

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****November 17, 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 third Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**

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

At 6:30 P.M.. Vice Chairman Bill Memory called the November 17, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

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

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the November 03, 2008 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATES of APPRECIATION:**

- Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. stated the following:
1. It has been a pleasure to serve with all the members of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners;
  2. I serve Columbus, Brunswick and Pender Counties;
  3. I work closely with the Boards of County Commissioners of each county, and I know that this is a difficult position to be in;
  4. I would like to recognize Commissioner Sammie Jacobs and Commissioner Bill Memory for their jobs well done; **and**
  5. I would like to present the following Certificates of Appreciation from the General Assembly.

**State of North Carolina**  
**Be it known to all that the**  
**Senate**  
**of the**  
**North Carolina General Assembly**  
**Presents this certificate of appreciation to**

***Sammie Jacobs***

**for his dedicated public service as a member of the**  
**Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

**This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2008**

**In Witness whereof**

Attest:  
/s/ Janet Perritt

I have hereunto affixed my hand.  
/s/ Beverly E. Perdue, President of the Senate  
/s/ Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
/s/ Senator R.C. Soles, Jr., Senate District 8

State of North Carolina  
Be it known to all that the  
Senate  
of the  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Presents this certificate of appreciation to

*Bill Memory*

for his dedicated public service as a member of the  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2008

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/s/ Janet Perritt

In Witness whereof  
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/s/ Senator R.C. Soles, Jr., Senate District 8

Representative **Dewey L. Hill** stated the following:

1. I would like to reiterate what Senator Soles stated earlier;
2. I have enjoyed working with the members of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**
3. I would like to present the following Certificates of Acknowledgment and Congratulations from the North Carolina House of Representatives to County Commissioner Sammie Jacobs and Bill Memory.

North Carolina  
House of Representatives  
Certificate of  
Acknowledgment and Congratulations

Whereas, Sammie Jacobs has had an illustrious career as a public servant for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, Sammie Jacobs served as a County Commissioner since December 7, 1992; and

Whereas, Sammie Jacobs has been a strong leader during his years of service to the citizenry of Columbus County.

Now, therefore, this first Day of November,  
In the Year Two Thousand and Eight  
Representative Dewey L. Hill  
extends sincere congratulations to

*Sammie Jacobs*

on the occasion of his retirement.

/s/ Joe Hackney, Speaker

**Attest:**/a/ **Denise Weeks, Principal Clerk**/s/ **Dewey L. Hill, Representative, District #20**

**North Carolina**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Certificate of**  
**Acknowledgment and Congratulations**

Whereas, **Bill Memory** has had an illustrious career as a public servant for the **Columbus County Board of Commissioners**; and

Whereas, **Bill Memory** served as a **County Commissioners** since **December 4, 2000**; and

Whereas, **Bill Memory** has been a strong leader during his years of service to the citizenry of **Columbus County**.

**Now, therefore, this first Day of November,**  
**In the Year Two Thousand and Eight**  
**Representative Dewey L. Hill**  
**extends sincere congratulations to**

***Bill Memory***

**on the occasion of his retirement.**

/s/ **Joe Hackney, Speaker****Attest:**/a/ **Denise Weeks, Principal Clerk**/s/ **Dewey L. Hill, Representative, District #20****Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

There were no public comments made, either oral or written.

**Agenda Item #6: SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION (SFR) PROGRAM - APPROVAL to ACCEPT LOW BIDDER:**

Warren Wooten, The Wooten Company, Project Coordinator, requested Board approval to accept the low bidder, D & A Construction, and award Case 4.

In the absence of Warren Wooten, William S. Clark, County Manager, stated the following:

1. We received six (6) bids; **and**
2. D & A Construction out of Lumberton was the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the acceptance of the low bidder, D&A Construction, at forty-four thousand, nine hundred and 00/100 (\$44,900.00) dollars, and award Case 4 - Jessie Brown, 7305 Old Stage Highway, Riegelwood, North Carolina 28456, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. The bid list was not provided to the Clerk to the Board for inclusion in the Board Minutes.

**Agenda Item #7: CDBG GRANT NUMBER 06-C-1507 - APPROVAL OF REVISIONS:**

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval of the following -

- |    |            |   |
|----|------------|---|
| A. | Unit 06-05 | Purchase of Property up to \$15,000; <b>and</b> |
| B. | Unit 06-14 | Increase of Benefits.                           |

Mr. Adams stated the following:

1. We have experienced difficulty in obtaining the necessary information with these units from

- the residents;
2. With Unit 06-05, we were unaware the resident did not own the property and that is a requirement of the grant, but have been told we could purchase her property;
  3. With Unit 06-14, the family now needs a four (4) bedroom house in lieu of a three (3) bedroom house; **and**
  4. There is sufficient money in the grant to cover these additional costs.

Lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the reason why this information was not known before this point in time, why these funds were not being used to help another family and if this additional family member was permanent or temporary.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the purchase of property, up to fifteen thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) dollars, for Unit 06-05, and the increase in benefits in the amount of nineteen thousand, six hundred eighty and 00/100 (\$19,680.00) dollars for Unit 06-14, as recommended by Floyd Adams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris.

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

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

The motion passed on a four (4) to two (2) vote.

**Agenda Item #8: SOCIAL SERVICES - APPROVAL of WORK FIRST PLAN:**

Al McKenzie, Supervisor of Work First, requested Board approval of the updated Department of Social Services' Work First Plan. Mr. McKenzie stated the following:

1. This is a bi-annual process;
2. The State requires this plan to be updated every two (2) years;
3. This is the 2010 - 2011 Plan;
4. This update has been done by the guidelines of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; **and**
5. The major difference you will find in the plan is the six (6) principles that are listed immediately after the Table of Contents.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the updated Department of Social Services' Work First Plan, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Bullard asked Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, if he had reviewed this plan. Mr. Fowler stated no.

Commissioner McKenzie amended his motion to include pending counsel's approval, Commissioner Gore amended his second. The amended motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: SHERIFF - APPROVAL IN CHANGE IN POSITION TITLE:**

Sheriff Christopher Batten requested Board approval to change the Population Control Officer position to a Detective position.

Commissioner Gore made a motion to table this matter until the first meeting in December, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: HUMAN RESOURCES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. As of July 01, 2008, we transitioned from Healthcare to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for our health insurance;
2. For Workers Compensation, we moved from Sedgewick of the Carolinas to Wells Fargo out of Charlotte;
3. As of today, we have five hundred twenty-eight (528) employees which are segmented as

follows:

- 528 full-time employees
  - 21 vacant positions
  - 113 CNA's at the Department of Aging; **and**
4. We are very busy.

**Agenda Item #11: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE for INCENTIVE GRANT:**

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to establish the date of December 01, 2008 for a Public Hearing for an incentive grant for J.L. Powell and Company. (The time needs to be set for this hearing.) Mr. Smith stated the following:

1. This is a traditional wood flooring and accessories business;
2. This company wishes to expand to use a building on Pine Log Road;
3. This business will specialize in molding, trim and staircases;
4. In 1989, a nine thousand (9,000) square foot shell building was erected on Pine Log Road;
5. We have agreed to apply for a Rural Center Grant for benefit of this company;
6. We will receive ten thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) dollars for each job netted;
7. We have been told this company will have five (5) full-time jobs in six (6) months;
8. This incentive grant will be treated as a deferred forgivable loan;
9. This is a fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) dollars loan and the County must match this loan with three (3%) percent which equates to one thousand five hundred and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars.

Commissioner Gore made a motion to establish December 01, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for an incentive grant for J.L. Powell and Company, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROJECT SWEET INCENTIVE GRANT:**

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to establish the date of December 01, 2008 for a Public Hearing for the Project Sweet incentive grant. (The time needs to be set for this hearing.) Mr. Smith stated the following:

1. This company is located in Bronx, New York;
2. They will produce sweet potato french fries;
3. This will be a \$1.5 million investment; **and**
4. Will create fifty-four (54) jobs.

Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to establish December 01, 2008, at 7:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for the Project Sweet Incentive Grant, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: PURCHASING - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS:**

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the Resolution to award financing to BB&T for the purchase of a Ford pickup truck for Animal Control. (This matter was tabled at the November 03, 2008 Board Meeting.)

Commissioner Gore made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

**Agenda Item #14: ADMINISTRATION - EARLY DISTRIBUTION of EMPLOYEE PAYCHECKS for MONTH of DECEMBER:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of December 19, 2008, as an early distribution date for the paychecks for the Columbus County employees.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve December 19, 2008, as an early distribution date for the paychecks for the Columbus County employees, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**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 7:17 P.M., Commissioner Jacobs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 for each water district respectively.

**Agenda Item #16: DISCUSSION - COUNTY-WIDE WATER:**

Commissioner McKenzie is requesting the Board to hold a discussion on county-wide water.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book 1 for each water district respectively.

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

At 7:25 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 and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. The motion unanimously passed.

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

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested appointments/re-appointments to the following committees/Boards.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee	II	Flora White <b>(Resigned)</b>	06-30-2010	<b>HOLD</b>
Whiteville (City of) Planning and Zoning Board <b>(Outside City)</b> <b>Motion: Jacobs</b> <b>Second: N</b>	EB	Tom Ray <b>(Deceased)</b>	08-01-2010	<b>TABLE</b>

**Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-5161-523900	FP Drugs & Medical Supplies	5,000
	10-5161-526001	FP Dept Supplies	1,760
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3510-440090	FP Revenue	6,760
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	177,415
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	177,415

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:****TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
November 17, 2008**

Refunds Name: Alsup, John Dean Amount: \$297.00  
 Value: \$300.00 Year 008 Account # Vehicle Bill # Total \$297.00  
 Refund \$297.00 on account that was only \$3.11. Customer's check was written as \$300.11 and bank gave tax office credit. To correct deposit we have to refund.  
 1001 Pine St. Lake Waccamaw NC 28450

Refunds Name: Old Zion Wesleyan Ch. Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 18-00168 Bill # 92064 Total \$200.00  
 Refund user fee that was paid in error. Church has a commercial hauler.  
 10170 Swamp Fox Rd. Tabor City NC 28463

Refunds Name: Washington, Herbert Amount: \$0.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 01-04322 Bill # 88866 Total \$200.00  
 Refund user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.  
 2879 Peacock Rd. Whiteville NC 28472

**TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):  
November 17, 2008**

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$42.38  
 Value: \$5,200.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 5453 Total \$47.58  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (4.16) and Colubus Rescue (1.04). The property is double listed in the name of Earnestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$28.80  
 Value: \$4,000.00 Year: 2000 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 9662 Total \$32.00  
 Release the property value and the Welches Creek Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Earnestine Badwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$31.20  
 Value: \$4,000.00 Year: 2001 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 9628 Total \$35.20  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (3.20) and Columbus Rescue (.80). The property is double listed in the name of Earnestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$31.20  
 Value: \$4,000.00 Year: 2002 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 7115 Total \$35.20  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (3.20) and Columbus Rescue (.80). The property is double listed in the name of Ernestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$31.20  
 Value: \$4,000.00 Year: 2003 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 7310 Total \$35.20  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (3.20) and Columbus Rescue (.80). The property is double listed in the name of Ernestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$31.20  
 Value: \$4,000.00 Year: 2004 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 3460 Total \$35.20  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (3.20) and Columbus Rescue (.80). The property is double listed in the name of Ernestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$37.96  
 Value: \$5,200.00 Year: 2005 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 7084 Total \$43.16  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (4.16) and Columbus Rescue (1.04). The property is double listed in the name of Ernestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$39.78  
 Value: \$5,200.00 Year: 2006 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 7742 Total \$44.98  
 Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (4.16) and Columbus Rescue (1.04). The property is double listed in the name of Ernestine Baldwin.

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Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$42.38  
Value: \$5,200.00 Year: 2007 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 7660 Total \$47.58  
Release the property value, the Welches Creek Fire (4.16) and Columbus Rescue (1.04). The property is double listed in the name of Ernestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of All Star Homes Amount: \$27.80  
Value: \$4,000.00 Year: 1999 Account # 14-00080 Bill # 8910 Total \$31.00  
Release the property value and the Welches Creek Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Earnestine Baldwin.

Release the Property Value in the name of Freeman, Della R. Amount: \$327.63  
Value: \$40,200.00 Year: 2008 Account # 04-04518 Bill # 8847 Total \$575.87  
Release the value of a double wide, the Bolton Fire (40.20) and Columbus Rescue (8.04). The home was repossessed in 2007.

Release the Property Value in the name of Lanier, Jake Amount: \$5.71  
Value: \$700.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-16500 Bill # 8569 Total \$6.55  
Release the property value, the Yam City Fire (.70) and Columbus Rescue (.14). The property is double listed in the name of Katrina L. Powell.

Release the Property Value in the name of Norris, William J. Amount: \$12.31  
Value: \$1,510.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-03723 Bill # 5359 Total \$13.51  
Release a portion of the boat value, a portion of the Williams Fire (.90) and a portion of the Columbus Rescue (.30). The boat value was too high.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worrell, Shannon Amount: \$31.27  
Value: \$3,837.00 Year: 2007 Account # 02-05236 Bill # 3160 Total \$35.24  
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue. The boat was wrecked in 2006.

Release the Property Value in the name of Worrell, Shannon Amount: \$27.83  
Value: \$3,415.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-05236 Bill # 1492 Total \$31.36  
Release the value of a boat and the Columbus Rescue. The boat was wrecked in 2006.

Release the User Fee in the name of Altman Properties LLC Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-03524 Bill # 5591 Total \$200.00  
Release the user fee at 992 Miller Rd. House is vacant and does not have a trash can..

Release the User Fee in the name of Baldwin, Ernestine Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-00600 Bill # 6218 Total \$50.01  
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bordeaux, Donna Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-02843 Bill # 0724 Total \$193.00  
Release the user fee at 5585 livingston Chapel Rd. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bordeaux, Donna Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-02843 Bill # 0719 Total \$193.00

Release the user fee at 5585 Livingston Chapel Rd. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Bordeaux, Donna Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-02843 Bill # 8580 Total \$200.00  
Release the user fee at 5585 Livingston Chapel Rd. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Chestnut, Herbert Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-02832 Bill # 2499 Total \$200.00  
Release the user fee at 2880 Sidney Cherry Grove Rd. House is vacant, has no power and no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Community Prayer House Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 18-00308 Bill # 2141 Total \$149.99  
Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee in the name of Creech, Phyllis Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-04003 Bill # 4017 Total \$200.00

Release the user fee at 1707 Baldwin Rd. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Davis Brothers Produce Boxes Inc	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-06101 Bill # 4708	Total	\$400.00

Release two user fees. One at 6174 Old Lumberton Rd. The house is vacant and unlivable. Release also at 6190 Old Lumberton Rd. House is vacant and trash can has been picked up.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Gooden, Mildred	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-32740 Bill # 0444	Total	\$113.00

Release the user fee. House has burned.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Grainger, Nell S. Heirs	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-16340 Bill # 1699	Total	\$113.00

Release the user fee at 1063 Willoughby Rd. that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Hammonds, Nancy	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-04006 Bill # 2724	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee at 436 Country Village Est.. The house is vacant and trash can was picked up in 2007.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Hazel, Ervin	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-12663 Bill # 3641	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee at 130 Baldwin Ave. House is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Hedgepeth, Robert	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-11563 Bill # 3735	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Malpass, Sabrina	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-02828 Bill # 0595	Total	\$83.35

Release a portion of the user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Milligan, Melissa	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-04135 Bill # 3158	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee. House is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Nance, Mary C.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 10-04506 Bill # 4406	Total	\$100.00

Release a portion of the user fee. Did not have the trash can for a full year.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Pennell, Janet S.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-69007 Bill # 6196	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Pennell, Janet S.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 01-69007 Bill # 2173	Total	\$177.00

Release the user fee. Mobile home is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Pennell, Janet S.	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 01-69007 Bill # 7955	Total	\$193.00

Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Smith, Bernice	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 12-25439 Bill # 3694	Total	\$193.00

Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Smith, Bernice	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-25439 Bill # 2087	Total	\$200.00

Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant and does not have a trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Stephens, Waddell	Amount:	\$0.00
Value:	\$0.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-36690 Bill # 0036	Total	\$177.00

Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee	in the name of Stephens, Waddell	Amount:	\$0.00
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Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-36690 Bill # 4194 Total \$177.00  
Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Waddell Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-36690 Bill # 5500 Total \$193.00  
Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Waddell Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-36690 Bill # 6031 Total \$193.00  
Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Stephens, Waddell Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-36690 Bill # 4377 Total \$200.00  
Release the user fee on a mobile home that is vacant, unlivable and has no trash can.

Release the User Fee in the name of Waddell, Shalonda Amount: \$0.00  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-05557 Bill # 7338 Total \$177.00  
Release the user fee on a lot that is vacant.

**Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:**

Vice Chairman Bill Memory opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the primary goal and objective for county-wide water is to eliminate the tax that is being placed on the citizens in Water Districts II and III.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like to hear what Sheriff Batten has to say about the change in position title since he cannot attend the next meeting.

**Sheriff Batten** stated the following:

- A. We have changed ways of monitoring the inmates which is much more efficient;
  - B. Between August 1, 2008 and October 31, 2008, we had one hundred sixty-four (164) breakins; **and**
  - C. The need is much greater as a detective position.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** it has been a pleasure working with Sammie and Bill and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.
  4. **Commissioner Norris:** stated it has been a pleasure working with Bill and Sammie over the last several years.
  5. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated it has been a pleasure working with Bill and Sammie and I have learned a lot from them.
  6. **Commissioner Gore:** I feel that Bill and Sammie are a credit to Columbus County and possess a wealth of knowledge, and it has been a pleasure working with both of them.
  7. **Commissioner Jacobs:** stated the following:
    - A. I would like to thank the citizens of Columbus County for the sixteen (16) years of service as County Commissioner;
    - B. It has been a great journey and the last sixteen (16) years have passed by fast; **and**
    - C. It has been a pleasure serving as County Commissioner.
  8. **Vice Chairman Memory:** stated the following:
    - A. I would like to thank the citizens of Columbus County for my eight (8) years of service as County Commissioner;
    - B. I would also like to thank the gentlemen on this Board for working with me through the years;

- C. We have not always agreed, but we have agreed to disagree;
- D. Columbus County is a great county with a lot to offer; **and**
- E. It has been a pleasure to serve as a County Commissioner.

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated that Chairman Prevatte could not be at this meeting, but has requested that I read the following letter to Bill and Sammie for him.

Bill and Sammie:

I'm sorry that I could not be with you at your last meeting, but I had plans that had been made for a year. Before you leave though, I wanted to express my appreciation for serving with you over the last four (4) years. We have not agreed on all topics, but as you have said, Bill, we have "seven different personalities on the Board of Commissioners" and I can appreciate your stand on topics even if I don't agree. You both have served Columbus County for many years and now you deserve an opportunity to take another path in life. May God stand by your side in the future endeavors that you encounter. Bill, I guess that it is appropriate that you chair this last meeting since I haven't given you an opportunity this year.

Please keep Columbus County in your prayers and heart. Thank you for your service.

James Prevatte

**OTHER:**

**PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME FOR SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

Vice Chairman Memory stated that Drew Cox, District Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, had submitted a letter requesting that a Public Hearing be established for December 01, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., for the Secondary Roads Improvement Program.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to establish December 01, 2008, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the Secondary Roads Construction Program, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: PRESENTATION - PLAQUES OF APPRECIATION:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, presented the following Plaques of Appreciation to Commissioner Sammie Jacobs and Vice Chairman Bill Memory.

***PRESENTED TO:***

***SAMMIE JACOBS***

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***THIS THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2008***

***in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP***

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

At 7:55 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 (4), to discuss Economic Development, with a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (4):**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:16 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**OTHER:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PROJECT CLEAN:**

Vice Chairman Memory requested that counsel read the synopsis of the Closed Session. Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, read the following: "EDC Director Justin Smith discussed "Project Clean". Director Smith wanted consensus from the Board that Columbus County would be willing to tentatively apply for money from the Department of Commerce for a rail spur. There would be no matching funds from the County. There would also be no costs to the County."

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the synopsis of the Closed Session and release, seconded by Commissioner Gore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:18 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V**  
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Commissioner Gore made a motion to table this matter until further information could be obtained, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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**APPROVED:**

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