

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, October 02, 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** (Arrived: 6:37 P.M.)
 Giles E. Byrd
 P. Edwin Russ
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: **Community Development Block Grant/Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR):** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the County's past and proposed use of CDBG funds.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte opened the Public Hearing and stated this Public Hearing is for the Community Development Block Grant/Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). Chairman Prevatte stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the County's past and proposed use of CDBG funds. Chairman Prevatte requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney/Interim County Manager, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

Floyd Adams, The Adams Company: stated the following:

1. There is a grant program that is available that I would like to tell you about;
2. There is a Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program out there and it has been funded with \$198 million, most of that money (80% or \$158 million will go to four (4) counties, Robeson, Edgecombe, Wayne and Cumberland);
3. The \$32.5 million remaining of that will go to the remaining forty-six (46) counties that are included in the disaster declared counties;
4. That is where Columbus County has the opportunity to assist the victims or facilities that you may want to apply for;
5. The County is limited to \$1 million, and you would represent all municipalities that are within the County, and it would be a joint effort;
6. The beginning process is already started;
7. One of the most important things is related to housing needs; **and**
8. The application is due 10-20-2017.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:38 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

6:38 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:38 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the October 02, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Trent Burroughs.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, and the September 21, 2017 Historic Courthouse Workshop Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. 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 ADD-ON'S (3) and CLOSED SESSION CHANGE:

Chairman Prevatte stated the following three (3) Agenda add-on's needed to be added to the Agenda due to timing situations.

1. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:** Joy Jacobs, Columbus County Transportation Director, is requesting the Board to establish October 16, 2017, at or around 7:00 P.M., for a Public Hearing for NCDOT's Public Transportation funding.
(Joy Jacobs will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
2. **NC DOT - Resolution of Support for the Installation of All-Way Stop Condition at Intersection of NC 87 and NC 11:** Drew Cox, Division Maintenance Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, is requesting Board approval of the Resolution of Support.
3. **GOVERNING BODY - PROCLAMATION of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION to WEST COLUMBUS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA):** Commissioners Ricky Bullard and Giles E. Byrd are requesting Board approval and adoption.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the three (3) Agenda Add-ons as Agenda Item #5A, #5B and #5C, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADDITIONAL - AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Chairman Prevatte stated the Closed Session needed to be amended as follows: 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, and 143-318.11(a) (4) Economic Development.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to amend the Closed Session as follows - 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, and 143-318.11(a) (4) Economic Development, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5A: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING: Joy Jacobs, Columbus County Transportation Director, requested the Board to establish October 16, 2017, at or around 7:00 P.M., for a Public Hearing for NCDOT's Public Transportation funding.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish October 16, 2017, at or around 7:00 P.M., for a Public Hearing for NCDOT's Public Transportation funding, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5B: NC DOT - Resolution of Support for the Installation of All-Way Stop Condition at Intersection of NC 87 and NC 11: Drew Cox, Division Maintenance Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, requested Board approval of the following Resolution of Support for the Installation of All-Way Stop Condition at Intersection of NC 87 and NC 11.

RESOLUTION of SUPPORT
for the INSTALLATION of ALL-WAY STOP CONDITION at
INTERSECTION of NC 87 and NC11

WHEREAS, the safety of our citizens and tourists while traveling along the highways within Columbus County is a top priority to the Board of County Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, within the County of Columbus, at the intersection of NC 87 and NC 11 many traffic accidents have occurred which have resulted in serious injury and numerous deaths; **and**

WHEREAS, the number of accidents are increasing as a result of the heavy traffic flow in the area; **and**

WHEREAS, at the stated intersection, this short-term solution will be very beneficial to motorists traveling through this intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners support the North Carolina Department of Transportation to install an all-way stop condition (4-way stop signs) at the intersection of NC 87 and NC 11.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 2nd day of October, 2017.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

ATTESTED BY:

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

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

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

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

Interim County Manager

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for the Installation of All-Way Stop Condition at Intersection of NC 87 and NC 11, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5C: GOVERNING BODY - PROCLAMATION of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION to WEST COLUMBUS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA): Commissioners Ricky Bullard and Giles E. Byrd are requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to West Columbus Future Farmers of America (FFA).

PROCLAMATION of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION
to WEST COLUMBUS FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA (FFA)

WHEREAS, when genuine talent and desire are displayed by groups of people and organizations to render help to people of all ages, it is recognized; **and**

WHEREAS, the efforts and desire to aid people, especially those people in their community, have been recognized by RFD TV, a national broadcasting channel, for the West Columbus Future Farmers of America; **and**

WHEREAS, the West Columbus FFA Chapter begins each school year by creating a Program of Activities to participate in from August through June to promote and support all aspects of the community from the elderly to pre-school aged children; **and**

WHEREAS, West Columbus is recognized as one of the most respected and successful chapters in our State; **and**

WHEREAS, the community service the Cerro Gordo Future Farmers of America is involved in is as follows:

- ♡ Honor and recognize the elderly in the community;
- ♡ Visits to local nursing homes;
- ♡ Collect canned food products and donations from all student at West Columbus in an effort to support Mount Olive Head Start School; **and**

- ☞ Preparing a breakfast meal for the faculty and staff at West Columbus to show appreciation for their support throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation to West Columbus Future Farmers of America**.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 2nd day of October, 2017.

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

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Attorney / Interim
County Manager

/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 Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to West Columbus Future Farmers of America (FFA), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: SCHOOLS - COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND GRANT APPLICATION:

Allen Faulk, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, requested approval to apply for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Superintendent, stated the following:

1. The Columbus County Schools Board of Education is meeting at this time discussing this issue;
2. The General Assembly established a Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund, and basically it is a grant for school systems that counties may apply for to help replace dilapidated buildings, consolidate buildings and new school construction;
3. The maximum amount available this year is \$30 million, and its priority goes to Tier I counties which Columbus County is a Tier 1 county;
4. The maximum amount awarded is \$15 million, and that is a match of 3 to 1;
5. If we put up \$5 million of County money, then we can apply for up to \$15 million, and that equates to \$20 million;
6. The project as you know, the priority we would like to apply this money to is the Tabor City Elementary School;
7. There is another priority on the western end of the County; **and**
8. With your approval, we would like to apply for the \$15 million.

Agenda Item #7: SCHOOLS - WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND GRANT APPLICATION:

Kenny Garland, Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools, requested approval to apply for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant. Mr. Garland stated the following:

1. On the Grant Application that was handed out to you, on Page 2, there is a note that states the following **“If a county receives a grant fund award from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund, that county will be ineligible to receive allocations from the Public School Building Capital Fund that are appropriated during a five-year period beginning with the fiscal year the grant funds were awarded”**, so that was the discussion you were having;
2. The 40 Tier 1 counties, out of the 100 counties, are eligible to apply at this time;
3. In 2021, the Tier 2 counties will be eligible to apply which will change that 40 to 80; **and**
4. Our priority will be Whiteville High School.

DISCUSSION / COMMENTS:

1. The grant application will need to be from Columbus County, and if awarded, the money amount will be awarded to each school system;
2. If the grant is awarded, 27% will be for the Whiteville City Schools, and 73% will be for the Columbus County Schools, based on ADM;
3. The amount of lottery funds annually versus the amount of the grant;
4. The need for the two (2) school systems to file the grant application jointly by attaching two (2) narratives, re-doing the Budget Sheet, and if based on ADM, the Chairman can sign the application on behalf of the Board; **and**
5. The importance for the two (2) school systems to work together and meet the deadline date.

MOTION:

After lengthy and in-depth discussion, Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to allow the two (2) school systems to work together on the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant Application, with 73% of the funds to be for Columbus County Schools System, and 27% of the funds to be for Whiteville City Schools, and if based on ADM, the Chairman can sign the application, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPROVAL - NAKINA VETERANS PARADE ROUTE:

Angela Norris, VFWA President Aux. 8073, requested Board approval of the route utilized with the Nakina Veterans Parade.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT and APPROVAL

Sunday, November 5, 2017, we will be hosting our annual Nakina Veteran's Parade. This parade is held in Nakina (Columbus County, NC) starting on Ervin T. Richardson Road at the VFW Post and then onto Seven Creeks Highway. Approximately one mile to the Forest Service Fire Tower, where the parade turns around in a resident's yard. This parade is a one of a kind, where you can participate in the parade and watch the parade. The community looks forward to this event every year.

We are requesting to block the highway from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

We are asking for the acknowledgment and approval of our local Sheriff's Department, Highway Patrol, and our County Commissioners to have this parade on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

Approval: Yes

/s/ **LEWIS HATCHER, Sheriff**

/s/ **W. BRIAN EZZELL, Highway Patrol**

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman, Columbus County Commissioners**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the acknowledgement and approval of the route utilized with the Nakina Veterans Parade, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: HEALTH - FEE for NEW SERVICE - COMMERCIAL DRIVERS PHYSICAL EXAM:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, requested Board approval for fee for Commercial Drivers Physical Exam.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve one hundred thirty and 00/100 (\$130.00) dollars for the Commercial Drivers Physical Exam (CDL), as recommended by the Health Department, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PLANNING - ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested the Board to establish a date and time for a public hearing to consider a map amendment to the SCC Zoning Map, and text amendment to Chapter 10 - Planning and Zoning of the Columbus County Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to establish October 16, 2017, at 7:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing to consider a map amendment to the SCC Zoning Map, and text amendment to Chapter 10 - Planning and Zoning of the Columbus County Code of Ordinances, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: PURCHASING/SAFETY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing/Safety Manager, delivered the following Purchasing/Safety Departmental Update to the Board.

Purchasing/Fleet data is between July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

- Re-certified as a “Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer” through the School of Government.
- Selected as Co-Chairman, Vendor Relations Committee for the Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing.
- Processed 1389 PO’s...(last year was 1220)
- On-going larger projects: Video Arraignment/First Appearance, Paging and Radio system for 911, Historical Courthouse upgrades, Georgia-Pacific, Election/HUD, Fair Bluff Senior Center.
- Copier Program: county-wide, updated contract done July 2016 with the following savings -
 Combined 3 separate Health, DSS and rest of county, dropping the cost per copy from as high as 0.0299 to a low of 0.0153 across the board for b/w and 0.075 to 0.069 for color. This generated an annual savings of \$26,282 for a total project savings of \$131,410 over 5 years.
- Completed Projects: Phone system for Health, Furniture for Judges Office, Pest, A/C unit for Animal Control.
- Warehouse: central office supplies county-wide. Supplies pulled/packed and delivered every week, annual inventory completed...
- Landlines: Countywide through State ITS.
- WEX: county-wide gas card program, apx 260
- Cell Phones: county-wide excluding Sheriff, apx 90
- Credit Cards: county-wide, apx 39 Business/50 P-cards, 6 merchant services accounts.

Fleet Management

Vehicles: apx 95, excluding Sheriff

Fleet Maintenance: 227 reported issues to garages, 9 average per month, 9 garages.

Safety data is between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016

Safety incidents: 41 reported (36 last year)

Recordable incidents: 10 (6 last year)...Complete breakdown attached

Annual OSHA Reports completed and submitted

Safety Committee meets monthly at a different location with a safety topic presented and a safety audit of that location.

Annual Safety Training: completed through SCC.

Various training as needed...Defensive Driving, Forklift, First Aid, etc...

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

At 7:29 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 18, 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 7:30 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 Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

A. **Budget Amendment:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	310.00
Revenues	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	310.00

B. **Tax Refunds and Releases:**

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$15.86		
Allen, Jimmy			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$222.61
Value: \$1,970.00	Year: 2017		Account: 12-03603	Bill#: 47846
Release value of s/w. Sold. Release Columbus Rescue(.39) release Evergreen Fire(1.58) release late list(1.78)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$8.05
Fowler, Nicky Gene Jr.			PROPERTY: 10529	Total: \$212.25
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 2017		Account: 06-12261	Bill#: 61938
Release value of s/w. Sold. Release Columbus Rescue(.20) release Yam City(1.00)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$1,031.21
Grace Episcopal Church WH NC			PROPERTY: 4070	Total: \$1,172.83
Value: \$128,100.00	Year: 2017		Account: 01-93380	Bill#: 64642
Release value. Used for church purpose. Release Whiteville Rescue(25.62)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$67.38
Larrimore, Wanda Cribb			PROPERTY: 81433	Total: \$285.40
Value: \$8,370.00	Year: 2017		Account: 01-07026	Bill#: 72863
Release value of D/W. Listed twice on same account., Release Brunswick Fire(5.86) release Whiteville Rescue(1.67) release				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$437.92
Macedonia Original Freewill Bapt Church			PROPERTY: 6774	Total: \$695.32
Value: \$54,400.00	Year: 2017		Account: 03-03706	Bill#: 74840
Release value used for church storage. Release Old Dock(43.52) release Columbus Rescue(10.88)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$4.03
Massey, Carol & Robert			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$4.73
Value: \$500.00	Year: 2017		Account: 15-04676	Bill#: 75511
Release value of boat. Sold. Release Columbus Rescue(.10) release Acme Delco(.60)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$2.81
Skyline Designs, Inc.			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$2.88
Value: \$349.00	Year: 2017		Account: 06-05032	Bill#: 87120
Release value. Release Columbus Rescue(.07)				
<i>Refunds</i>				Amount: \$796.95
Beasley, Patricia Capps			PROPERTY: 79755	Total: \$816.75
Value: \$99,000.00	Year: 2017		Account: 11-03231	Bill#: 49720
Refund portion of value. Billed twice for Lot #272. Refund Columbus Rescue(19.80)				
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount: \$0.00
Alexander, James Edward (Heirs)			PROPERTY: 18466	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017		Account: 11-00140	Bill#: 47776
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount: \$0.00
Anders, Dedrick & Devoria			PROPERTY: 60213	Total: \$406.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017		Account: 08-00143	Bill#: 47981
Release user fees. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount: \$0.00
Bennett, Nancy Ezzell & Scott			PROPERTY: 6812	Total: \$411.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 16-17		Account: 03-01044	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount: \$0.00
Brown, Clara			PROPERTY: 85551	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017		Account: 15-03058	Bill#: 52142
Release user fee. Vacant.				

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Buffkin, Kenneth W Jr	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-00942	Bill#:	52954
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Carl Junior Ward Testamentary Trust	PROPERTY: 12321	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 06-01113	Bill#:	54428
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Duboise, Dillon	PROPERTY: 88845	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-06902	Bill#:	58786
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hamilton , Williard Hugh (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 2135	Total:	\$411.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 16-17	Account: 01-36320	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jones, J B	PROPERTY: 93614	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11-04830	Bill#:	71391
Release user fee. Uses commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Page, Paul	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-01755	Bill#:	80584
Release user fee. Uses commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Page, Paul & Doris	PROPERTY: 25249	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-31720	Bill#:	80588
Release user fee. Uses commercial hauler			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Page, Paul & Doris	PROPERTY: 75536	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-31723	Bill#:	80592
Release user fee. Uses commercial hauler			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spaulding, John W & Catherine	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$67.67
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 14-00158	Bill#:	88732
Release portion of user fee. Can no longer there.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stewart, Mark Wesley	PROPERTY: 25622	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-38310	Bill#:	89964
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Trosterud, Vincent & Rosemarie	PROPERTY: 75274	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 16-02726	Bill#:	92328
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Sheila W (ETAL)	PROPERTY: 5868	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 02-04931	Bill#:	94423
Release user fee. Vacant.			

Agenda Item #14: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Kimberly Smith, Health Director:** stated the following:
 - It is the flu season, and the flu shots at the Health Department have four (4) strains in them;
 - A not-so-good flu season is predicted;
 - Make sure you get your flu shot; **and**

-Our flu shots are available 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

2. **Sheriff Lewis Hatcher:** stated the following:
 - It is getting ready to get busy with all of the scheduled activities; **and**
 - I am asking everyone to use caution.

3. **Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director:** stated the following:
 - I have distributed an update to you for the mold issue with the Board of Elections facility, and I will discuss the highlights;
 - It was discovered that two (2) of the HUD supply ducts still serve the BOE lobby side due to the fact that with the facility's present design, they could not be corrected without some sort of demolition;
 - In speaking with the BOE Director, she stated that this has been an issue in the past because the HUD staff was controlling the temp level in the BOE lobby where three (3) of her BOE staff's work stations are.
 - Without correcting the two (2) supply duct issues, the estimated cost of about \$40,000 is as follows:
 - Replace AC/Heat unit that went out, redesign/install new return duct; and
 - Seal off old return duct vents \$10,000. Clean facility: \$20,00 to \$30,000.
 - It is my recommendation that we revisit my 02/23/2017 evaluation of the BOE/HUD facility and utilize the present building status to also correct all other issues at one time, though they are not health related.
 - 2/23/27 COE/HUD Facility Evaluations:**
 - 1.1 There is no handicap restroom but at least one handicap staff;
 - 1.2 Handicap staff must cross the road to go to the restroom that is located in the Senior Center. This not only puts that individual in danger but also puts an extensive liability on the county in the event of an accident.
 - 2.4 Some of the facilities voting equipment and records that require extensive security are stored in outside utility buildings that show signs of rodent infestation as well as wood water damage/rot (building #2).
 - 2.5 There are not enough electrical outlets to accommodate the present need, therefore power strips are used and at times even daisy chained together.
 - 2.6 Parking in the rear is presently restricted due to the parking lot confinement. I personally had an issue leaving with the county's full size F-150. While preparing to leave I also observed a patron of the facility experiencing the same such issue.
 - 2.7 The east side parking arrangement requires patrons to back into the highway in order to leave.
 - 2.8 The building is well beyond capacity during elections, a standard yearly event.
 - 2.9 The lack of parking far exceeds requirements during the yearly election event.
 - Building needs:**

Note: Maintenance records show that a 3,000 SF addition to the facility has been considered. I see two (2) issues with such a consideration.

One is: With a 3,000 SF addition, comes new parking requirement which the lot will not support. Also, across the road parking at the Senior Center, would not constitute meeting required parking obligations.

The second issue is: Along with such an addition, unforeseen requirements that would require some upgrades to the existing building could be expected.

-I would like for you to reconsider the suggested building options and the other BOE/HUD Options.

MOTION:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to take the information from Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director, under consideration, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - I think what the State is doing at the intersection of NC 87 and NC 11 is a plus; **and**
 - This may speed the long-term project up.

2. **Commissioner Russ:** stated he would like to echo what Commissioner Byrd has stated about the intersection at NC 87 and NC 11.
3. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - I am glad to see that concrete steps are being taken towards building some schools;
 - I think we need to take into consideration a new building for our Board of Elections; **and**
 - We need to keep the victims in the Las Vegas event in our prayers and thoughts.
4. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - I want to echo on what has been said about our schools;
 - The Governor's visit to Fair Bluff was good;
 - The Board of Elections building is well liked by the employees; **and**
 - Has the center at Evergreen been started? Harold Nobles stated it should be finished in the next two (2) weeks.
5. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - Harold, what is the status of Otto Nance Road? Harold replied stating we are still working on those figures.; **and**
 - I got a call today that the air conditioner in the Courthouse is not working. Have you heard about that Larry? Larry replied stating no.
6. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I would like to commend both school systems for applying for the grant; **and**
 - We received an e-mail from NCACC about having a district meeting in April, 2018, and this is a good meeting to have.
7. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I would like to commend the schools for working together on this grant for Columbus County;
 - I want to remind everyone that the Fair Parade is next Tuesday at 3:30 P.M.
 - I serve on the Community Advisory Council, and we need volunteers; **and**
 - We need to set another Historic Courthouse Workshop.

HISTORIC COURTHOUSE WORKSHOP:

After a short discussion, it was the general consensus to hold an Historic Courthouse Workshop on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.22(a) (4) Economic Development and (6) Personnel, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5)-(ii) REAL ESTATE

Agenda Amendment:

CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:45 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie 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, Interim County Manager / County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, *"The County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners an offer to purchase the GP*

site from R.J. Corman Railroad. The Board of Commissioners discussed the language of the Offer to Purchase and the terms.

Personnel: the meeting next Monday is for interviews for County Manager and Courthouse discussion. The Board of Commissioners discussed the position of Animal Control Director. No action was taken”.

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

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to enter into a thirty (30) day option with R.J. Corman in the amount of two million, one hundred fifty thousand, and 00/100 (\$2,150,000.00) dollars with a fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) dollars up-front earnest money within the Option Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to authorize Chairman James E. Prevatte to sign any and all documents pertaining to fulfilling the Option Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McDowell.

Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:49 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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, October 02, 2017
7:29 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, Interim County
Manager / County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 18, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 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, October 02, 2017
7:29 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, Interim County
Manager / County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 18, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 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, October 02, 2017
7:29 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, Interim County
Manager / County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 18, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 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, October 02, 2017
7:29 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, Interim County
Manager / County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 18, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 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, October 02, 2017
7:29 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, Interim County
Manager / County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 18, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 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