

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, June 05, 2017****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 the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
 Giles E. Byrd
 P. Edwin Russ
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed 2017-2018 Columbus County Operating Budget: the purpose of this public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from any person who wishes to be heard on the Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte opened the Public Hearing and stated the Public Hearing was on the Proposed 2017-2018 Columbus County Operating Budget. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from any person who wishes to be heard on the Budget. Chairman Prevatte requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Public Address to the Board. Mr. Stephens orally read the Policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for comments. The following comments were received.

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director: stated the following:

1. I would like to explain the one and 00/100 (\$1.00) dollar increase in the water rates;
2. The previous rate was based on 0-4999 gallons;
3. The new rate is 0 - 2999 gallons and 3,000 - 4999 gallons will be cheaper, which means the actual usage will be cheaper; **and**
5. This will give Columbus County five (5) extra points when applying for a grant.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:36 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

6:36 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:

MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:36 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the June 05, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

ADJUSTMENTS to AGENDA:

Chairman Prevatte stated that two (2) adjustments needed to be made to the June 05, 2017 Agenda as follows: add to Closed Session - Attorney-Client Privilege and to table Agenda Item #7.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to add Attorney-Client Privilege to Closed Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to table Agenda Item #7, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Regular Session Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for Public Input. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #6: TABOR CITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - UPDATE on STAFFING NEEDS:

Brad Peritt, Administrator for the Tabor City Correctional Facility, presented the following staffing needs.

1. The Tabor Correctional Institution was established in 2008 and is one of the largest prisons in the State of North Carolina;
2. Currently has approximately 461 staff assigned (267 are residents of Columbus County);
3. Staff are assigned top various departments within the facility such as Administration, Custody, Programs, Medical and Maintenance;
4. An all adult male inmate facility that houses approximately 1,752 inmates which includes all thee (3) custody levels: Minimum, Medium and Close;
5. Benefits Tabor Correctional offer:
 - Leave Benefits: Vacation, Sick, Holiday, Compensatory, Community Service, Civil Leave, Military Leave
 - Longevity: Recognizes long-term employees who have worked at least ten (10) years within the state government
 - Retirement: Teachers and State Employees Retirement System
 - Savings Plans - 401(K) and 457 Plan
 - Short and Long-Term Disability: If a staff member becomes permanently or temporarily disabled pays the staff member a portion of their monthly income
 - Health Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield
 - 80-20 (Enhanced)
 - 70-30 (Traditional)
 - Dental Insurance: Staff members can choose between low and high option
 - Vision Insurance: Staff members can choose between Core, Basic or Enhanced Plan
 - Group Term Life Insurance
 - Accidental or Core Accidental Death Insurance
 - Cancer and Critical Illness Insurance
 - Health Care and Dependent Daycare Spending Accounts
6. What positions are available at Tabor Correctional:

POSITION	VACANCIES
Correctional officer I	5
Correctional Officer II	48
Correctional Officer III	1

POSITION	VACANCIES
Case Manager	3
Food Service Officer II	3
Professional Nurse	5
Psych Services Coordinator	1
Office Assistant	1
Processing Assistant	1

7. We have eighty-one (81) vacancies at Tabor Correctional Facility;
8. We held a job fair and out of seventy-four (74) people, we only could use five (5);
9. The DCI checks are keeping the majority of the people from being eligible for jobs; **and**
10. We need your help in getting information out to the public about these available jobs.

Agenda Item #7: BUDGET - ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED FY 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET: William S. Clark, County Manager, is requesting Board approval and adoption of the FY 2017-2018 Operating Budget.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to table Agenda Item #7, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: HEALTH - DENTAL CLINIC UPDATE:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, presented the following update on the Dental Clinic.

1. I have spoken with Kenny Garland with Whiteville City Schools, and they have given me a quote of two hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$250.00) dollars to put the hookups at Edgewood; **and**
2. We talked about Whiteville High School and he stated if we could use the generator at Whiteville High School until they decide what they are going to do and where they are going to build.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to take the two hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$250.00) dollars out of Fund Balance for the dental hookup at Edgewood Elementary School, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: EMERGENCY SERVICES - TRANSFER of FUNDS into CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested the transfer of \$35,000 from the Emergency Services Budget to a Capital Project Account.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the transfer of thirty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$35,000.00) dollars from the Emergency Services Budget to a Capital Project Account, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - EXPENDITURE of \$6,900 for STATE RE-CERTIFICATION:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of funds for re-certification of the Tabor City Industrial Park and the Southeast Regional Park with budgeted sales tax funds included.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve funds of six thousand, nine hundred and 00/100 (\$6,900.00) dollars for re-certification of the Tabor City Industrial Park and the Southeast Regional Park with budgeted sales tax funds included, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

ILLEGAL CITIZENS COMPLAINT:

The following discussion was conducted relative to illegal immigrant people being employed

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in Columbus County;

-Complaints being received about companies employing illegal immigrant people;

-When Economic Development awards grants and incentives to companies, they need to emphasize the importance of the companies utilizing only legal citizens; **and**

-The proper procedure to use to check on the person being a legal citizen.

Agenda Item #11: HUMAN RESOURCES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL STAFF POSITIONS	VACANT POSITIONS	PART-TIME POSITIONS	LEFT EMPLOYMENT 7/1/16 thru 5/31/17	TOTAL ACTIVE STAFF AS OF: 06/05/2017
Social Services	150	15	0	16 - Resigned 1 - dismissal 1 - Retired	135
Sheriff	88	12		14 - Resigned 1 - Dismissal	76
Detention	41	1		3 - Resigned 1 - Dismissal	40
EDC/Planning	2				2
Library	24	1	2		23
HUD	2		1		2
Finance	5		1	1 - Retired	5
Parks & Rec.	8	1			7
Aging	22	1	7 CAN,S (79)	1 - Resigned 1 - Retired	21
Attorney	3				3
Purchasing	1				1
Inspections	4				4
Tax Admin	17			1 - Resigned	17
Public Utilities	13				13
Solid Waste	3				3
EMS	24	1		4 - Resigned	23
MIS	5				5
HR	2				2
Administration	3				3
Fire Marshal	2				2
Animal Control	4		2		4
Public Transp	1		1 - Retired		1
Governing Body	1				1
Health	49	1	5	7 - Retired 5 - Resigned 3 - RIF 1 - Deceased	48
Register of Deeds	5	1		1 - Resigned	4

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL STAFF POSITIONS	VACANT POSITIONS	PART-TIME POSITIONS	LEFT EMPLOYMENT 7/1/16 thru 5/31/17	TOTAL ACTIVE STAFF AS OF: 06/05/2017
Airport	1				1
Maintenance	13	1		2 - Resigned	12
Veterans	2			1 - Retired	2
TOTALS:	495	35	97	65	460

Ms. Taylor stated the following:

1. Open Enrollment will start tomorrow, June 6th, 7th and 8th; **and**
2. The insurance will be offering a new plan for group hospital indemnity plan.

Agenda Item #12: ESSENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION LOAN POOL - DISASTER RECOVERY (ESFRLP-DR) - APPROVAL of PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of an Agreement for Services with Sandra B. Ridley, Consultant, for the Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool - Disaster Recovery, not to exceed thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars, not to exceed ten thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) dollars per unit.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services with Sandra B. Ridley, Consultant, for the Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool - Disaster Recovery, not to exceed thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) dollars, not to exceed ten thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) dollars per unit, for approximately three (3) houses, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Agreement for Services will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #13: RESOLUTION - SB 594 / HB 608 FAMILY/CHILD PROTECTION and ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and Adoption, with recommendation from Stokes County, of the following Resolution SB 594 / HB 608 Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act.

**RESOLUTION
SB 594 / HB 608 Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act**

WHEREAS, protecting children from maltreatment is of the utmost importance and is a primary functions of county departments of social services; **and**

WHEREAS, SB 504 / HB 608 (Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act) calls for the development of a plan to regionalize the one hundred (100) County Departments of Social Services into thirty (30) or fewer Regional Authorities; **and**

WHEREAS, hundred of children, families and adults are served each year by the Columbus County Department of Social Services; **and**

WHEREAS, this board attests that positive results for families and children in Columbus County have been achieved through collective county vision, commitment and persistence; they have been achieved through vital community partnerships with agencies such as the court system, local school system, Guardian ad Litem, community college, law enforcement and several other Columbus County partner agencies; **and**

WHEREAS, we believe the child welfare/protection system in Columbus County is not broken and it is not in need of an extreme structural change; **and**

WHEREAS, the Board wants what is best for Columbus County's children and families; we support a thorough and inclusive study to determine the most effective approach(s) for North Carolina; we urge you to consider that perhaps one size does not fit all; **and**

WHEREAS, changing the administrative structure of social services within our state is not a small endeavor; we must thoroughly study and evaluate what will be the best structural model(s) for our state; we believe all stakeholders such as County Directors of Social Services, County Boards of Social Services, Social Services Attorneys, County Commissioners and County Managers should be included in determining the best model for social services administration in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners, implore the State of North Carolina and the members of the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) to be diligent, thoughtful, proactive and open-minded regarding possible service delivery models for social services administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge you to support amendments to Part 1 of SB 594 / HB 608 which would call for a study commission to thoroughly evaluate all possible models of social services administration and include all stakeholders in the study process prior to a decision being made regarding any model of forced regionalization.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners this the 5th day of June, 2017.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE, Vice Chairman**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution SB 594 / HB 608 Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: RESOLUTION - COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SALES TAX REFUNDS/EXEMPTION for PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption, with recommendation from Perquimans County, of the following Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Supporting Sales Tax Refund/Exemption for Public Schools.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SALES TAX REFUND/EXEMPTION for PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, from 1998 until 2005, local boards of education were able to provide additional educational opportunities with savings from State and local sales and use tax refunds; **and**

WHEREAS, a 2005 budget provision revoked LEA sales and use tax refund authority and attempted to supplant the estimated \$33.3 million in lost revenues by authorizing a quarterly transfer of revenue to the State Public School Fund; **and**

WHEREAS, during the 2006 legislative session, the General Assembly reinstated local school boards' authority to apply for the local sales tax refund, but declined to do likewise with regards to the State sales tax refund; **and**

WHEREAS, today school districts remain one of the few public entities that cannot apply for a State sales tax refund at a cost the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Division has estimated to exceed \$40 million a year; **and**

WHEREAS, many other entities, including cities, counties, public universities, charter schools, private schools, and other non-profits, can apply for a State sales tax refund or exemption; **and**

WHEREAS, no entity in recent history, other than public schools, has lost the ability to apply for a State sales tax refund or exemption; **and**

WHEREAS, even after a comprehensive tax reform, local boards are still excluded and are rightly troubled at being excluded from the group of entities eligible for a State sales tax refund; **and**

WHEREAS, one of the most problematic aspects of school districts' inability to apply for a State sales tax refund is that no alternative revenue options are available to supplant the lost funds; **and**

WHEREAS, county governments are already appropriating almost \$2.7 billion per year for public school operating costs and bearing the primary burden for an estimated \$8.2 billion in school facility needs; **and**

WHEREAS, inability to apply for a State sales tax refund is costly for districts that are building or renovating schools; **and**

WHEREAS, a 2009 report from the General Assembly's Joint Education Oversight Committee found that without authority to apply for a State sales tax refund, many school districts are resorting to a burdensome, wasteful, and highly inefficient exercise of transferring title to their buildings to the county during the construction phase so that the county can apply for the sales tax refund on the school district's behalf; **and**

WHEREAS, the Committee found that "there are reports of significant costs related to these property transfers, and that the ability to engage in such transfers varies depending on the relationship between the school board and County Commissioners"; **and**

WHEREAS, districts that cannot transfer their capital costs, meanwhile, have delayed necessary renovations longer than they otherwise would because of the added costs; **and**

WHEREAS, the end result has been a net loss to public schools statewide, with negative repercussions on classroom operations and the delivery of quality educational services across the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does request that public schools be treated equally as other entities. If North Carolina's tax code is going to continue to allow numerous entities, including other governmental entities, to not pay sales tax, then the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does request that local boards of education be granted a sales tax exemption or have their sales tax refund reinstated.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 5th day of June, 2017

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**, Manager

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Attorney

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Supporting Sales Tax Refund/Exemption for Public Schools, 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 7:14 A.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

May 15, 2017 **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 2 for each Water District, respectively.

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

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	2,918
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,918
Expenditures	10-4380-550000	Capital Outlay	3,196
Revenues	10-3438-440175	Animal Control Revenues	3,196
Expenditures	10-4201-549920	EC Dev Incentives/Grants	(292,193)
	10-4160-550000	Capital Outlay	56,500
	10-4160-525101	M/R Buildings and Grounds	28,000
	10-4265-535100	M/R Buildings and Grounds	37,173
	10-4266-550000	Capital Outlay	82,000
	10-4530-550000	Capital Outlay	63,520
	10-9600-560083	Veterans Memorial Park	25,000

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Property Value Amount: \$539.17

Davis, Joseph c/o Dolphene Davis **PROPERTY:** 1155 Total: \$938.31
 Value: \$26,900.00 Year: 14-16 Account: 01-19850 Bill#: 99999
 Release value sold at tax sale. Release Whiteville Rescue(16.14)

Property Value Amount: \$23.59

Singletary, Stephania Ann **PROPERTY:** 46365 Total: \$252.48
 Value: \$2,930.00 Year: 2014 Account: 12-02930 Bill#: 46365
 Release one year discovery. Per Nhughes. Release North Whiteville (2.34) release Columbus Rescue(.59) release late list(7.96)

Property Value Amount: \$640.78

Webb, Christopher M. & Camellia J. **PROPERTY:** 84487 Total: \$1,130.46
 Value: \$46,300.00 Year: 15-16 Account: 08-01861 Bill#: 99999
 Release value of D/W Repoed. Release ST James Fire(47.76) release Columbus Rescue(15.92)

Refunds Amount: \$0.00

Victory In Jesus Ministries **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$739.03
 Value: \$144,200.00 Year: 2015 Account: 01-07951 Bill#: 99999
 Refund entire value of city taxes paid. Should have been tax exempt. Used as religious purposes. Release Whiteville City.

Refunds Amount: \$1,160.81

Victory In Jesus Ministries **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$1,189.65
 Value: \$144,200.00 Year: 2015 Account: 01-07951 Bill#: 99999
 Refund entire value. Should have been tax exempt. Used as religious purposes. Release Whiteville Rescue(28.84)

Refunds Amount: \$0.00

Ward, John & Debra **PROPERTY:** 88489 Total: \$426.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 15-16 Account: 07-02261 Bill#: 99999
 Refund user fees. No can for 2015-2016 Can Sent Back.

Refunds Amount: \$1,479.60

Whaley, Lorie Ann	PROPERTY: 20245	Total:	\$1,888.64
Value: \$91,900.00 Year: 15-16	Account: 11-02621	Bill#:	99999
Refund value of house. Not liveable. Inside Mold, Termite, etc. Refund Hallsboro Fire(110.28) Refund Columbus Rescue(36.76)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Barefoot Larry Wayne	PROPERTY: 97115	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 11-01044	Bill#:	85696
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jackson Ronald D.	PROPERTY: 90752	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-11803	Bill#:	6578
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mongiello, Joan	PROPERTY: 17577	Total:	\$121.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 10-04422	Bill#:	14616
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Register, Holly Rana	PROPERTY: 92560	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-02333	Bill#:	20078
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, Kathleen (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 94552	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 12-04736	Bill#:	24066
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stocks, Jessica Lynn	PROPERTY: 6596	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-03241	Bill#:	6596
Release user fee. Can picked up 11/13/12 Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Suggs, Kenneth Dale	PROPERTY: 13825	Total:	\$426.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 15-16	Account: 07-04524	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williamson, Stephanie	PROPERTY: 93355	Total:	\$426.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 15-16	Account: 15-00852	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. House incomplete.			

Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - In Boardman, where Macedonia Road #1508 merges into Highway 74, there have been continuous wrecks, eight (8) wrecks in the last six (6) weeks;
 - Flashing lights or warning devices need to be installed at this location to prevent the number of wrecks that are happening;
 - The North Carolina Department of Transportation has stated that road improvements will not be done until 2020;
 - We need to send a resolution of support for flashing lights or warning devices to be installed at this location.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to send a Resolution of Support to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to install flashing lights, or a type of safety measure, at the intersection where SR #1508 leads into Highway 74, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - I attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Library; **and**

- The flag pole is very rusty and needs to be replaced.
- 3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated I attended two (2) of the Elder Abuse Walks and enjoyed them.
- 4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - This past Saturday, I attended the 25th Anniversary of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, off of Waccamaw River, and there were approximately 65-70 people, and I enjoyed the event; **and**
 - We need to do Resolutions of Appreciation to the Whiteville High School baseball team for their win of the state championship and the Whiteville High School softball team for their win for the June 19, 2017 Board Meeting.
- 5. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - I have been discussing the poor Verizon coverage that we are experiencing and would like for everyone to contact Verizon concerning the problems that are being experienced;
 - Spread the word out to everyone about the contact with Verizon;
 - There are many job vacancies in Columbus County for the ones who want to work; **and**
 - We need to keep William Clark in our prayers due to a death in his family.
- 6. **Chairman Prevatte:** I attended two (2) Senior Abuse Walks and there are two (2) walks left to be held.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL and (AGENDA ADD-ON): (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel, and (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL and (AGENDA ADD-ON): (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Prevatte requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“The Board of Commissioners discussed the points of evaluation of Tax Administrator Nedom Hughes. The second issue of Attorney-Client Privilege, the county attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners the settlement negotiations with Group III referencing liquidated damages”*.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Stephens stated he would recommend that the Board of Commissioners offer the settlement with Group III, in the amount of two hundred ninety thousand, and 00/100 (290,000.00) dollars in reference to the liquidated damages, and request that would be a full release involved in that.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the recommendation of the County Attorney to offer the settlement with Group III, in the amount of two hundred ninety thousand, and 00/100

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 05, 2017
7:14 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 District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney
June Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:14 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

May 15, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.. 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
Monday, June 05, 2017
7:14 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 District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney
June Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:14 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

May 15, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.. 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
Monday, June 05, 2017
7:14 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 District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney
June Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:14 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

May 15, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.. 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
Monday, June 05, 2017
7:14 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 District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney
June Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:14 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

May 15, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.. 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
Monday, June 05, 2017
7:14 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 District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, County Attorney
June Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:14 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

May 15, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman