

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****June 02, 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**

**6:30 P.M.****PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive written and oral comments from any person who wishes to be heard on the Budget.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive written and oral comments from any person who wishes to be heard on the Budget. Chairman Prevatte requested that Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, explain the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Fowler orally read the policy, in its entirety, for information.

Chairman Prevatte stated the following clarification was needed relative to the Budget Workshops and Department Heads:

1. The Budget Workshops were established with the intent for discussion with the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Officer for better understanding of the contents of the Budget;
2. I stated at the Board Meeting when the first Budget Workshop was established the manner in which we would handle the said workshops;
3. The County Manager announced at the May 21, 2008 Department Head Meeting that the Budget Workshops would be for the Commissioners, the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Officer, and when these meetings were finished, the Department Heads, if they desire, would be scheduled for discussion with the Board of Commissioners;
4. We plan to follow this schedule for time saving purposes; **and**
5. As soon as the workshops with the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Officer are finished, we will contact the Department Heads, and the ones that would like to meet with the Board will be scheduled.

**COMMENTS:**

Chairman Prevatte stated that seven (7) cards had been received, and they would be heard in the order they were received. The following people spoke.

1. **Major Lewis Hatcher (Sheriff's Department):** stated the following:
  - A. I have been nominated to speak on the behalf of Paul D. Hardy, Adolphus D. McDuffie, Shelia Banks, Milton Gaines and Phyllis Cromartie;
  - B. We need detention officers;
  - C. There is a need for two (2) detention officers per squad;
  - D. We are experiencing problems when an officer calls in sick and when an officer takes vacation time;
  - E. The Sheriff and I have been filling in for some of these vacancies; **and**
  - F. We are respectfully requesting that you give utmost consideration to our request.

2. **Robert Eugene Adams:** stated the following:
  - A. When I reviewed the Budget, I had many questions;
  - B. I have talked to Mr. Clark and Ms. Edwards, and they have answered most of my questions;
  - C. I have discovered some creative bookkeeping within this budget;
  - D. There is a Fire Marshal issue in the amount of \$100,000;
  - E. It would be beneficial to the County to buy bulk diesel fuel; **and**
  - F. By buying bulk diesel fuel, you may eliminate the fuel surcharge that Waste Management is charging the County.
  
3. **Janet Hinson (Columbus Humane Society Member):** stated the following:
  - A. What happened to the Animal Advisory Board?;
  - B. The \$25.00 proposed adoption fee be used towards spay/neuter of the animals;
  - C. Columbus County Animal Control needs to sign up for the Care Program for added revenue which could be used toward the cost of spay/neuter;
  - D. EBI - Euthanasia By Injection is required by law General Statute 10A-24(5) for the following:
    - animals less than 16 weeks of age
    - animals that are pregnant
    - animals that are moderately to significantly ill
    - animals that are significantly injured
    - animals that are near death
    - animals that are geriatric;
  - E. Using the gas chamber can be deadly. Davison County had a leak in their gas chamber. Several counties have been sued for danger to employees. This can cause neurological damage. They have exploded. For shelter workers, the use of the gas chamber causes high incidence of traumatic stress and depression.;
  - F. Need more breakdown on how revenue is reported (if audited), money for adoptions, fines, cat cadavers and other revenue.;
  - G. Who is the County Vet and how much does the County pay him?;
  - H. The \$30,000 proposed for new gas chamber is not prudent, when gas chambers may be outlawed by year 2012.; **and**
  - I. Whether unwanted animals die cruelly or compassionately is up to you. Your taxes are funding it.
  
4. **Steve Smith (Written Comments):**  
**SUBJECT: Department of Aging (DOA), In-Home Aide Services under PCS and CAP**
  - A. DOA total recommended budget is over \$4.8 million;
  - B. CAP (Community Alternatives Program) is nearly \$2.1 M (44% of budget);
  - C. PCS (Personal Care Services) is over \$1 M (21% of budget)
  - D. Combined, these Medicaid In-Home Aide programs total 65% of budget;
  - E. Other In-Home Aide programs (HCCBG) are not included;
  - F. Similar analysis a few years ago showed that 82% of DOA budget is actually revenue as a Home Care Agency, and not traditional DOA activities;
  - G. There are over 1,700 licensed Home Care Agencies in N.C., most of which are private companies, whose owners are at risk and pay personal and corporate taxes;
  - H. DOA billed Medicaid at less than the allowable reimbursement rate for several years, which gave them a competitive advantage over their private competitors;
  - I. The State Home Care Association studies show that the current depressed Medicaid reimbursement rates do not accurately reflect actual costs to provide the services, much less to allow for discounts;
  - J. Medicaid regulations cite that providing discounted services to consumers, which result in a higher volume of service, may be construed as a violation of the Federal regulations;
  - K. A review of DOA revenue and expense statements for the past years seem to reflect substantial deficits in providing CAP and PCS;
  - L. CAP and PCS services are not subject to Certificate of Need, which controls the number of providers. The State has been very liberal in recent years in licensing over 1,700 home care providers statewide, which lowers valuation;
  - M. However, the County may be successful in generating some revenues in a sale of the current Cap, PCS, HCCBG and other In-Home Aide Services;
  - N. In addition to revenue, the County would lower its risks by eliminating deficits and potential violations of program regulations and support small business by not competing with them;

- O. In such a transaction, current patients and employees would transfer to the successor provider, and it would be a fairly seamless event to all parties involved;
- P. Therefore, given the above facts, I urge the County Commissioners and Manager to evaluate their continued involvement in being a direct service provider of all In-Home Aide Services, and those specifically under Medicaid CAP and PCS;
- P. I make this recommendation as a citizen and personal and corporate taxpayer, who has over 25 years of Home Care experience, which allows me to have access and understanding of such information;
- Q. I will be out of state on June 2, so I am requesting that my statement is distributed to the County Commissioners; **and**
- R. I will be glad to meet with any officials to discuss this further and respond to questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:41 P.M., Chairman Prevatte announced that the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget was closed.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:41 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the June 02, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #2: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

Vice Chairman Bill Memory delivered the invocation. 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 #3: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the May 19, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #4: PUBLIC INPUT:**

No cards were received for public comment, and no one expressed a desire to deliver any public comments.

**Agenda Item #5: SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - APPROVAL of DOCUMENTS for INITIATIVE-SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT B-06-SP-NC-0578 -**

- A. **Grant Agreement;**
- B. **Form 1044; and**
- C. **Approval for Finance Office to set up method of drawing down funds.**

Beverlee Nance, Vice President, Continuing Education and Economic Development, requested Board approval of the Grant Agreement, Form 1044, and approval for the Deputy Finance Officer to set up the method of drawing down funds for the Initiative-Special Project Grant B-06-SP-NC-0578. Ms. Nance stated the following:

1. This funding was received with the help of Congressman Mike McIntyre;
2. This grant is for \$150,000 HUD funds of which the remainder will be for administration fees;
3. The \$148,500 will be used for the new Health and Human Services Building; **and**
4. The total costs for this building is \$3,148,500.00, of which \$3 million was awarded through special action from the General Assembly with the help of Senator Soles and Representative Hill.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement, Form 1044, and

approval for the Deputy Finance Officer to set up the method of drawing down funds for the Initiative-Special Project Grant B-06-SP-NC-0578, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Grant Agreement will be marked as Exhibit "A" and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board for review. A copy of Form 1044 will be marked as Exhibit "B" and kept on file likewise.

**Agenda Item #6: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL to RECEIVE WAL-MART GRANT:**

Kay Worley, Interim Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval to receive an one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars Wal-Mart Community Grant. Ms. Worley stated the following:

1. This is a Wal-Mart Community Grant in the amount of one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars;
2. This grant will be used to install smoke detectors in the homes of the needy and elderly citizens of Columbus County; **and**
3. This grant does not require any matching funds from the County.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the acceptance of the one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars Wal-Mart Community Grant, with no matching County funds, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Prevatte instructed the Clerk to the Board to work with Ms. Worley in preparing a thank you letter for this grant to be forwarded to Wal-Mart.

**Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of AWARD of MANAGEMENT CONTRACT with FIRST TRANSIT, INCORPORATED:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of awarding the Contract to Provide Community Transportation Services for Columbus County, North Carolina, "Columbus County Transportation", to First Transit, Incorporated, for the period of July 01, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the award of the Contract to Provide Community Transportation Services for Columbus County, North Carolina, "Columbus County Transportation", to First Transit, Incorporated, for the period of July 01, 2008 through June 30, 2011, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "C" and kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board for review.

**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 \$553,019 with local match of 10%, \$61,447, for a total \$614,466; and
- D. To allow the Columbus County Department of Aging to accept any additional funds for the Budget Year 2008-2009.

(This was tabled at the May 05, and May 19, 2008 Meetings.)

Ed Worley, Aging Director, requested Board approval of the above listed items for the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

After a lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted, relative to a discrepancy in the financial figures between the Finance Office and the Department of Aging, Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to table this Agenda item until the June 16, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: AGING - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Ed Worley, Aging Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board:

1. We have held our Real Senior Prom at the Whiteville Railroad Depot which was a real success;
2. We have held the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Picnic at the Columbus County Fairgrounds, and it was a real success; **and**
3. This past Friday, Charlie Lytle donated eight to ten (8 - 10) pieces of exercise equipment to the Department of Aging, and we purchased a utility building to store this equipment in, due to the lack of space in our building.

**Agenda Item #10: GOVERNING BODY - LEGISLATIVE LIAISON UPDATE:**

Chairman James E. Prevatte delivered the following Legislative Liaison Update to the Board:

1. I would like to draw your attention to the Legislative Liaisons Updates that have been included in the Information Section of your Board Packet, dated May 16, 2008 and May 23, 2008; **and**
2. I am requesting that the Clerk to the Board send these updates to the Commissioners weekly.

**Agenda Item #11: GOVERNING BODY - DISCUSSION of DESIGNATION of VENUS FLY TRAP as COLUMBUS COUNTY OFFICIAL PLANT:**

Vice Chairman Memory requested that a discussion be held of the designation of the Venus Fly Trap as the official plant for Columbus County.

Vice Chairman Memory stated the person that was going to speak on this matter could not attend this meeting, and I would like to make a motion to table this Agenda item until June 16, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: FIREWORKS - REQUEST for FIREWORKS DISPLAY and WAIVER of PERMIT FEE:**

Cynthia S. Nelson, Executive Vice President, Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce, requested permission for the fireworks display at South Columbus High School, on Thursday, July, 03, 2008 for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, and waiver of the permit fee.

William S. Clark, County Manager, stated the following:

1. Ms. Nelson is requesting permission for the display of fireworks at South Columbus High School on Thursday, July, 03, 2008 for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration;
2. She is requesting that the fee for the permit from the Columbus County Fire Marshal's office be waived as in the past years; **and**
3. In addition, she is requesting that Columbus County be a Corporate Sponsor in the amount of one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to grant permission to the Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce for the display of fireworks at South Columbus High School on Thursday, July, 03, 2008, for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, and to waive the fee for the permit from the Columbus County Fire Marshal's Office. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to grant permission to the Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce for the display of fireworks at South Columbus High School on Thursday, July, 03, 2008, for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, to waive the fee for the permit from the Columbus County Fire Marshal's Office, and to allocate one thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars to serve as a Corporate Sponsor of this event, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory.

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

**AYES:** Vice Chairman Memory, Commissioners McKenzie, Norris and Jacobs; **and**

**NAYS:** Chairman Prevatte, Commissioners Bullard and Gore.

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

**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 7:21 P.M, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 19, 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 Water District, respectively.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and IV - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to APRIL, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills.

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

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - DISCUSSION of BOARDMAN WATER:**

Commissioner Ricky Bullard delivered the following discussion on the status of Boardman water.

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

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL of RESTRICTION on FUTURE WATER SERVICE and SITE SELECTION to PROTECT FLOODPLAINS RESOLUTION:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Restriction on Future Water Service and Site Selection to Protect Flood plains Resolution.

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

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

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn the **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS:**

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

**Legend: EB = Entire Board**  
**Listed Zone # = Individual Commissioner**

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| <b>Zone I:</b>  | <b>Amon E. McKenzie</b>  | <b>Zone V:</b>  | <b>Lynwood Norris</b> |
| <b>Zone II:</b> | <b>James E. Prevatte</b> | <b>Zone VI:</b> | <b>Ricky Bullard</b>  |

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Zone III: Sammie Jacobs  
Zone IV: Bill Memory

Zone VII: Ronald Gore

| COMMITTEE  | ZONE/<br>EB                            | PERSON(S)   | EXPIR.<br>DATE   | BOARD<br>ACTION   |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| Aging Advisory Council (COG) -<br>Columbus County Members-<br><b>Motion: Commissioner Norris</b><br><b>Second: Commissioner Jacobs</b>   | EB                                     | Lester Drew<br>Amon McKenzie  | 06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b>  |
| Brunswick Zoning, Planning Board<br>and Board of Adjustments<br><b>Motion: Commissioner Norris</b><br><b>Second: Commissioner Gore</b>   | EB                                     | Caletta Faulk<br><b>Extra-territorial</b><br><b>Member</b>  | 05-17-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b>   |
| Columbus County Department of<br>Aging Advisory Council  | I<br>II<br>III<br>IV<br>V<br>VI<br>VII | Atlas Williamson<br>Laddie McKenzie<br>Marguerite Lennon<br>Jessie Vaught<br>Raymond Shaw<br>Lois Yoder<br>Dr. Melvin Powell<br>Jack Miller<br>Janice Johnson<br>Joe Neal | 06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008 | <b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Hold</b><br><b>Hold</b><br><b>Hold</b><br><b>Hold</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b> |
| Economic Development<br>Commission Board of Directors<br><b>Motion: Commissioner Jacobs</b><br><b>Second: Commissioner Norris</b>        | IV<br>V<br>EB                          | Jim Graham<br>R.C. Soles, Jr.<br>Mitchel R. Tyler ( <b>At<br/>Large</b> )   | 06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008   | <b>Hold</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Hold</b>   |
| Housing Advisory Committee<br><br><b>Motion: Vice Chairman Memory</b><br><b>Second: Commissioner Jacobs</b>                              | I<br>II<br>III<br>IV<br>VI<br>EB       | Richard Peacock<br>Michael Clemmons<br>Haynes Graham<br>Vickie Pait<br>Bonnie K. Prince<br>Ricky Bullard  | 06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Hold</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b>  |
| Industrial Facilities Pollution<br>Control Financing Authority<br><b>Motion: Commissioner Jacobs</b><br><b>Second: Commissioner Gore</b> | EB<br>EB                               | James C. High<br>Henry Campbell   | 06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>(Contingent on<br/>acceptance of<br/>appointment.)</b>   |
| Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  | II                                     | Marie Tutwiler  | 06-30-2008   | <b>Hold</b>   |
| Library Board of Trustees  | III<br>VI                              | Jean Jacobs<br>Jeanne B. Ivey   | 06-30-2008<br>06-30-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b>  |
| Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint<br>Community Advisory Committee<br><b>Motion: Vice Chairman Memory</b><br><b>Second: Commissioner Gore</b> | EB<br>EB<br>EB                         | Robert Adams<br>Debbie Bullard<br>Flora White   | 07-16-2008<br>02-06-2008<br>06-18-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b><br><b>Re-Appoint</b>   |
| Social Services Board<br><b>*See details of motions<br/>immediately following list*</b>  | EB                                     | Michael A. Lewis  | 06-30-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b>   |
| Southeastern Community College<br>Board of Trustees  | VII                                    | Randy Britt   | 06-30-2008   | <b>Re-Appoint</b>   |

**\*Details of motions for Social Services Board\*:**

Commissioner Gore made a motion to re-appoint Michael A. Lewis to the Columbus County Social Services Board, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory.

Commissioner McKenzie made a substitute motion to appoint Sterling Lennon to the

Columbus County Social Services Board, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

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

**AYES:** Commissioners McKenzie, Norris and Bullard; **and**

**NAYS:** Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Memory, Commissioners Jacobs and Gore.

The substitute motion failed with a four (4) to three (3) vote.

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

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner McKenzie.

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

**Agenda Item #18: GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT of INDIVIDUALS to EDUCATE PUBLIC on the QUARTER-CENT (1/4¢) SALES TAX:**

Chairman Prevatte stated that one (1) member remained to be appointed, but time was of the essence on this matter. Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, and Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, is to set up a date and time for the first meeting, for the purpose of electing a chairperson, and to train the committee members on educating the people of Columbus County on the quarter (1/4 ¢) cent sales tax.

**Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

| TYPE               | ACCOUNT        | DETAILS                    | AMOUNT |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| <b>Expenditure</b> | 10-5192-512100 | BCCP Salaries              | 5,000  |
|                    | 10-5192-518100 | BCCP FICA                  | 150    |
|                    | 10-5192-518200 | BCCP Retirement            | 55     |
|                    | 10-5192-519000 | BCCP Professional Services | 505    |
|                    | 10-5192-523900 | BCCP Drugs and Supplies    | 500    |
| <b>Revenue</b>     | 10-3510-430050 | BCCP State Funds           | 6,210  |
| <b>Expenditure</b> | 10-5301-549988 | TANF Domestic Violence     | 9,000  |
| <b>Revenue</b>     | 10-3530-430065 | Work First Block Grant     | 9,000  |
| <b>Expenditure</b> | 10-4310-512100 | Salaries and Wages Regular | 35,000 |
| <b>Revenue</b>     | 10-3431-430119 | Arrest Fees                | 35,000 |

**B. June 02, 2008 Tax Refunds and Releases:**

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
June 02, 2008**

Refunds Name: Harris, Willard Amount: \$79.06  
 Value: \$9,700.00 Year 007 Account # 01-03277 Bill # 55321 Total \$93.61  
 Refund a portion of the property value, a portion of the Whiteville Rescue (1.94) and a portion of W3 (12.61). The property is double listed in the name of Gerald Jupina. Make check payable to Robert Devin

Ward.  
9266 Rough & Ready Rd. Cerro Gordo NC 28430

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
June 02, 2008**

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| Release the Property Value in the name of Godwin, Tabitha L.  | Amount: | \$23.77  |
| Value: \$2,916.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-05103 Bill # 2402   | Total   | \$27.27  |
| Release the value of a boat, the Yam City Fire (2.92) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The boat is double listed in the name of Ricky Long. |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M Heirs   | Amount: | \$135.41 |
| Value: \$17,700.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 2348  | Total   | \$138.95 |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$68.64  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 2002 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 0372   | Total   | \$70.40  |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. (Heirs)  | Amount: | \$61.16  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 1998 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 8551   | Total   | \$61.16  |
| Release property value. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$68.64  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 2001 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 433  | Total   | \$70.40  |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$63.36  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 2000 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 873  | Total   | \$63.36  |
| Release property value. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$68.64  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 0924   | Total   | \$70.40  |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$68.64  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 189  | Total   | \$70.40  |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$129.21 |
| Value: \$17,700.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 1180  | Total   | \$132.75 |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$144.26 |
| Value: \$17,700.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 2645  | Total   | \$147.80 |
| Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Martin, A.M. Heirs  | Amount: | \$61.16  |
| Value: \$8,800.00 Year: 1999 Account # 01-59280 Bill # 0590   | Total   | \$61.16  |
| Release property value. Cannot verify deed.   |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Monroe, Kenneth   | Amount: | \$117.94 |
| Value: \$15,120.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-01751 Bill # 777   | Total   | \$321.69 |
| Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (10.58) and Whiteville Rescue (3.02). The home was repossessed in 2003.        |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Monroe, Kenneth   | Amount: | \$103.22 |
| Value: \$14,140.00 Year: 2005 Account # 01-01751 Bill # 3790  | Total   | \$304.55 |
| Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (9.90) and Whiteville Rescue (2.83). The home was repossessed in 2003.         |         |          |
| Release the Property Value in the name of Monroe, Kenneth   | Amount: | \$101.13 |
| Value: \$13,220.00 Year: 2006 Account # 01-01751 Bill # 5023  | Total   | \$317.32 |
| Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (9.25) and Whiteville Rescue (2.64). The home was                              |         |          |

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repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Monroe, Kenneth Amount: \$100.41  
Value: \$12,320.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-01751 Bill # 5391 Total \$315.64  
Release the value of a mobile home, the Brunswick Fire (8.62) and Whiteville Rescue (2.46). The home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Beatrice Amount: \$31.30  
Value: \$62,600.00 Year: 1998 Account # 12-29860 Bill # 8088 Total \$31.30  
Release the property value for the Town of Boardman. Property is not inside the town of Boardman.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, Beatrice Amount: \$31.30  
Value: \$62,600.00 Year: 1999 Account # 12-29860 Bill # 4800 Total \$31.30  
Release the property value for the Town of Boardman. Property is not inside the town of Boardman.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Kim C. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-01730 Bill # 9253 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Kim C. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-01730 Bill # 9291 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. House is vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Batten, Kim C. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 14-01730 Bill # 8592 Total \$177.00  
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bowen, Susan Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 0301811 Bill # 0957 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. This is vacant land.

Release the User Fee in the name of Brown, Betty Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-04720 Bill # 1531 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. House is unlivable, no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, Benjamin Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 13-09211 Bill # 5909 Total \$193.00  
Release the user fee. House vacant, no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, Benjamin Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 13-09211 Bill # 5065 Total \$177.00  
Release user fee. House vacant, no power, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Cox, Benjamin Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 13-09211 Bill # 5927 Total \$193.00  
Release the user fee. House vacant, no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Alexander Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-01847 Bill # 3309 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. House vacant, no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, Mae B. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-09260 Bill # 1328 Total \$193.00  
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, Mae B. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-09260 Bill # 1028 Total \$193.00  
Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Long, Forrest R. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 03-03135 Bill # 1413 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. This is vacant land.

Release the User Fee in the name of Meares, Bob Amount: \$0.00

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-25340 Bill # 4434 Total \$106.00  
Release the user fee. House vacant. In the process of removing.

Release the User Fee in the name of Monroe, Kenneth Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2003 Account # 01-01751 Bill # 3517 Total \$104.05  
Release a portion of the user fee. Mobile home was repossessed in 2003.

Release the User Fee in the name of Pigford, Nardie (etal) Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 08-14969 Bill # 8385 Total \$193.00  
Release the user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Shelley, C. W. Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 10-15251 Bill # 2650 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. House vacant and trash can no longer there.

Release the User Fee in the name of Williamson, Glenn Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-30600 Bill # 2336 Total \$193.00  
Release user fee. This is a new house, no trash can for 2007.

**Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Heads:**

1. **Stuart Carroll (Purchasing):** stated the following:
  - a. The Government Complex Road will be ready for use in two (2) weeks; **and**
  - b. This road is paved.
2. **Kim Smith (Health):** stated the following:
  - a. Hurricane Season officially started on June 01, 2008; **and**
  - b. It is very important to have your hurricane kit ready for use.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Jacobs:** stated the following:
  - a. I have been contacted by the Buckhead Fire and Rescue Department;
  - b. The Chief has stated that at the February 04, 2008 monthly meeting, they decided to extend their fire tax district to six (6) miles;
  - c. They would like for the Board of Commissioners to set a date for a Public Hearing to be held for this purpose; **and**
  - d. They have met all the criteria that is necessary for this action to happen.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to establish June 16, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Buckhead Fire and Rescue Department to hold a Public Hearing to extend their fire tax district from a five (5) mile district, to a six (6) mile district, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to give accolades to the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Officer for the nice Budget they have presented; **and**
  - b. This Budget is well arranged and very easy to follow.
3. **Commissioner Gore:** stated the following:
  - a. The seventy-five (\$75 M) million dollar Budget that has been presented to the Board belongs to the Columbus County citizens;
  - b. I would like to thank Mr. Clark and all of the others who were involved in the process, for a well-presented Budget;
  - c. Columbus County has a thirty-eight (\$38 M) million dollar debt that has to be paid;
  - d. All employees, from the top down, need to be good stewards of this money

- and only spend what is absolutely necessary; **and**
- e. For the upcoming Budget year, I am recommending that the County Commissioners cut their salary by one thousand, five hundred, and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which will equate to one hundred, twenty-five, and 00/100 (\$125.00) dollars per month.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Gore made a motion for the upcoming 2008 - 2009 Fiscal Year, that the Columbus County Commissioners cut their annual salary by one thousand, five hundred and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which will equate to one hundred, twenty-five, and 00/100 (\$125.00) dollars per month, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

After discussion was conducted relative to the designation of these funds, Commissioner Gore made the following **amended** motion.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

Commissioner Gore made an amended motion for the upcoming 2008 - 2009 Fiscal Year, the Columbus County Commissioners cut their annual salary by one thousand, five hundred and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which will equate to one hundred, twenty-five, and 00/100 (\$125.00) dollars per month, and each Commissioner can designate these funds to the General Fund or any other department listed in the 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget, and Commissioner Bullard amended his second. The **amended motion** unanimously passed.

4. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like an update on the trash receptacles;
  - b. I have, in my hand, a Civil Citation Fine from the Acting Fire Marshal for the sum of one hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, and I think a warning needs to be issued for the first offense. I want this issue to be on the June 16, 2008 Agenda to lower the fee on the first offense.;
  - c. Why are we spending monies on the park in the Riegelwood area when other parts of the county do not have facilities of this nature? Commissioner Jacobs replied stating this is a recreation site for Columbus County, and it was donated by Lila Spaulding of the St. James Community, and Ms. Spaulding is a member of Friends of Lake Waccamaw.;

Commissioner Gore stated the Board needed a layout of all twenty-four (24) parks within Columbus County.

- D. I now see that it was a mistake in not letting the Department Heads speak at the Budget Workshops, and I think we should allow them to speak at the workshops in the future.
5. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
    - a. I concur with the comments that have been made on the Budget;
    - b. It is the most easily read and interpreted Budget that I have seen;
    - c. I would like to offer an explanation of the process that was followed for allowing Department Heads to speak at the Budget Workshops. A request was made to not allow the Department Heads to speak until all discussion had been completed with Mr. Clark and Ms. Faircloth, and that is what was done.
    - d. I would strongly encourage the Fire Marshal to use good common judgment on the citations being issued in the rural parts of Columbus County.
- C. **County Manager:** William S. Clark stated the following:
    1. On the trash receptacle update, we are in the process of reconciling our numbers and the numbers that Waste Management is billing the County for;
    2. The object of this whole exercise is to try and save the taxpayers of Columbus County money;
    3. As of May 30, 2008, we have picked up approximately three hundred (300) trash receptacles which could save the County about \$45,000.00;
    4. These, over 300 trash receptacles, have come from stick-built houses throughout the

- County.
5. We are now working to correct counts for County residents living in manufactured houses;
  6. At this time, we still have a discrepancy of approximately six hundred (600) trash receptacles
  7. Waste Management is billing the county for approximately 19,000 trash receptacles and on our books, we have over 18,000 trash receptacles, and the Tax Office has approximately another \$9,000 in annual charges that we may be able to avoid;
  8. We are still in the process of trying to complete our trash receptacle count;
  9. They are still picking up trash receptacles that we are not billing for;
  10. Last week, staff began working on verifying municipal trash receptacle counts;
  11. The Tax Office is billing approximately 5,717 municipal customers for disposal, and Waste Management is billing the County for over 6,200 trash receptacles, which is a difference of 483 trash receptacles;
  12. We are also looking at that and working with municipalities, and if we get those savings, it could be another \$28,000;
  13. Potentially, we are taking about a savings for the County of \$163,000.00, if all this works out.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Clark when all of this would be completed. Mr. Clark replied stating, hopefully, it would be finished by the end of June, 2008.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Mr. Clark if Waste Management was willing to make adjustments for their oversights. Mr. Clark replied stating that Waste Management was working with them.

Vice Chairman Memory asked Mr. Clark if there was a minimum of trash receptacles stated in the Contract with Waste Management. Mr. Clark replied stating he would check on this.

Chairman Prevatte stated there was an article in The News Reporter, Incorporated, about the \$200,000 that we saved with renegotiations with Waste Management as to where it went, and this \$200,000 went into Fund Balance.

**RECESS REGULAR and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (5) (i):**

**Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (5) (i).**

At 8:19 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (5) (i), seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 9:05 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

**ESTABLISHMENT of BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

Due to the hour when the Regular Session Board Meeting ended, the Budget Workshop that was tentatively scheduled to be held immediately afterwards, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish June 5, 2008, at 5:30 P.M., in the Commissioners' Chambers, for the next Budget Workshop. The Budget Workshop is scheduled as follows:

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|-----------------------|--|
| 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. | Discussion between the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Office; |
| 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. | Discussion with the Sheriff's Department; <b>and</b>                 |
| 6:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. | Discussion with Southeastern Community College.                      |

Any other two (2) departments that wishes to present to the Board at thirty (30) minute

intervals, and if any department should need more than the allotted thirty (30) minutes, they will be allowed to do so.

**Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:07 P.M., Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

**Monday, June 02, 2008**

**7:21 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 Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

James 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**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:21 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and IV - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to APRIL, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

**DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACCT NAME</b> | <b>AMOUNT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJ.</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 4/1/2008    | 105100        | MICHEAL STANLEY  | 50.00+        | METER TAMPERING        |
| 4/1/2008    | 101625        | DEVIN CORDLE     | 50.00+        | METER TAMPERING        |
| 4/1/2008    | 101320        | BECKY HEWETT     | 50.00+        | METER TAMPERING        |

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|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 4/1/2008  | 205210       | LILLIE STEPHENS         | 50.00+  | METER TAMPERING      |
| 4/1/2008  | 301870       | BRIAN CARTRETTE         | 50.00+  | METER TAMPERING      |
| 4/1/2008  | 206385       | CHARLES DRAYTON         | 50.00+  | METER TAMPERING      |
| 4/1/2008  | 207910       | VERLETTA SPAIN          | 50.00+  | METER TAMPERING      |
| 4/2/2008  | 603595       | DORIS SHIPMAN           | 50.00-  | BILLING ERROR        |
| 4/2/2008  | 302677       | JULIE JOHNSON           | 4.90+   | CREDIT REFUNDED      |
| 4/2/2008  | 202085       | MITCHELL WARD           | 77.61+  | BAL TRANSFERRED      |
| 4/2/2008  | 602500       | MITCHELL WARD           | 223.20- | BILLING ERROR        |
| 4/3/2008  | 207400       | JAKE FONVIELLE          | 21.00-  | BILLING ERROR        |
| 4/2/2008  | 403730       | WILLIAM HANNAH          | 16.00-  | METER READ WRONG     |
| 4/7/2008  | 303100       | LOUISE FOWLER           | 148.00- | CUST LEAK            |
| 4/8/2008  | 104400.00 97 | RUSSEL CARTRETTE        | 34.00-  | CUST LEAK            |
| 4/14/2008 | 105160       | NORMAN NORRIS           | 29.00-  | POSTING ERROR        |
| 4/14/2008 | 205160       | THERMON PRINCE          | 29.00+  | POSTING ERROR        |
| 4/16/2008 | 101625.00 96 | JEANNA L. WONG          | 5.80+   | CREDIT (CK RETURNED) |
| 4/16/2008 | 302679.00 97 | SUZANNE FAIR            | 21.00+  | CREDIT (CK RETURNED) |
| 4/16/2008 | 603510       | MABLE GRAHAM            | 5.00-   | WAIVED PEN           |
| 4/16/2008 | 600290       | ANNIE MCVAIN            | 5.00-   | WAIVED PEN           |
| 4/17/2008 | 204200       | H.P. FAULK              | 32.00-  | METER READ WRONG     |
| 4/24/2008 | 400810       | TONI LEGGETT            | 26.00-  | POSTING ERROR        |
| 4/18/2008 | 105100.00 98 | MICHEAL STANLEY         | 68.00+  | RETURN CHECK         |
| 4/18/2008 | 105100.0098  | MICHEAL STANLEY         | 25.00+  | RETURN CHECK FEE     |
| 4/21/2008 | 603445       | FAITH DELIVERENCE       | 21.00-  | BILLING ERROR        |
| 4/23/2008 | 301870.00 98 | BRIAN & LAURA CARTRETTE | 50.00-  | TAMPERING FEE WAIVED |
| 4/30/2008 | 302676.00 93 | JAMES WOODARD           | 60.00+  | RETURN CHECK         |
| 4/30/2008 | 302676.00 93 | JAMES WOODARD           | 25.00+  | RETURN CHECK FEE     |

**TOTAL** **\$6.11**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

**Monday, June 02, 2008**

**7:21 P.M.**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:21 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and IV - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to APRIL, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

**DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACCT NAME</b> | <b>ADJ AMOUNT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJ</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4/1/2008    | 142510        | LINDA CARTER     | 50.00+            | METER TAMPERING       |
| 4/1/2008    | 142720        | CARL HARDIN      | 30.00-            | CUT-OFF FEE WAIVED    |

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| 4/2/2008     | 122360.0096  | JASON ZOKAL        | 8.00-         | CUST LEAK            |
| 4/9/2008     | 140450       | DALE WILLIAMS      | 50.00-        | BILLING ERROR        |
| 4/11/2008    | 131670       | ALLEN PREVATTE     | 25.00+        | DISCONNECT FEE       |
| 4/3/2008     | 132818       | KENT STRICKLAND    | 36.00-        | BILLING ERROR        |
| 4/16/2008    | 132597.00 98 | FRANK A. LOGIACCO  | 17.00+        | CREDIT (CK RETURNED) |
| 4/16/2008    | 143790       | WILLIAM T. CARLYLE | 32.00-        | CUST LEAK            |
| 4/23/2008    | 132683       | PAUL PAGE          | 256.00-       | CUST LEAK            |
| 4/29/2008    | 120486.00 97 | DONALD NOBLES      | 500.00+       | TAP FEE              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |              |                    | <b>180.00</b> |                      |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - DISCUSSION of BOARDMAN WATER:**

Commissioner Ricky Bullard delivered the following discussion on the status of Boardman water:

1. I understand the water rate is cheaper in the Town of Boardman than the remaining portion of Water District II; **and**
2. The Town of Boardman has not installed a water meter vault yet, as they had stated they would do.

After discussion was conducted relative to this matter, Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to table this Agenda Item, and ask Al Leonard to be present at the June 16, 2008 Board Meeting for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

**Monday, June 02, 2008**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:21 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and IV - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to APRIL, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

**DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACT NAME</b> | <b>ADJ AMOUNT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJ</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4/2/2008    | 330140.0098   | SHIRLEY HAYNES  | 135.00-           | BALANCE TRANSFERRED   |
| 4/2/2008    | 330120        | SHIRLEY HAYNES  | 135.00+           | BALANCE TRANSFERRED   |

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| 4/2/2008     | 350864       | HARDY SHAW      | 168.00+         | MANUAL BILL(TAP FEE) |
| 4/2/2008     | 330545.0098  | THELBERT HILL   | 161.00-         | BALANCE TRANSFERRED  |
| 4/2/2008     | 330560       | THELBERT HILL   | 161.00+         | BALANCE TRANSFERRED  |
| 4/16/2008    | 341510       | DONALD HIGH     | 45.00+          | POSTING ERROR        |
| 4/16/2008    | 341150       | BARBARA SASSER  | 45.00-          | POSTING ERROR        |
| 4/16/2008    | 341150       | BARBARA SASSER  | 5.00-           | PEN WAIVED           |
| 4/29/2008    | 340770       | HERBER BASS     | 30.00-          | CUT-OFF FEE WAIVED   |
| 4/17/2008    | 330250       | HARLENE WALTERS | 5.00-           | WAIVED PENALTY       |
| 4/18/2008    | 341152.00 98 | ERIKA POSEY     | 72.00+          | RETURNED CHECK       |
| 4/18/2008    | 341152.00 98 | ERIKA POSEY     | 25.00+          | RETURNED CHECK FEE   |
| 4/18/2008    | 350150.00 98 | LARRY BURROUGHS | 33.00+          | RETURN CHECK         |
| 4/18/2008    | 350150.00 98 | LARRY BURROUGHS | 25.00+          | RETURN CHECK FEE     |
| 4/18/2008    | 340770.00 97 | HUBERT BASS     | 41.00+          | RETURN CHECK         |
| 4/18/2008    | 340770.00 97 | HUBERT BASS     | 25.00+          | RETURN CHECK FEE     |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |              |                 | <b>\$349.00</b> |                      |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVED:**

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

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**JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

**Monday, June 02, 2008**

**7:21 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 Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

James 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**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:21 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to approve the May 19, 2008 **Combination Meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and IV - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to APRIL, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV .

**DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACT NAME</b> | <b>ADJ AMOUNT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJ</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4/2/2008    | 410730        | Jessica Malott  | 50.00+            | Credit Refunded       |
| 4/2/2008    | 410730        | Jessica Malott  | (18.20)           | Billing Error         |

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| 4/2/2008     | 410630.00.95 | James Freeman   | 50.00+              | Credit (Ck Returned)         |
| 4/7/2008     | 420018.0098  | Wright Chemical | (7,717.80)          | Billing Error (Billy Farmer) |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |              |                 | <b>(\$7,636.00)</b> |                              |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the April, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Vice Chairman Memory. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL of RESTRICTION on FUTURE WATER SERVICE and SITE SELECTION to PROTECT FLOODPLAINS RESOLUTION:**

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Restriction on Future Water Service and Site Selection to Protect Floodplains Resolution.

**Restriction on Future Water Service and  
Site Selection to Protect Floodplains Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is constantly changing with an area of some nine hundred fifty-four (954) square miles, with a population of approximately fifty-four thousand (54,000) persons who desire to live, work and play here; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Water District IV will not install a new water service or will not agree to provide water service of any type to any structure or other improvement which is located in whole in or in part within any designated 100-yr. Floodplain. The latest version of flood insurance rate maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be used to determine the location of 100-yr. floodplains. An exception is to be made and service is to be provided upon request by the property owner when a building or structure located within a 100-yr. Floodplain is already existing or committed (all building permits obtained) before the delivery of the Letter of Conditions from Rural Development offering financial assistance for the project.

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is giving high priority to the planning of water supply systems for a better future for Columbus County and its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby restricts water services within local floodplains except as described above.

**ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2008.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board**

Vice Chairman Memory made a motion to approve the Restriction on Future Water Service and Site Selection to Protect Floodplains Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Gore made a motion to adjourn the Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

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**APPROVED:**

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

**JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**