

Yates

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tigating, McKinney said he was not able to discuss the matter further.

Yates declined to comment for this story.

Winfall's town attorney, Hackney High, said Yates has followed Merritt's recommendations and repaid the state \$572 and the town \$166.18.

Merritt also recommended Winfall stop making advance payments to town officials for expenses. However, Winfall Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Rominger stated in a letter to Merritt that the town plans to continue that practice.

"While our desire would be to pay after travel, (Town) Council felt that when employees travel for training purposes that it might produce hardships and therefore should have a policy for advance reimbursement," Rominger's letter states.

Rominger did not return calls for this story.

Rural Center President Billy Ray Hall confirmed Yates paid back the funds questioned in Merritt's report. Hall said Yates also

apologized and resigned from the Rural Center's board of directors. Yates, he said, admitted he had "made a mistake."

"This is the first time this has happened in all my (19) years with the center," Hall said.

Officials at the Governor's Crime Commission did not return calls for this story. However, a spokeswoman for Gov. Mike Easley said Yates' term with the Crime Commission ended in 2003.

According to Merritt's report, Yates initially believe he was "entitled to receive" reimbursements from both Winfall and the two state agencies "for the same expenses."

Yates' justification for the double payments, according to Merritt's report, was that he often met with legislators when he traveled to Raleigh for Rural Center and Crime Commission meetings.

Merritt's report states Yates later "acknowledged," however, that receiving payment from both Winfall and the state for the trips "represented a duplication of payment."

According to Merritt's report, Yates sought reimbursement of travel expenses from both state agencies even after signing

a form that declared he could not claim those expenses if he had already been paid for them.

The report went on to say that on Dec. 12, 2001, Yates received \$268.86 from the Town of Winfall to attend a Crime Commission meeting in Raleigh. The advance payment included money for mileage and a stipend for meals.

Then, on Jan. 24, 2002, the N.C. Department of Crime Control reimbursed Yates \$150 for mileage and \$59 for meals for attending the same meeting.

Later, on March 11, 2002, Yates received an advance payment of \$509.04 from the Town of Winfall to attend a Rural Economic Development Center meeting.

Then, on March 21, 2002, the Rural Center reimbursed Yates \$109.50 for mileage.

Additionally, according to town records, during the 2001-2002 fiscal year, Yates was reimbursed \$6,550 for travel expenses.

By comparison, Elizabeth City City Council member's travel budgets for fiscal year 2004-2005 was \$4,000.

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Housing

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"There's a housing shortage in the county," Yates said. There are vacant properties, but many of them can't be developed, he said.

Plans include a circular-shaped community focusing around a central area with a reflecting pond. The architecture will be a combination of American bungalow, traditional and colonial styles, while the interiors will include modern patterns and amenities. Picket fencing, gazebos and extensive landscaping will be included.

Residences will range from 1,200 to 4,000 square feet to accommodate households with a wide range of income and backgrounds. Each home will have a

garage in back accessed by alleyways, as well as street parking for visitors only.

"A lot of elderly people have been asking for condos," Yates said. Some may be living alone and wish to size down their living quarters and reduce maintenance, he said.

The canal that runs from the Perquimans River back behind the Town Hall will be extended to run behind the residential area, Yates said. Two parcels will remain commercial to allow for businesses such as a restaurant.

"Water, natural gas, and fiber technology are already there," Yates said. The Town of Hertford has guaranteed Winfall 100,000 gallons of sewage capacity per day, he said. Currently, Winfall is operating at 65 percent of its capacity.

An additional 100,000 gallons is tentatively approved for Winfall once the planned sewage plant is

completed, Yates said. Winfall paid \$455,000 to Hertford for sewage upgrades and \$255,000 to run piping under the river, he said.

The first unit is expected to be available to purchase in late 2006.

Yates estimated that the impact on the schools might be 15 percent.

"Enrollment is increasing," said Brenda Lassiter, the school's public information officer. "I'm sure (development) is going to affect us."

Already Central Elementary School is bringing in a mobile unit for second graders who currently hold class on the stage of the multipurpose room. The school has also restricted entry into its Pre-K program by half, Lassiter said. Yates said that the new Head Start Center will help ease the overflowing of the preschool program.

Safety

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County Sheriff's Department answers calls in the Town of Winfall when necessary.

The position will be funded the first year and part of the second year by a Community Oriented Policing Service grant. The Town has used one year of the three-year grant funds. The remaining funds for 2006 are \$15,000 and nearly \$14,000 from the town. The following year, there will be \$10,000 left and the town

will have to contribute \$20,000.

In addition, council members passed a resolution to write a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation asking them to reduce the speed limit on West Main Street and Main Street from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

This came about when council member Donna Mummert said she noticed more children playing in the residential section and motorists driving too fast.

"The general consensus is that people are not familiar with children being

there," Mummert said, "but now they are there."

The area that would be affected would extend from Bembury Street to Perquimans County Middle School. DOT will have to agree to reduce the speed limit before the town can pass an ordinance for the reduction, Yates said.

Shaffer suggested that an ordinance be enacted to prevent basketball playing in the street. Town Attorney Hackney High said he would look into the matter. Before any ordinances can be passed, there needs to be a public hearing, High said.

Hospital plans Women's Day event

The Albemarle Hospital Women's Day 2005, Patchwork of Promise, an Albemarle Hospital Celebration of Women, is set for Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Southgate Mall, Elizabeth City.

The event will focus on healthcare information and free health screenings.

Women's Day will offer free bone density and glaucoma checks; blood pres-

sure, blood sugar and cholesterol readings; and question-and-answer sessions on topics such as menopause, stroke and

chronic heartburn.

There will also be mall gift certificates as prizes, tote bags and other giveaways.

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Corporate officials of Furniture Discounters of Greenville, NC have ordered the disposal of over 1.4 million dollars of crated and uncrated furniture and accessories on Saturday, October 15th, 2005, 9am to 8pm. Furniture Discounter's doors have been ORDERED LOCKED and will remain LOCKED until Saturday, October 15th, 2005 at 9am sharp! Every single item storewide has been reduced in price and will be sold at cost, near cost, and even below cost. All name brand furniture by Broyhill, Benchcraft, Ashley, Vaughn, and Simmons Beautyrest will also be included in this stock disposal sale. Corporate officers have made assessment of each and every crated and uncrated furniture items and accessory in the showroom and warehouse of Furniture Discounters of Greenville, NC must and will make the drastic pricing sacrifices. This sale will take place on the premises of Furniture Discounters of Greenville, NC, 1975 S.E. Greenville Blvd., on Saturday, October 15th, 2005 from 9am to 8pm.

BELOW IS A PARTIAL LISTING OF OVER 2000 ITEMS FURTHER REDUCED FOR IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL

	RETAIL VALUE	STOCK DISPOSAL
10	Metal Futon Frames (Black)	\$199 \$68 ⁰⁰
2	TV Stands w/casters (Cherry Finish)	\$199 \$72 ⁰⁰
4	Benchcraft Sectional Sofas w/Recliners & Hideabed(Blue & Tan)	\$2899 ⁹⁹ \$1350 ⁰⁰
5	Marble Top Kitchen Islands Oak or White Finish	\$399 ⁹⁹ \$155 ⁰⁰
14	Cedar Chest (Oak or Cherry Finish)	\$239 ⁹⁹ \$91 ⁰⁰
20	4 Drawer Chest (Oak Finish)	\$99 ⁹⁹ \$33 ⁰⁰
1	18th Century Style China Cabinet (Cherry Finish)	\$999 ⁹⁹ \$284 ⁰⁰
12	20 pc. Dinnerware Sets (Decorative Design)	\$59 ⁹⁹ \$19 ⁰⁰
1	Broyhill Sofa Contemporary Style Loose Pillowback (Cream & Beige)	\$1499 \$377 ⁰⁰
12	Parson's Chairs (Beautiful White Fabric)	\$199 ⁹⁹ \$47 ⁰⁰
3	Entertainment Centers (Cottage White Finish)	\$699 ⁹⁹ \$224 ⁰⁰
30	Tear Drop Crystal Lamps (Brass Finish)	\$99 ⁹⁹ \$28 ⁰⁰
12	Wine Cabinets Contemporary Style (Black or White)	\$499 \$168 ⁰⁰
1	Full-Size Sealy Posturepedic Mix Match Plush Mattress Set	\$999 ⁹⁹ \$285 ⁰⁰
3	Ashley "Glen Eagle" Collection: 7 pc. Bedroom Suite - includes Dresser, Mirror, Armoire, Queen Bed, Rails & Nightstand	\$4999 \$1985 ⁰⁰
10	Sling Chairs w/Ottoman & Side Table Natural or Cherry Finish w/Black Cushions	\$199 ⁹⁹ \$88 ⁰⁰
2	Ashley Reclining Sofas w/Matching Loveseat	\$2199 ⁹⁹ \$984 ⁰⁰
10	Jewelry Armoires (Oak, Cherry, or White)	\$249 ⁹⁹ \$94 ⁰⁰
5	6 pc. "Louis Phillipe Style" Bedroom Suite (Mahogany Finish) includes Dresser, Mirror, Chest, Queen Sleigh Headboard, Footboard, Rails & Nightstand	\$2199 ⁹⁹ \$985 ⁰⁰
1	Queen Size 28" Thick Pillowtop Mattress Set	\$1599 ⁹⁹ \$397 ⁰⁰
3	Buttermilk/Natural Farmhouse Style Table w/6 Chairs	\$1599 ⁹⁹ \$697 ⁰⁰
3	Black/Cherry Farmhouse Style Table w/6 Chairs	\$1599 ⁹⁹ \$697 ⁰⁰
6	Sets 3pk Tile/Wrought Iron Cocktail & 2 end tables	\$599 \$285 ⁰⁰
15	Decorative Mantle Clocks	\$39 ⁰⁰ \$12 ⁰⁰
2	Universal 4 pc. Living Room Group includes Sofa, Loveseat, Occasional Chair, Wing Chair, Traditional Gold or Green Fabric	\$5299 \$2295 ⁰⁰
8	Twin Size Mattress Sets	\$299 \$95 ⁰⁰
10	Full Size Mattress Sets	\$399 \$125 ⁰⁰
12	Queen Size Mattress Sets	\$499 \$155 ⁰⁰
1	RCA 52" RCA High Definition Ready TV	\$1799 \$854 ⁰⁰
24	7 pk. Stainless Knife Sets	\$19 ⁹⁹ \$6 ⁰⁰
5	Pedestal Table w/Leaf White/Natural Finish w/4 Chairs	\$599 \$264 ⁰⁰
1	Vaughn Bassett "Natural" 3 pc. Unit includes Center Cabinet w/2 pier cabinets	\$2199 \$895 ⁰⁰
10	24" Barstools (White Metal)	2 for \$18 ⁰⁰
2	2 Entertainment Armoires w/ "Tommy Bahama" Look	\$1999 ⁹⁹ \$750 ⁰⁰
2	Queen Size Sleigh Beds Wrought Iron & Wood Finish	\$599 \$255 ⁰⁰
2	Broyhill "Eastwind Tapestries" Bombay Chest	\$1299 \$344 ⁰⁰
15	Magazine Racks (Cherry Finish)	\$49 ⁰⁰ \$15 ⁰⁰
1	Natali 100% Leather Sofa (Oxblood Burgundy)	\$999 ⁹⁹ \$458 ⁰⁰
1	Queen Anne Style Dining Room Table w/6 Side Chairs & China Cabinet (Satin Cherry Finish)	\$2499 \$1237 ⁰⁰
10	American Flag Folding Chairs w/Cup Holder	\$29 ⁹⁹ \$13 ⁰⁰
6	Twin Size Pine Headboards	\$99 ⁹⁹ \$24 ⁰⁰
3	Queen or Full Size Sleeper Sofa w/Matching Loveseat - Blue/Green/Beige	\$1999 \$796 ⁰⁰
6	Berkline Rocker Recliners Many Colors to Choose	\$599 \$239 ⁰⁰
2	Ashley Oak Consoles w/Glass Doors will hold 20" TVs	\$799 \$218 ⁰⁰
1	Home Theatre Sectional Sofa w/2 Recliners & Storage Ottoman (Brown Durahide Microfiber Fabric)	\$2999 \$955 ⁰⁰
3	Broyhill Square Cocktail Tables w/Shelf	\$399 \$88 ⁰⁰
3	Solid Pine Twin/Full Bunkbeds	\$499 \$166 ⁰⁰
5	5 pc. Dinettes (Black/Cherry Top)	\$399 \$144 ⁰⁰
20	Lamps w/Matching Shades (Assorted Colors)	\$29 ⁹⁹ \$8 ⁰⁰
15	5 Drawer Chest (Oak Finish)	\$139 ⁹⁹ \$42 ⁰⁰
10	Sets Queen Anne Cocktail & 2 End Tables	\$299 \$94 ⁰⁰
6	Sets King-Size Simmons Beautyrest Plush or Firm Mattress & Boxspring Sets	\$1799 \$675 ⁰⁰
3	19" Color TVs	\$129 ⁹⁹ \$61 ⁰⁰
4	3 Position Recliners	\$198 \$59 ⁰⁰
10	Cheval Mirrors (Oak/Cherry/White)	\$69 ⁹⁹ \$24 ⁰⁰

Rules of Sale

- Absolutely no sales prior to Saturday, October 15th, 2005! 9am!
- All merchandise must be removed from the premises within 24 hours of purchase!
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