. If the fares are increased for the month of June only, we will have a deficit of approximately two thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars;
 4. My recommendation is for the fares for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to be three and 00/100 (\$3.00) dollars for in-town and ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars for the rural areas of Columbus County; **and**
 5. The recommended increase in fares will give us a gain of approximately five thousand nine hundred and 00/100 (\$5,900.00) dollars, depending on gas prices and usage.

MOTION:

Commissioner Memory made a motion to amend the fares to be three and 00/100 (\$3.00) dollars for in-town and ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars for the rural areas of Columbus County, for the remainder of the month of May and the month of June, and for the fares to remain at this amount for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, seconded by Commissioner Gore.

AMENDED MOTION:

After discussion was conducted relative to the effective date, Vice Chairman Memory amended his motion to include an effective date of Monday, May 12, 2008, Commissioner Gore amended his second.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to give Columbus County Public Transportation the sum of five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars. The substitute motion died for a lack of a second.

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

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Memory, Commissioners Norris, Jacobs, Bullard and Gore; **and**

NAYS: Commissioner McKenzie.

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

Agenda Item #12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE for INCENTIVE GRANT:

James Hinkle, Interim Economic Development Director, requested Board approval to establish a Public Hearing date for May 19, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., for approval of an Incentive Grant.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to establish May 19, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., as the Public Hearing date, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13: WATER (PUBLIC UTILITIES) - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. Last year, the Water Department met many goals, with six hundred (600) miles of water lines, fourteen (14) wells, pumps and tanks scattered all over the County;
2. We strive to keep the water districts up and running;
3. In the past year, we filled 3,347 work orders that range from checking leaks to putting in water services;
4. With two (2) meter readers, a three (3) man service crew and a supervisor, we oversee the testing and logging of daily water usage seven (7) days a week;
5. Recently, we have overseen the installation of sixty (60) miles of water lines in Water District V, which includes the State Prison and Guideway School;
6. Currently, we are in the process of beginning construction in Water IV, hopefully to be bid in July;
7. We have six hundred (600) people signed up for Water District IV;
8. A three (3) person office staff has worked with me on the weekends to sign up customers in Water District IV; **and**
9. We are still striving to keep the needed licenses to keep this system up and running.

Agenda Item #14: FINANCE - REVISED FIXED ASSET POLICY APPROVAL:

Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, presented a **Revised** Fixed Asset Policy for Board approval. **(This will be the second reading.)**

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the **Revised** Fixed Asset Policy, on the second reading, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of this document can be found in the April 21, 2008 Board Minutes for review.

Agenda Item #15: FINANCE - POLICY for INTERNAL AUDITING:

Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, presented a Policy for Internal Auditing for Board approval. **(This will be the second reading.)**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Policy for Internal Auditing, on the second reading, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously. The contents of this document can be found in the April 21, 2008 Board Minutes for review.

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

At 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. April 21, 2008 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting; **and**
- B. April 21, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting **(5 Sets)**

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Columbus County Water and Sewer District, respectively.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS II and III - UPDATE on SPECIAL TAX:

Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, will deliver an update to the Board on the Special Tax in these two (2) districts. **(This was tabled at the April 21, 2008 Board Meeting.)**

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

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY and GREEN ENGINEERING, P.L.I.C. for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, is requesting Board Approval of this Agreement.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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

At 7:49 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn the **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #19: APPOINTMENT - COMMITTEE:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, is requesting the following appointment be made to the

following committee.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Housing Advisory Committee	IV	Vickie Pait P.O. Box 1776 Whiteville, NC 28472	06-30-2007	Appointed

Agenda Item #20: GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT of INDIVIDUALS to EDUCATE PUBLIC on the QUARTER-CENT (1/4¢) SALES TAX:

**QUARTER (1/4 ¢) CENT SALES TAX
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

DISTRIC T	APPOINTEE	ADDRESS	TELEPHO NE
I	#1: Timothy Lane		
	#2: Margaret Holloway		
II	#1: Julie Strickland	106 W. Smith Street Whiteville, NC 28472	640-6624
	#2: Brian Edwards	207 E. 5th Street Chadbourn, NC 28431	6564-4452
III	#1: Brenda Moore		
III	#2: Wilson Spaulding		
IV	#1: Carlton Prince	321 Fuller Street Whiteville, NC 28472	642-2329
IV	#2: Gene McNeil	736 Cemetery Road Riegelwood, NC 28456	655-2805
V	#1: Raymond Shaw		
V	#2		
VI	#1: :Peggy Gerald		
VI	#2: Gayle Williamson		
VII	#1: Dr. Dan Strickland	Columbus County Schools P.O. Box 729 Whiteville, NC 28472	642-5168
VII	#2: Timothy Ward	685 Snake Island Road Whiteville, NC 28472	640-1231

Agenda Item #21: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

Commissioner Gore made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditure	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	7,312
Revenue	10-3839-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue G/F	7,312
Expenditure	10-9600-560039	Waccamaw River Debris Removal	88,189
Revenue	10-3493-440023	Brunswick Match	21,645
	10-3493-440022	DWQ Reimbursement	86,544
Expenditure	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy	281
Revenue	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy State	281

B. April 21, 2008 Tax Releases:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the following Tax Releases, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
May 05, 2008**

Release the User Fee in the name of Bullock, Hilda W. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-10540 Bill # 2594 Total \$106.00
Release user fee. House vacant. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Jeremy L. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 09-02053 Bill # 6256 Total \$193.00
Release one of two user fees. One house is incomplete.

Release the User Fee in the name of Edmund, Charles E. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-06693 Bill # 8302 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House vacant, no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jones, Billy H. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 03-01458 Bill # 9217 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant and trash can has been picked up.

Release the User Fee in the name of Jordan, Millie E. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 04-01141 Bill # 9284 Total \$96.50
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, James M. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-23960 Bill # 1280 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. Old store is closed. No trash can here.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2002 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 246 Total \$87.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 1999 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 9416 Total \$60.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2001 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 3712 Total \$75.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 1313 Total \$87.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 7621 Total \$87.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 1797 Total \$87.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 3234 Total \$106.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 3888 Total \$106.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lighthouse Christain Ch. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2000 Account # 18-00403 Bill # 1241 Total \$65.00
Release user fee. Church does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, Vickie L. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-20455 Bill # 6251 Total \$96.50
Release half of the user fee. This is a summer home.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Robert Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-34000 Bill # 2671 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Simmons, Robert. Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-34000 Bill # 3186 Total \$193.00
Release user fee. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Agenda Item #22: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Donna Register (Soil and Water Conservation):** stated the following:
 - a. The Legislative Program Evaluation Division is recommending that seven (7) of the eighteen (18) Agricultural Research Stations in North Carolina be sold;
 - b. One (1) of these Research Stations is located in Columbus County;
 - c. The Farm Bureau, Soil and Water Conservation and the Department of Agriculture are against the closing of these stations;
 - d. A Program Evaluation Report will be presented to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 10:00 A.M.;
 - e. I am requesting that a Letter of Support be sent to our Legislators and the members of this committee; **and**
 - f. If this station is closed, it will eliminate some local jobs.

After discussion was conducted relative to this matter, it was the general consensus of the Board for the Clerk to the Board to prepare a Letter of Support to be forwarded to our Legislators and the members of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee.

2. **Bobbie Faircloth (Finance):** stated the following:
 - a. In the Resolution of Reimbursement by the Sitting Columbus County Board of Commissioners to the Columbus County General Fund Account, bearing the date of September 20, 2004, it is stating Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, and this needs to be amended to state Columbus County water and Sewer District II; **and**
 - b. It is stating that interest will be added annually to the debt payoff in accordance with the stipulations of the prime rate, and I am requesting that

it be stated the interest to be at 4.75%.

After discussion of this matter was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, to contact the Clerk to the Board for these changes to be made, and an amended resolution be presented at the May 19, 2008 Board Meeting.

B. Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. I have received a fax on trash receptacles being picked up. Can you provide some details on this for me. Leroy Sellers, Solid Waste Director, replied stating the following:
 - there are some issues with the trash receptacles;
 - we are in the process of doing a can count;
 - we are trying to develop a system where we can get a handle on this situation; **and**
 - after we get the original information straightened out, I think we can control these trash receptacles.

After lengthy discussion was conducted relative to this matter, it was the general consensus of the Board, for Mr. Clark to develop a policy on the correct procedure to follow for the trash receptacles.

2. I have noticed a lot of eighteen (18) wheeler trucks parked on the side of the road and I think this is dangerous, and what can we do prevent this from happening. After a brief discussion was conducted, there was a general consensus that this problem would be a North Carolina Department of Transportation and a North Carolina Highway Patrol issue.

C. County Manager:

William S. Clark: stated the 2008-2009 Columbus County Proposed Operating Budget would be presented at the May 19, 2008 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #23: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
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Monday, May 05, 2008

7:35 P.M.

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Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the above listed Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:49 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed unanimously.

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- 4. I have figured the interest at 4.75%;
- 5. On Water District II, the \$244,000 includes the two-cent tax break;
- 6. On Water District III, the \$216,886 includes the two-cent tax break;
- 7. The principal and interest on the bonds can be found on the third sheet under expenses;
- 8. We are recommending seven (\$.07) cents for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, which is now nine (\$.09) cents; **and**
- 9. We are recommending eleven (\$.11) cents for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, which is now thirteen (\$.13) cents.

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Commissioner Bullard asked if the special taxes could be used for any type of payment to be made, or if it was restricted to the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds. Steve Fowler, County Attorney, stated he would like to research this matter before delivering an answer.

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Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY and GREEN ENGINEERING, P.L.L.C. for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of a Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner, and Engineer for Professional Services, Funding Agency Edition, between Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV and Green Engineering, P.L.L.C. Mr. Sellers stated the following:

1. This Agreement has been looked over and approved by Rural Development;
2. This is a standard and basic service agreement; **and**
3. This is to get Water District IV up and running.

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner, and Engineer for Professional Services, Funding Agency Edition, between Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV and Green Engineering, P.L.L.C., seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this Agreement will be on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

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