

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, January 22, 2009

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 Thursday, this being due to inclement weather on the third Tuesday, January 22, 2009, the third Monday being a legal holiday, and the meeting being re-scheduled.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Giles E. Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:

MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the January 22, 2009 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard.

ADJUSTMENT to JANUARY 22, 2009 AGENDA:

Chairman Prevatte stated due to a request by Sheriff Christopher Batten, we need to adjust the January 22, 2009 Agenda. I am recommending that Item Number 9 be moved to Item Number 11, and Item Number 11 be moved to Item Number 9.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to move Agenda Item Number 11 to Agenda Item Number 9, and to move Agenda Item Number 9 to Agenda Item Number 11, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for Public Input. There was no public input.

Agenda Item #6: CDBG - SSH GRANT # 08-C-1819 - APPROVAL of STATE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company, Incorporated, requested Board approval of the following twelve (12) documents that are State required, for the CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant Number 08-C-1819:

1. Grant Project Ordinance;
2. 519 Resolution - Debarment from Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations;
3. Flood Plain Certification;
4. Signatory Card;
5. Citizen Participation Plan;
6. Section 3 Plan;
7. EEO and Procurement Plan;
8. Section 504 Compliance/Grievance Procedure;
9. Performance Based Contract;

- 10. Anti-Displacement Plan;
- 11. Certification of Administrator; **and**
- 12. Certification of Regarding Debarment.

Mr. Adams stated the following:

- 1. These documents are routine documents; **and**
- 2. They are grant specific and state requirements.

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
2008 CDBG PROGRAM
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Community Development project described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement # 08-C-1819 between this unit and the Department of Commerce. This project is more familiarly known as the Columbus County 2008 Community Development Project.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

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| Community Development Grant | | \$400,000.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$400,000.00 |

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| C-1 Clearance | | \$ 27,000.00 |
| C-1 Relocation | | 273,000.00 |
| C-1 Rehabilitation | | 53,000.00 |
| C-1 Planning | | 7,000.00 |
| C-1 Administration | | 40,000.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$400,000.00 |

Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Funds for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7. The finance officer is directed to report annually on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 9. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2009 .

/s/ **James Prevatte, Chairman**

Attested By:

/s/ **June B. Hall**

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the twelve (12) documents as listed above for the CDBG - SSH Grant Number 08-C-1819, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed. The remaining eleven (11) documents will be marked as Exhibit "A" through Exhibit "K" and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

Agenda Item #7: LANDFILL METHANE GAS PROJECT - UPDATE:

Hugh Whalen, Environmental Credit Corporation, and Kipling Godwin, Project Manager, requested Board approval of the Landfill Gas Collection and Control Services Agreement. (This matter was tabled at the November 03, 2008 Meeting, the December 01, 2008 Meeting and the January 05, 2009 Meeting.) In Mr. Godwin's stead, Chairman Prevatte requested that Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, to deliver any updates that have happened since that time. Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, stated the following:

1. There were two (2) issues brought up at the last meeting where this matter was discussed;
2. The issue relative to North Carolina General Statute § 22B-2, has been discussed with Mr. Whalen, and it is his contention that anything Environmental Credit Corporation places on the site will not be considered permanent improvements, because they can be readily removed;
3. This statute will not apply due to the temporary nature of ECC's landfill gas system;
4. The second issue relative to the contract being in accordance to the laws of the State of New York, he is stating the following:
 - a. Any lawsuit potentially between Environmental Credit Corporation and Columbus County will be agreed to by the parties to be heard in an appropriate Federal District Court as filed by the Plaintiff in the lawsuit, is my understanding of his discussion with me, presumably this will be either a Federal District Court in North Carolina or New York; **and**
 - b. If ECC sues Columbus County, then either party would have the opportunity to challenge venue under Federal law, is my understanding of what Mr. Whalen has said;
5. In that regard, subject to the two (2) changes to the contract that the Board may wish to consider; I think that would be fairly appropriate, in my personal opinion.

Vice Chairman Bullard expressed concerns about the stated cost to Columbus County being eight thousand, five hundred, and 00/100 (\$8,500.00) dollars. Discussion was conducted and discovery was made that Public Utilities was to check into the details of what this cost entailed.

Commissioner Gore asked Mr. Fowler if Columbus County enters into a contract with Environmental Credit Corporation, would we be in violation of NCGS § 22B-2. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. Let me just tell you what Mr. Whalen has told me;
2. It is my understanding that the word improvement, as defined by NCGS § 22C-3 is defined as to build or erect on a permanent basis, and Mr. Whalen is stating, and I do not know that for a fact, but he is stating that all these things there will be readily movable and not a permanent concrete type matter on the grounds.
3. Mr. Whalen is stating that he has discussed this with his attorney and he is conveying this information back to my office;
4. From my understanding, the term improvement means a permanent improvement to the property according to Mr. Whalen's definition, if that seems to be true, and that is the business of landfill gas, then all these items would be readily movable;
5. This relates to the business of landfill gas, and according to the information we have been provided, everything would be readily movable.

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

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris;
and
NAYS: Commissioners Byrd and Gore.

The motion passes on a five (5) to two (2) vote. Due to the length of the Landfill Gas Collection and Control Services Agreement (33 Pages), this document will be marked as Exhibit "L" and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 2, for review.

Agenda Item #8: COLUMBUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP for CHILDREN - PRESENTATION of RESOURCE GUIDE:

Selena Rowell and Teresa Triplett, Southeastern Community College, presented a copy of the Columbus County Resource Guide to Chairman Prevatte. Ms. Triplett stated the following:

1. We do appreciate you putting us as a link to the County website so we can electronically update this information;
2. It will not cost us as much to update in the future as it has in the past;

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3. I would like to tell you, on behalf of all the citizens who now probably are looking for services than ever before, it is great that you would allow us to do that; **and**
4. It is a part of Discover Columbus Project, a program for North Carolina.

Agenda Item #9: SHERIFF - PERMISSION to ACCEPT GRANT through GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY TRAFFIC TEAM:

Sheriff Batten requested permission to accept a grant through the Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Team. Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. I have with me tonight two (2) representatives from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, Darryl Jernigan and Greg Moss;
2. Sergeant Stroud, the team leader of the Traffic Team in Sampson County, is present, and this program was initiated in Sampson County in 2005;
3. From the Columbus County Sheriff's Department, Martin Lewis, the statistics keeper for the Governor's Highway Safety Program, is also present;
4. I tried to initiate this program approximately four or five years ago with sixteen (16) members and a traffic team of six (6) by approaching Administration;
5. I was informed by Administration that it was not the time to be doing this;
6. I approached Administration once more about this program and was informed again that it was not the time to be doing this.
7. We would like to establish this team to do the following:
 - a. Educating the public;
 - b. Educating our school children;
 - c. The average seatbelt use is only sixty-eight (68%) percent; **and**
 - d. In 2008, in Columbus County, twenty-five (25) people lost their lives and out of this number of fatalities, nine (9) people were ejected from the vehicle from not wearing their seat belts;
8. After we passed two (2) opportunities to receive this grant, I decided to approach the County Commissioners with this information; **and**
9. In 2007, we did an experimental program on our own which proved to be very productive, but due to insufficient staff, I was forced to abort this program and place these employees back in their usual positions.

Darryl Jernigan, Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Program, stated the following:

1. Columbus County has a problem with alcohol-related traffic fatalities;
2. From the statistics in the handouts, you can see Columbus County has ranked second or third in the State in crashes and crash-related fatalities from 2004 and 2007;
3. Based on this ranking, it is apparent that Columbus County has a problem that needs to be addressed;
4. The average annual cost for a crash is \$116,723,700;
5. Since Sampson County initiated this program, their average annual crash cost went down twelve (12%) percent, and all other related costs went down;
6. In Sampson County, their fatal crash rate went down thirty-two (32%) percent and their alcohol related crashes went down eight and one-half (8 ½) percent;
7. There is an economic impact that effective Traffic Safety can have on your county or municipality;
8. What we do with the Governor's Highway Safety Program is we administer federal grant monies and the concept contract the Sheriff passed around shows you the amount of federal dollars versus your contribution to the program;
9. We pay federal dollars in the following percentages:
 - a. Eighty-five (85%) percent the first year;
 - b. Seventy (70%) percent the second year;
 - c. Fifty (50%) percent the third year;
 - d. By the fourth year, we would hope Columbus County would recognize this as being effective enough to continue and expand; **and**
10. This is a reimbursement process which means the County would spend the dollars up-front and be reimbursed.

Commissioner Gore asked if a large percentage of the crashes that we are experiencing was a result of Hispanic drivers. Sheriff Batten replied stating that the culture in Mexico is quite different and an organization so entitled "El Pueblo" was established to educate the Hispanics about the dangers and results of crashes and alcohol-related crashes.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Sheriff Batten if additional personnel would be needed for this program. Sheriff Batten replied stating he would need to hire two (2) additional people for this program.

Sergeant Stroud from Sampson County stated the following:

1. We are out from under the grant with the Governor's Highway Safety Program;
2. This program has been phenomenal for Sampson County;
3. Our crash rates have come down;
4. We have been in operation since 2005 and we have an approval rate of eighty-nine (89%) percent from the citizens of Sampson County;
5. The name of our team is the Highway Enforcement Awareness Team;
6. The awareness is our most important aspect and I think that is what keeps us running today;
7. On the traffic side of this, we, six (6) guys have accomplished the following:
 - a. Took 230 impaired drivers off the road;
 - b. Cited over 1500 driving while license revoked;
 - c. Over 2,000 with no operators license;
 - d. Had over 500 alcohol violations;
 - e. Over 500 no insurance;
 - f. Over 1800 Registration violations;
8. While performing these traffic sites, we are getting misdemeanor drug charges as follows:
 - a. Over 450 misdemeanor drug charges with 200 felony drug charges;
 - b. Seized 76 firearms
 - c. Recovered 12 stolen vehicles;
 - d. Located 146 fugitives;
 - e. We have took 1,063 service calls and solved almost 292 of our cases on breaking and entering because we target high-crime areas;
9. We don't do the Highway Parol's job, we supplement;
10. This is proactive law enforcement;
11. During all these traffic stops, this is the one (1) thing that really hit home with our Commissioners in these three (3) years:
 - a. We seized \$375,000;
 - b. We seized 56 pounds of marijuana; **and**
 - c. We sized 461.6 pounds of cocaine;
12. Eighty (80%) percent of this money comes back to the Sheriff's Department; **and**
13. This program is very effective.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked Sheriff Batten if he could create enough money in the first year to pay for the match to this grant. Sheriff Batten replied stating I am optimistic to say that we have enough drugs in the heavily traveled beach areas that we could fund a portion of the match.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked what would happen if we decided not to continue the program after two (2) years. Mr. Jernigan replied stating there were two (2) options as follows:

1. The County could return all the equipment, excepting uniforms, and we could give this equipment to another agency in the state; or
2. The County could purchase the equipment at the remaining useful life of that equipment;
3. This will be a pro-rated purchase; **and**
4. This is a three (3) year contract and is renewed every year due to the match changing.

Chairman Prevatte asked William S. Clark, County Manager, what his opinion was of this program. Mr. Clark replied stating the following:

1. I think it would be great for the County;
2. We do not have the money in this year's budget; **and**
3. Is this something we could possibly budget for starting July 1, 2008?

Mr. Jernigan replied to this question by stating the following:

1. From a money standpoint, we could go ahead and fund this;
2. Our contract period runs from October 1st to September 30th; **and**
3. Most of our contracts begin on October 1st.

Commissioner Gore asked if we could increase the number of personnel as the grant progresses. Mr. Jernigan replied stating yes the personnel could be increased.

Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF - PERMISSION TO PARTNER WITH BLADEN COUNTY ON PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Sheriff Batten requested Board approval to partner with Bladen County on the Project Safe Neighborhood. Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. We would like to make you aware of this program that we are working on;
2. Sheriff Bunn and I have been working on this for over a year;
3. I have with me tonight Larry Guyton who is a Lieutenant with the Bladen County Sheriff's Department;
4. We have a lot of activities that cross over between the Bladen County line and the Columbus County line;
5. This is a grant called Project Safe Neighborhood with the U.S. Attorney's Office;
6. We applied for this grant and have already received it;
7. Bladen County has created the position for Larry to work in as an employee for the Project Safe Neighborhood as a grant coordinator;
8. We will be doing community involvement activities by going throughout the communities and educating the community on how to provide safe communities;
9. Larry will be working as our gun tracer here in Columbus County and in Bladen County;
10. This year's grant is for \$34,000 - \$35,000 for his portion of the salary and a small educational portion, and we are going to renew, and we will probably get a significant amount of more funds to start our community awareness program;
11. At the present time, he is just getting the ground work set and getting started with it.

Larry Guyton, Lieutenant with Bladen County, stated the following:

1. The concept behind Project Safe Neighborhood is, it is a Federal program;
2. This program has been ongoing for ten (10) years;
3. It is targeted at repeat offenders, felons with firearms;
4. Illegal aliens with firearms;
5. Anyone who falls under the Federal No Firearms Restrictions who are your felons, habitual felons, armed career criminals, people that are under domestic violence orders, and other Federal criteria that the State does not have;
6. The aim of this is to push as many State level cases to Federal Court as we can because in Federal Court and the Federal Prison System, there is not parole, you pull your time;
7. I am a sworn Special Deputy of the United States Marshall enabling me to take cases from Bladen and Columbus County;
8. Once we turn the case over to the U.S. Attorney's Office, we will have an answer in sixty (60) days;
9. Gives more teeth to what we are doing;
10. I will be spending two (2) days per week in Columbus County and two (2) days in Bladen County and the fifth day I will go where I am needed;
11. I will only be working gun cases;
12. Another component in that we go out and identify people that are on bubble, by that, I mean people that we know are violent criminals and they have criminal histories;
13. We do public outreach to partner with community entities, civic groups, church groups and anybody that can give someone an opportunity;
14. We are getting a lot of cross-county crimes; **and**
15. The Federal Government pays one hundred (100%) percent of this grant.

Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. This involves participation from the County departments;
2. This grant is renewable every year; **and**
3. We will be conducting a series of community meetings starting on February 05, 2009.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to permit the Columbus County Sheriff's Department to partner with Bladen County on the Project Safe Neighborhood, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: SHERIFF - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION ADOPTING a POLICY for MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with other LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

Sheriff Batten requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance with other Law Enforcement Agencies that will permit the Sheriff's Department to enter into mutual assistance agreements with other law enforcement agencies. (This matter was tabled at the January 05, 2009 Meeting.)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR MUTUAL

ASSISTANCE WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-288, the governing body of a county may adopt appropriate guidelines for the purpose of mutual assistance with other municipal and county law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said laws, the law enforcement assistance to be rendered authorizes lending officers to work temporarily with officers of the requesting agencies, including in an undercover capacity, and lending equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the citizens of Columbus County to adopt a reasonable policy and guidelines whereby reciprocal law enforcement assistance can be both rendered to and obtained from other governmental jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, such reciprocal assistance is necessary for effective law enforcement for the protection of the citizens of Columbus County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into mutual assistance arrangements with other municipal and county law enforcement agencies, provided that the head of the requesting law enforcement agency makes such a request in writing.
2. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to permit officers of the Columbus County Sheriff's Office to work temporarily with officers of the requesting agency, including in an undercover capacity, and the Sheriff may lend such equipment and supplies to requesting agencies as he deems advisable.
3. All such request and authorizations shall be in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-288, as applicable.
4. While working with a requesting agency, an officer shall have the same jurisdiction, powers, rights, privileges and immunities (including those relating to the defense of civil actions and payment of judgments) as the officers of the requesting agency in addition to those the officer normally possesses.
5. While on duty with the requesting agency, an officer shall be subject to the lawful operational commands of the officer's superior officers in the requesting agency, but the officer shall, for personnel and administrative purposes, remain under the control of the officer's own agency, including for purposes of pay. An officer shall furthermore be entitled to worker's compensation and the same benefits to the extent as though he were functioning within the normal scope of the officer's duties.
6. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into mutual assistance agreements with other law enforcement agencies in accordance with such reasonable arrangements, terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective heads of the law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Norris moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Commissioner Russ seconded the motion and, upon vote, the same was adopted.

This the 22nd day of January, 2009.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Sheriff Batten stated the following:

1. The North Carolina Sheriffs Association, at our fall conference, our Executive Director brought to our attention that we needed a uniform Mutual Aid Agreement between all agencies in North Carolina; **and**
2. This will be used in instances when services are requested from other counties.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance With Other Law Enforcement Agencies, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion

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unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested the Board to establish February 16, 2009 as the date for a public hearing for NCDOT’s Public Transportation Funding. (The time needs to be set for this hearing.) Mr. Patton stated that this is the annual funds from the State.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish February 16, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Public Transportation Funding, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPOINTMENTS to BRUNSWICK-COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL PARK BOARD of DIRECTORS:

Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to appoint (2) members to the Brunswick-Columbus International Board of Directors.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to appoint Senator R.C. Soles, Jr. and Representative Dewey L. Hill to the Brunswick-Columbus International Park Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: LIBRARY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Morris Pridgen, Library Director, delivered the following Departmental Update to the Board.

1. Columbus County Library developed from bookmobile service that began in 1946. Whiteville City Library and Columbus County Library shared quarters until 1958, when the county built what is now the Senior Center.;
2. Columbus County receives library service through the headquarters library in Whiteville and five (5) branches located in Riegelwood (East Columbus Library), Fair Bluff, Tabor City, Lake Waccamaw (Rube McCray Memorial Library), and Chadbourn. Homebound services are available for elderly and disabled person in homes, senior centers, and nursing care facilities. A bookmobile brings library services to areas of the county not served by a fixed library site. Children’s Library Specialists visit day care centers and Head Start facilities for story programs.;
3. We provide books, magazines, newspapers, videocassettes, DVDs, audio books, public access Internet computers, educational programs, telephone reference, and reader’s advisory service for children and adults. Staff can provide specialized assistance with North Carolina historical and genealogical research.; **and**
4. Some of the highlights for 2008 are as follows:
 - 122,910 Patrons visited the library system;
 - 60,249 Patrons used the computers in the library system;
 - A total of 195,184 materials circulated in the library system;
 - Bookmobile and Library Specialists visited 998 outreach sites;
 - Patrons in the library asked 31,285 reference questions;
 - Columbus County Public Library received the Opportunity Online Grant which is a two (2) year grant that totals \$33,800;
 - Columbus County Public Library System was awarded \$35,831.13 for E-rate funds; **and**
 - We have received an increase of support from Library Boards and Friends Groups.

Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION-REDUCTIONS TO BUDGET ALLOCATIONS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, delivered the following update to the Board on the recommended proposed five (5%) percent budget reductions.

**BUDGET REDUCTIONS (5%)
January 22, 2009**

| Department | Unencumbered Balance | Amount | Percentage |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Governing Body | \$102,265.64 | \$3,068.00 | 3.00% |

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| Administration | \$136,598.68 | \$4,500.00 | 3.29% |
| Personnel | \$65,709.01 | \$3,351.64 | 5.10% |
| Purchasing | \$107,323.65 | \$5,366.60 | 5.00% |
| Finance | \$240,568.69 | \$12,029.00 | 5.00% |
| Tax Office | \$488,146.56 | -0- | -0- |
| Legal Department | \$111,544.04 | \$2,800.00 | 2.51% |
| Elections | \$109,798.72 | \$5,714.00 | 5.20% |
| Register of Deeds | \$244,449.58 | -0- | -0- |
| M.I.S. | \$159,022.59 | \$8,000.00 | 5.03% |
| Central Garage | \$10,328.92 | \$520.10 | 5.04% |
| Maintenance | \$656,597.23 | -0- | -0- |
| Sheriff | \$1,901,189.22 | \$60,000.00 | 3.16% |
| Law Enforcement Center | \$1,476,136.79 | \$115,107.00 | 7.80% |
| EMS | \$14,495.35 | \$2,000.00 | 13.80% |
| Emergency Services | \$606,932.38 | \$31,229.00 | 5.15% |
| Fire Marshal | \$119,736.77 | \$6,033.00 | 5.04% |
| Coroner Medical Examiner | \$44,784.58 | \$2,239.23 | 5.00% |
| Animal Control | \$94,845.41 | -0- | -0- |
| Airport | \$422,704.71 | \$21,234.00 | 5.02% |
| Planning | \$59,259.29 | \$2,962.96 | 5.00% |
| Building Inspections | \$118,488.73 | -0- | -0- |
| EDC | \$80,776.01 | \$4,038.80 | 5.00% |
| Soil Conservation | \$62,127.00 | \$3,106.00 | 5.00% |
| Health Department | \$638,780.00 | \$31,939.00 | 5.00%* |
| DSS | \$3,810,000.00 | \$190,500.00 | 5.00%* |
| Veterans | \$53,807.09 | -0- | -0- |
| Library | \$406,532.23 | \$2,800.00 | .69% |
| Parks and Recreation | \$190,574.18 | \$4,534.00 | 2.38% |
| Cooperative Extension | \$300,178.41 | \$15,257.00 | 5.08% |
| Aging | \$2,489,240.00 | \$124,471.00 | 5.00% |
| TOTAL: | \$15,322,941.46 | \$662,800.33 | 4.33% |

Education \$4,007,139.98 \$200,357.00 5.00%

Possible Special Appropriations Cuts:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chadbourn Park Project | \$14,150.00 |
| Redistricting Project | \$40,000.00 |
| Livingston Creek Debris Removal | \$37,200.00 |
| 1/4 Cent Sales Tax Com | \$2,100.00 |
| Professional Services | \$10,000.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$103,450.00 |

Possible sales tax revenue loss on remaining collection amount:

| Budgeted | Collected as of: December 31, 2008 | Remaining Collections | % Reduction | Reduction Amount |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$8,165,792.00 | \$2,661,162.83 | \$5,504,629.17 | 5 | \$275,231.46 |
| \$8,165,792.00 | \$2,661,162.83 | \$5,504,629.17 | 10 | \$550,462.92 |

***Reduction from Administrative Cost**

Mr. Clark stated the following:

1. From the information that I have provided to you, we have come up with 4.33 % from County operations;
2. If you add in the Special Appropriations Cuts, that would get us to 5% that we were asked to cut;
3. If you look at education, which we did not recommend, you could come up with another \$200,000; **and**
4. At the bottom of the page, the sales tax revenue loss of 5% would be a loss of \$275,000 and a 10% loss would be \$550,000.

After lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the method of reduction, Vice Chairman Bullard made the following motion:

MOTION:

Approve the four (4%) percent reduction in expenditures, in the areas of the County Manager's choice, excluding education, as per the Manager's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Gore.

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

AYES: Vice Chairman Bullard and Commissioner Gore; **and**
NAYS: Chairman Prevatte, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris and Byrd.

The motion failed on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner Russ made the following motion:

MOTION:

Approve an overall two and one-half (2 ½%) percent reduction, across the board, including education, and all the other items recommended by the County Manager in the memorandum.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

After additional lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the intent of the Memorandum issued by Williams S. Clark, County Manager, and the method used to derive at the proposed reduction in expenditures, Commissioner McKenzie made the following motion:

MOTION:

Comply with the recommendations made by William S. Clark, County Manager, to reduce expenditures two and one-half (2 ½%) percent for all departments funded in the budget, including education, for the reductions to be across the board, for the remainder of the current fiscal year, seconded by Commissioner Norris.

After lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the impact the five (5%) percent reduction in expenditures, across the board, might have on personnel, and the intent of the memorandum issued by William S. Clark, County Manager, Commissioner McKenzie withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Norris withdrew his second.

At 8:55 P.M., Chairman Prevatte declared a five (5) minutes recess.

At 9:00 P.M., Chairman Prevatte declared the Regular Session back in order.

After additional lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted relative to the reductions being overall or across the board, Vice Chairman Bullard made the following motion:

MOTION:

Approve the recommendations made by William S. Clark, County Manager, to reduce expenditures two and one-half (2 ½%) percent for the remainder of the current fiscal year, to include education, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

After additional discussion was conducted relative to the inclusion of education, Vice Chairman Bullard stated the following “Then, I will withdraw my motion, Mr. Chairman” Chairman Prevatte replied stating the following: “No sir. I had a proper second from Commissioner Russ, and he’s called for the question.”

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

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners McKenzie, Russ, Norris;
and
NAYS: Commissioners Byrd and Gore.

The motion passes on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

Agenda Item #16: GOVERNING BODY - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION in OPPOSITION of PROPOSED MILEAGE TAX:

Chairman Prevatte requested Board approval and adoption of the following Opposition of Proposed Mileage Tax Resolution.

**OPPOSITION of PROPOSED MILEAGE TAX
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus is large geographically, but small in population due to the large farming estates and swamp lands which is located within its boundaries; **and**

WHEREAS, over the last several years, we have experienced many of our industries closing, relocating or downsizing; **and**

WHEREAS, with the diminishing of tobacco production, many of our farms have ceased to exist, or operate in their same capacity, therefore resulting in less employment for our citizenry; **and**

WHEREAS, a large percentage of our citizens are being forced to travel great distances to seek employment to provide them with a livelihood and prevent their dependency on public assistance; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed Mileage Tax will place a great burden on the citizens of Columbus County, and could ultimately result in a higher unemployment rate and demand on public assistance; **and**

WHEREAS, during these distressed economic times, the citizens of Columbus County and North Carolina do not need an additional tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the proposed mileage tax on vehicles, and respectfully requests that our representatives exercise their powers of office to prevent the passage of the same.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of January, 2009.

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Opposition of Proposed Mileage Tax Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: GOVERNING BODY - REDISTRICTING:

Chairman Prevatte requested the Board to reach a decision on the re-districting issue. Chairman Prevatte stated the following:

1. We have all received the revised re-districting maps for our review;
2. This will affect three (3) Commissioners' districts, which are Commissioner Russ, Commissioner Gore and my district;
3. I have discussed this matter with the other two (2) Commissioners that will be affected and are they agree that it needs to be done; **and**
4. I believe in being fair to everyone.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the re-districting maps, as presented by Ms. Anita Earls, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 9:07 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of adjustments to the November and December, 2008 Monthly Water Bills.

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

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL and ADOPTION OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION by GOVERNING BODY of the APPLICANT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant, which is a requirement of the grant.

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 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

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

| COMMITTEE | ZONE/ EB | PERSON(S) | EXPIR. DATE | BOARD ACTION |
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| Aging Advisory Council (Region O) -COG- Motion: Byrd Second: McKenzie | EB | Gene McNeil | 06/30/2009 | Appoint |
| Department of Aging Advisory Council | III VII | Wilson Spaulding Esther Moses | 06/30/2010 06/30/2010 | Appoint Hold |
| E-911 Oversight Committee | III | William Rushing | 12/2012 | Appoint |
| Board of Health (Columbus County) | EB | Peggy Blackmon (At Large Member) | 12/31/2008 | Hold |
| Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council | III | Blondell Junious | 06/30/2009 | Appoint |
| Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board | EB | Tom Ray (Deceased) | 08/01/2010 | Hold |
| EMS Peer Review Committee (Commissioner Appointments) Motion: Gore Second: Norris | EB | James E. Prevatte Edwin Russ | Term | Appoint Appoint |

Agenda Item #21: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Budget Amendments:

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

| TYPE | ACCOUNT | DETAILS | AMOUNT |
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| Expenditure | 10-4310-535300 | M&R - Vehicles | \$979 |
| Revenue | 10-3839-489000 | General Fund Balance | \$979 |
| Expenditure | 10-5113-569934 | Direct Academy/Diabetes Prevention | \$2,000 |
| Revenue | 10-3511-436035 | Direct Academy/Diabetes Prevention | \$2,000 |
| Expenditure | 10-4155-549900 | Misc | \$1,093 |
| Revenue | 10-3416-489040 | Miscellaneous | \$1,093 |
| Expenditure | 10-5170-526007 | WIC Misc Client Services | \$2,984 |
| Revenue | 10-3510-430055 | WIC Revenue | \$2,984 |

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**TAX REFUNDS (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office):
January 22, 2009**

Refunds Name: Grange, Joyce S. Trust Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 15-04657 Bill # 61721 Total \$200.00
 Release user fee. Home vacant with no trash can.
 14192 Old Lake Rd. Riegelwood NC 28456

Refunds Name: Sealey, Harold Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year 007 Account # 13-02911 Bill # 72020 Total \$106.00
 Refund user fee that was paid in error on a house that is vacant with no trash can.
 209 E. Institute St. Chadbourn NC 28431

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Refunds Name: Skipper, Douglas Amount: \$0.00
Value: \$0.00 Year 008 Account # 03-03601 Bill # 81852 Total \$200.00
Refund user fee that was paid in error on a vacant house.
750 Soles Rd. Whiteville NC 28472

Refunds Name: Garcia, Roberto Amount: \$330.89
Value: \$40,600.00 Year 008 Account # 01-30286 Bill # 59392 Total \$367.43
Refund the value of a double wide, the Brunswick Fire (28.42) and the Whiteville Rescue (8.12). The mobile home burned March 6, 2007.
104 Knights Cove Apt 5D Whiteville NC 28472

TAX RELEASES (as submitted to the Governing Body Office from the Tax Office): January 22, 2009

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2002 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1102 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2003 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1338 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2004 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 7486 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$21.17
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2005 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1204 Total \$25.23
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbie Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$22.19
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2006 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1979 Total \$26.25
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$23.64
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2007 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 1976 Total \$27.70
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$23.64
Value: \$2,900.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 9837 Total \$27.70
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (3.48) and Columbus Rescue (.58). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$11.70
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2001 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 3570 Total \$13.80
Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (1.80) and Columbus Rescue (.30). The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$10.43
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 1999 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 642 Total \$12.23
Release the property value and the Acme Delco Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Willie D. Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Brown, Robert Etal Amount: \$10.80
Value: \$1,500.00 Year: 2000 Account # 15-06140 Bill # 3510 Total \$12.60
Release the property value and the Acme Delco Fire. The property is double listed in the name of Willie D.

Brown Heirs.

Release the Property Value in the name of Duncan, Melissa F. Amount: \$25.71
 Value: \$3,155.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-03653 Bill # 5888 Total \$228.86
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Old Dock Fire (2.52) and the Columbus Rescue (.63). The home is double listed in the name of Eddie S. Morgan.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$15.30
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 8795 Total \$15.70
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$16.30
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2007 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 9104 Total \$16.70
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$14.60
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2005 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 690 Total \$15.00
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue.. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$9.36
 Value: \$1,200.00 Year: 2004 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 744 Total \$9.60
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$9.36
 Value: \$1,200.00 Year: 2003 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 7519 Total \$9.60
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Johnson, Von Amount: \$16.30
 Value: \$2,000.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-21481 Bill # 7175 Total \$16.70
 Release the property value and the Columbus Rescue. The property is double listed in the name of Eddie Thomas Jr.

Release the Property Value in the name of Moore, Ruth B. Amount: \$29.34
 Value: \$3,600.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-27803 Bill # 3864 Total \$34.38
 Release the property value, the Acme Delco Fire (4.32) and Columbus Rescue (.72). The property is double listed in the name of Anthony Purvis.

Release the Property Value in the name of Small, Shelia Amount: \$21.72
 Value: \$2,665.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-00150 Bill # 1960 Total \$226.53
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Klondyke Fire (1.87) and Columbus Rescue (.53). The home is double listed in the name of Jeffery Lynn Fisher.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Barbara Amount: \$80.28
 Value: \$9,850.00 Year: 2007 Account # 02-05147 Bill # 9365 Total \$98.07
 Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire (6.90) and Whiteville Rescue (1.97). The boat was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Walker, Barbara Amount: \$55.01
 Value: \$6,750.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-05147 Bill # 7695 Total \$67.20
 Release the value of a boat, the Brunswick Fire (4.73) and Whiteville Rescue (1.35). The boat was repossessed in 2002.

Release the Property Value in the name of Williamson, James R. Amount: \$283.05
 Value: \$37,000.00 Year: 2006 Account # 12-30941 Bill # 1801 Total \$553.75
 Release the value of a mobile home, the Cerro Gordo Fire (37.00), Columbus Rescue (7.40) and W2 (33.30). The home was repossessed in 2005.

Release the Property Value in the name of Wilson, Kenneth B. Amount: \$63.33
 Value: \$7,770.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-02638 Bill # 1078 Total \$78.08

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Release the value of a boat, the Cerro Gordo Fire (7.77) Columbus Rescue (1.55) and W2 (5.43). The boat was sold in 2006.

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| Release the Property Value in the name of Wray, Doris L. | Amount: | \$590.88 |
| Value: \$72,500.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-09340 Bill # 1522 | Total | \$885.13 |

Release the value of a house, the Whiteville Rescue (14.50) and W3 (79.75). The house had not been set up yet and is unlivable for 2008.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Beaver, Donald | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-01172 Bill # 7234 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Boswell, William | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-07260 Bill # 8701 | Total | \$200.00 |

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

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Bright, James A. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03820 Bill # 9113 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd Family LLC of Lake Wacc. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03828 Bill # 0953 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd Family LLC of Lake Wacc. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03828 Bill # 0954 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd Family LLC of Lakke Wacc. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-03828 Bill # 0967 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles & Sons Inc. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-04796 Bill # 0984 | Total | \$100.00 |

Release half of the user fee on a hunting lodge.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Byrd, Giles E. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-02225 Bill # 1004 | Total | \$113.00 |

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Carroll, Thomas | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-08990 Bill # 1765 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Cribb, Billy W. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-05380 Bill # 4071 | Total | \$400.00 |

Release two user fees on a mobile home and a old store that are vacant and do not have trash cans.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Czartoszewski, Wlodzimierz | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-03351 Bill # 4427 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release one of two user fees. There is only one trash can here.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Dudney, Elgie | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-06620 Bill # 5688 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release the user fee on a vacant house that has no trash can.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Fairfax, Regina | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 02-04502 Bill # 7275 | Total | \$200.00 |

Release user fee. Customer is using a commercial hauler.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Brady | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-09509 Bill # 0169 | Total | \$100.00 |

Release half of the user fee. This is a vacation home.

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Hattie | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-05276 Bill # 0247 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a vacant house that has no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Godwin, Larry | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-01419 Bill # 0301 | 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 Godwin, Larry | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-00135 Bill # 0304 | 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 Gore, Jimmy | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-06460 Bill # 0811 | Total | \$400.00 |
| Release both user fees. House incomplete. Not livable yet. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Jimmy | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 07-06460 Bill # 0805 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee. House vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Joseph | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-11443 Bill # 0857 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee. House vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Gore, Mark | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-11550 Bill # 0937 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee. House used for storage, no trash can here. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Gotay, Rosalind | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-05246 Bill # 1199 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee. House vacant for 2008. No trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Graham, Curtis | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-15840 Bill # 1313 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Harris, Rackley | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-37840 Bill # 3270 | Total | \$226.00 |
| Release two of three user fees. Only one trash can here. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Heavener, Vickie | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-01948 Bill # 3716 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee. House vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Herbert L Fisher Trust | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-04786 Bill # 3915 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Hillcrest Corp. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-42768 Bill # 4503 | Total | \$113.00 |
| Release the user fee. House moved off lot. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Hillcrest Corp. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-42767 Bill # 4495 | Total | \$113.00 |
| Release user fee. House has been torn down. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Hinson, Doris | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-41321 Bill # 4628 | Total | \$400.00 |
| Release two user fees. Only one house here and it is vacant. No trash cans here. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Izzo, Samuel | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05919 Bill # 6030 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. Customer using a commercial hauler. | | |

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| Release the User Fee in the name of Johnson, Mary | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-04451 Bill # 7083 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee. Old house is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Kachiaper, Bernard | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-21520 Bill # 7740 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release one of two user fees Mobile home is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, Isadora Heirs | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 14-08840 Bill # 9066 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Lennon, James W. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-15380 Bill # 9075 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Lewis, William | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-04112 Bill # 9481 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release one of two user fees. One house is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of McKeithan, Eugene | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-15799 Bill # 1678 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of McNed, Gene | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-03207 Bill # 2098 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Milligan, James | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-62264 Bill # 3153 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Mills, Michael | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-12580 Bill # 3233 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Mobley, Betty | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-17740 Bill # 3528 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant and trash can picked up. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Nance, W. Morris | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-20460 Bill # 4468 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Palmatier, Christine | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 03-01301 Bill # 5787 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee. House is vacant with no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Porter, Joruth | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 15-02910 Bill # 6923 | Total | \$2,200.00 |
| Release eleven user fees that are double listed to the same customer with different account numbers. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Prince, Aben K. | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-03651 Bill # 7810 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release user fee on a vacant barn that does not have a trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Reeves, Ray | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 11-22130 Bill # 8615 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | |
| Release the User Fee in the name of Sealey, Harold | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 13-02911 Bill # 0402 | Total | \$113.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant. | | |

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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Sellers, Norman | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05664 Bill # 0642 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a shop that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Serafin, Wladyslaw | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-04097 Bill # 0739 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Seven-O-One Properties LLC | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 01-05391 Bill # 0788 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Smith, Charles | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-25500 Bill # 2131 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release one of two user fees. Mobile home is used for storage. No trash can here. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Smith, Willis | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 12-26025 Bill # 2873 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Tyler, Russell | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 08-19425 Bill # 7037 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Tyson, David | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 09-31220 Bill # 7111 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Vaught, Reginald | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 16-01149 Bill # 7262 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is unlivable and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Ward, Clovie | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-05313 Bill # 8178 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |
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| Release the User Fee | in the name of Ward, Clovie | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Value: | \$0.00 Year: 2008 Account # 06-00136 Bill # 8171 | Total | \$200.00 |
| Release the user fee on a house that is vacant and has no trash can. | | | |

Agenda Item #23: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Russ:** I would like for William S. Clark, County Manager, to check into the Sheriff's Department moving houses.
2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like for the Board to consider the Sheriff's proposal that was presented tonight for the safety of our citizens; **and**
 - b. I think we should vote on the Sheriff's proposal at the next Board Meeting.
3. **Commissioner Norris:** I have received several phone calls relative to wetlands maps, and I would like to know what is the wetlands on the maps? Richard Gore, Tax Administrator, replied stating it is a layer in there that they got from Soil Conservation and the Corps of Engineers that shows wetlands.
4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated I have two (2) items as follows:
 - a. I would like for the attorney to brief the Board on the insurance problem that I have been contacted about regarding the hike increase and the lawsuit some other counties are entertaining. Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, replied stating it is my understanding that there is a lawsuit filed in various courts by

Dare County. There are two (2) lawsuits. One (1) is the Beach Plan Deductibles Program which is set to increase the rate two (2%) percent house insured value on February 1, 2009, and I believe that is a per occurrence rate, and if it happens twice a year, you have to pay the deductible twice. Then, a separate increase in Homeowners Insurance rates for up to thirty (30%) percent, and it is my understanding this will be effective this summer. Dare County has filed these lawsuits against the State and is soliciting support from other counties. There are eighteen (18) coastal counties which this will affect. It is my opinion that a letter of support or a resolution from this Board would be a good first step.

- b. I have a gentleman that has approached me relative to where the boundary line is located between Columbus County and Bladen County. He has maps dated back to the 1920's showing the line at the high water mark in the Cape Fear River. I think we should establish the boundary line where it should be. I would like for James Davis to be on the February 02, 2009 Agenda to present his information.

Chairman Prevatte responded to this by stating the following:

- (1) Bladen County approached Columbus County about six (6) months ago and wanting us to share the costs in re-surveying the Bladen-Columbus Boundary line. Our response, at that time, was that we had had no complaints, my response is we were not prepared to share the costs.
 - (2) We received correspondence from Brunswick County from their MIS Department that they wanted a re-survey of the Brunswick-Columbus Boundary line. One of their Commissioners stated the Board had not voted on this issue.
5. **Commissioner Gore:** I have one (1) comment as follows: "I believe that the Columbus County Schools, the Whiteville City Schools, and Southeastern Community College, the children and the educators of Columbus County have been dealt an injustice here tonight when this Board cut their budgets by two and one-half (2 ½%) percent, and in the same motion, we chose to exclude other departments from the same cuts.
6. **Chairman Prevatte:** I would like to report to you on the Legislative Goals Conference. There were approximately fifty-seven (57) priority goals presented from ninety (90) counties. All of these passed except the proposed lottery money.

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:

1. The Personnel Committee has finished reviewing the Personnel Handbook, and this should be completed by the first of March; **and**
2. The re-scheduled Board Retreat has been set for February 05, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon.

COMMENT:

Commissioner McKenzie: I would like to say to Justin Smith, Economic Development Director, that the Economic Summit he conducted was put together with class and I enjoyed it very much.

Agenda Item #24: Adjournment:

At 9:45 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman. Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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

Thursday, January 22, 2009

9:07 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 E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
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Amon E. McKenzie
Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd
Edwin Russ
Lynwood Norris
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

| DATE | ACCT # | NAME ON ACT | AMOUNT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 11/3/2008 | 102430.00 98 | LURIA J. GODWIN | 4.00- | METER READ WRONG |

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|---------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 11/5/2008 | 405125 | MICHEAL & MISTY NOBLES | 227.00- | METER NOT READ |
| 11/10/2008 | 203900 | BETTY JONES | 5.00- | PENALTY APPLIED IN ERROR |
| 11/17/2008 | 208030 | ROSA SMITH | 56.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/21/2008 | 204900 | MARY BRYANT | 58.00+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/21/2008 | 600240 | NATHAN SMITH | 50.00+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/24/2008 | 404140 | MARILYN WARD | 21.00+ | COMPUTER ERROR |
| 11/25/2008 | 405041 | JACK & KIN MCPHERSON | 5.00- | PENALTY WAIVED (CUST ON BK DRFT) |
| 11/26/2008 | 207055 | LENORA JORDAN | 200.00- | BILLING ERROR (TAP FEE) |
| TOTAL: | | | (368.00) | |

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 12/10/2008 | 405039 | BENJAMIN & ALEXIS CRIBB | 122.00- | CUSTOMER LEAK |
| 12/11/2008 | 403180 | OWEN HADDEN | 30.40+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 603120.0098 | HERBERT BELLAMY | 29.00+ | RETURNED CHECK |
| 12/11/2008 | 603120.0098 | HERBERT BELLAMY | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 12/11/2008 | 103010.0096 | EDDIE GREENE | 29.00+ | RETURNED CHECK |
| 12/11/2008 | 103010.0096 | EDDIE GREENE | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 12/11/2008 | 400970.0093 | JANICE DEWADE | 50.00+ | CREDIT REFUNDED |
| 12/11/2008 | 400810.0093 | TONI LEGGETT | 50.00+ | CREDIT REFUNDED |
| 12/15/2008 | 206020.0098 | MICHELLE LUPO | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK |
| 12/15/2008 | 206020.0098 | MICHELLE LUPO | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 12/17/2008 | 204880 | CINDY RIGGINS | 129.25- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/18/2008 | 103010.0096 | EDDIE GREENE | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/22/2008 | 101840 | BILLY FOWLER JR. | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/29/2008 | 101595 | TIMOTHY HOLDEN | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/30/2008 | 205720 | PEARLY BELLAMY | 30.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/30/2008 | 302560 | RONALD NORRIS | 50.00+ | METER TAMPERING FEE |
| 12/31/2008 | 104100 | BILLY MCCUMBEE | 50.00+ | METER TAMPERING FEE |
| 12/31/2008 | 101290.0098 | LORETT HEATH | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/31/2008 | 100445.0098 | JOHN MCCUMBEE | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/31/2008 | 600560.0097 | P & H DEVELOPMENT | 39734.70- | BILLING ERROR |
| TOTAL: | | | (39,777.55) | |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December, 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Thursday, January 22, 2009

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Edwin Russ
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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 9:07 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

| DATE | ACCT # | NAME ON ACCT | AMOUNT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 11/3/2008 | 121690.00 98 | JAMES A. JENKINS | 30.00+ | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |

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| 11/4/2008 | 141075.00 98 | WILMA WATKINS | 100.00- | BILLING ERROR (TAP FEE) |
| 11/12/2008 | 111767.00 97 | MOWDOWN MOTOR SPORTS | 25.00+ | DISCONNECT FEE |
| 11/12/2008 | 120230.00 98 | JOSEPH MCBRIDE | 18.33- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/20/2008 | 112167 | TERRI KING | 8.00+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/21/2008 | 131820.0097 | CHERYL BARNHILL | 25.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/21/2008 | 131820.0097 | CHERYL BARNHILL | 5.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/26/2008 | 141440 | EARL GORDON | 5.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| TOTAL: | | | (90.33) | |

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 12/10/2008 | 1332293.00 97 | DOUGLAS K. HAYES | 17.50- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 111365.00 97 | JONATHAN CARTRETTE | 60.00+ | RETURNED CHECK |
| 12/11/2008 | 111365.00 97 | JONATHAN CARTRETTE | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 12/11/2008 | 141510.0098 | GREG VANEYKEN | 51.00+ | RETURNED CHECK |
| 12/11/2008 | 141510.0098 | GREG VANEYKEN | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 12/11/2008 | 131280.0095 | BILLY BRITT | 25.00+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 121390.0096 | DORTHY LEGGETT | 26.17- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 132775.0098 | VURAN SINGLETON | 100.00+ | TAP FEE ADDED |
| 12/15/2008 | 120270.0094 | DONNA SOLES | 100.00+ | CUST LEAK |
| 12/29/2008 | 141460.0096 | DONNIE WILLIAMSON | 50.00+ | METER TAMPERING FEE ADDED |
| 12/30/2008 | 141460.0096 | DONNIE WILLIAMSON | 50.00- | FEE ADDED IN ERROR |
| 12/30/2008 | 140205.0098 | CHARLIE BULLOCK | 30.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 141680 | WILLIAM FLOYD | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/31/2008 | 120046.0096 | JACQUELINE WOOTEN | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/31/2008 | 120270.0094 | DONNA SOLES | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/31/2008 | 120780.0094 | MELISSA ENNIS | 39062.83- | BILLING ERROR |
| TOTAL: | | | (38,840.50) | |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
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Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 11/3/2008 | 350970 | CORINDA SUTTON | 50.00+ | METER TAMPERING |

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|------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| 11/3/2008 | 341846.00 96 | BEVERLY BUCK | 27.50- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/3/2008 | 341846.00 95 | SASHA STRICKLAND | 8.33+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/3/2008 | 331290.00 97 | JERRY HEMINGWAY | 5.00- | PENALTY WAIVED |
| 11/5/2008 | 341780 | JACK INMAN & MARSHA PORTER | 125.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/12/2008 | 360447 | ALFRED WILLIAMS | 33.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/21/2008 | 381115.00 97 | JACKIE KELLY | 1.50- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/25/2008 | 380880 | GAIL BROOKS | 5.00- | PENALTY WAIVED (CUST ON BK DRFT) |
| 11/26/2008 | 330030 | LETHA WILLIAMS | 36.67+ | SECURITY DEP. REFUNDED |

TOTAL: (102.00)

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 12/10/2008 | 330040 | ANITA CAVENOUGH | 18.33- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 370060.00 94 | PATTY MAYS | 25.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 380385.0097 | GIDSON MURRAY | 166.00+ | RETURNED CHECK |
| 12/11/2008 | 380385.0097 | GIBSON MURRAY | 25.00+ | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 12/11/2008 | 360860 | TAMMY PRICE | 20.83- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/11/2008 | 370228 | JUDITH CASPERSON | 25.00+ | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/15/2008 | 341325.0098 | LAURA BRITT | 152.00+ | RETURN CHECK |
| 12/15/2008 | 341325.0098 | LAURA BRITT | 25.00+ | RETURN CHECK FEE |
| 12/17/2008 | 330362 | FARRAH THOMPSON | 27.00- | CUST LEAK |
| 12/30/2008 | 341620 | HELEN DAVIS | 30.00- | CUST OFF FEE WAIVED |
| TOTAL: | | | 271.84 | |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
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APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

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Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 11/03/2008 | 420330.0098 | Okey & Lisa Spaulding | 21.00 | Manual Bill |

TOTAL: \$21.00

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustment to the monthly water bill for November 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL and ADOPTION OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION by GOVERNING BODY of the APPLICANT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant, that is a requirement of the grant.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION by GOVERNING BODY of the APPLICANT**

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2008, the North Carolina General Assembly included a \$50 million appropriation to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in the FY 2007-2009 state budget, for the purpose of making grants to rural communities in need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; **and**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus Water and Sewer District IV has need for and intends to construct a water supply and distribution system, project described as Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Water System Improvements. This District is located at the eastern end of the county and borders Brunswick County to the East and Bladen County to the North. The project is proposed to serve an area comprised of the communities of Acme and Delco and the surrounding rural area adjacent to the community of Reigelwood.; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV intends to request grant assistance from the Supplemental Grants Program for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a grant.

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That William S. Clark, County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2009 at the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Whiteville, North Carolina.

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

Signature of Chief Elected Official/Authorized Representative

JAMES E. PREVATTE

(TYPED NAME)

January 22, 2009

DATE

Chairman

(TYPED TITLE)

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Supplemental Program Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of the Applicant, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Thursday, January 22, 2009

9:07 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 E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Lynwood Norris
 Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:07 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **Combination** Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the January 05, 2009 Minutes for the **Combination Meeting** of the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Leroy Sellers, Public Utilities Department, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the November and December, 2008 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 11/5/2008 | 704600 | RAGGSDALE ALLSBROOK | 96.00- | METER NOT READ |
| 11/7/2008 | 700008.00 98 | RIFTON GORE | 21.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/7/2008 | 700008.00 97 | SURVANDO NUNEZ | 24.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/7/2008 | 700010.00 97 | SURVANDO NUNEZ | 33.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/13/2008 | 709985 | JERRY & PHYLLIS SUGGS | 24.00- | METER NOT READ |
| 11/14/2008 | 709947 | PEARLINE GERALD | 30.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 11/19/2008 | 709997 | MICHEAL STARNES | 21.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| TOTAL: | | | (249.00) | |

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCT #</u> | <u>NAME ON ACCT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 12/15/2008 | 700008.0097 | SERVANDO NUNEZ | 6.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/18/2008 | 709981.0098 | BETTY JO MORLAN | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/19/2008 | 709978 | EMMA LOU GANUS | 5.00- | PENALTY WAIVED |
| 12/30/2008 | 709980.0098 | JOHN SINGLETARY | 30.00- | CUT OFF FEE WAIVED |
| 12/31/2008 | 709988.0098 | DORIS MILLER | 1,935.80- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800058.0097 | JAMES ELLIOT | 44.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800061.0098 | VERA & THURSTON STANLEY | 8.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800446.0098 | KATHY PORTER | 140.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800475.0098 | ASHLEY VALAS | 164.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800481.0098 | GRADY BUCK | 68.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800493.0098 | MARTHA LOWIRMORE | 184.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800496.0098 | KERRY STARNES | 288.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800499.0098 | CECIL LEE | 1,180.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800502.0098 | MATTHEW HUFFMAN | 640.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800519.0098 | IRENE SMITH | 1,824.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800522.0098 | STEWART HENIFORD | 152.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800525 | STEPHEN STANLEY | 20.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800528.0098 | SUKHWINDER NAGRA | 172.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800618 | ELDEREE GORE | 472.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800629 | ALBERT GORE | 88.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800632.0098 | DANIEL GORE | 784.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800677.0098 | KENNETH NANCE | 440.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800687.0098 | PAUL GROOMS | 396.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800478 | MAGALENE CRIBB | 44.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800484 | ANNETTE MCNEIL | 16.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800490 | HERMAN STEVENS | 56.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800508 | ERNIE ARMAKOVITCH | 364.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800516.0098 | JAMES GORE | 12.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800531 | EDWIN STANLEY | 44.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800626 | REX & WANDA THOMPSON | 208.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800614.0098 | RHONDA CAINES | 24.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800635 | BOBBY GORE | 12.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800668 | KAREN VANCE | 4,124.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| 12/31/2008 | 800674 | LARRY GORE | 144.00- | BILLING ERROR |
| TOTAL: | | | (14,118.80) | |

Commissioner Norris made a motion to approve the adjustments to the monthly water bills for November and December 2008, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman