

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, December 04, 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 their regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
 Giles E. Byrd
 P. Edwin Russ
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell (**Excused Absence**)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M. Chairman James E. Prevatte called the December 04, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. Commissioner McDowell will not be with us tonight, he is sick and has an excused absence. At this time, I will relinquish the Chair to our County Attorney / Manager.

Agenda Item #2: RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN:

Mike Stephens, Columbus County Manager / Attorney, stated the following:

1. At this time, we will proceed with the election of officers for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman for a term of one (1) year;
2. We will proceed with the election of the officers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-39, and also the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as adopted on February 04, 2008;
3. Rule Number 6 states in part, of which I will read, "*...the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office.*";
4. In order to do that, if we have more than one (1) person nominated for either of the offices, then the election will take the manner of going in reverse order, until we get a majority vote;
and
5. At this time, I will open the floor for the nomination for the position of Chairman.

Nominations for Chairman:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to nominate Amon E. McKenzie as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any other nominations. No other nomination was stated. Mr. Stephens stated the nominations are now closed. Mr. Stephens stated the position of Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing one (1) year term will be served by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. I will now open the floor for the nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Commissioner Byrd nominated Commissioner Trent Burroughs for the position of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any other nominations. No other nomination was made. Mr. Stephens stated the nominations for Vice Chairman are now closed. Mr. Stephens stated the position of the Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year will be served by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie.

Mr. Stephens stated that Commissioner Trent Burroughs will serve in position of Vice Chairman to the Board for the ensuing one (1) year term. Congratulations to both gentlemen, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman Amon E. McKenzie, and look forward to working with you.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES

Agenda Item #3: SURETY BONDS - EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL:

NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIR DATE
Bobbie Faircloth	Finance Officer (Columbus County)	\$50,000	Indefinite
Bobbie Faircloth	Travel and Tourism Board	\$50,000	Indefinite
Lewis L. Hatcher	Sheriff	\$25,000	01-07-2018
Needom G. Hughes, IV	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	11-25-2018
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Betty McKeithan	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	10-22-2018
Kandance Bullock	Register of Deeds	\$10,000	12-04-2020

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the above listed Surety Bonds, seconded by Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Items #4 and #5: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by 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 Ricky Bullard.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE to OUTGOING CHAIRMAN JAMES E. PREVATTE:

Newly elected Chairman Amon E. McKenzie presented the following plaque to outgoing Chairman James E. Prevatte.

PRESENTED TO:

JAMES E. PREVATTE

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THIS THE 4th DAY OF DECEMBER 2017

in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

as CHAIRMAN to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

12-05-2016 - 12-04-2017

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Prevatte stated the following:

1. I would like to say to all of the Board, thank you for the confidence you placed in me for making me the Chairman for the past year;
2. To the staff - I can't tell you anymore than what Mr. McKenzie often states, everything that I brought to you and asked for help with, you answered the call and showed the way;
3. To the people of Columbus County - you let me serve you, the whole County; **and**
4. I look forward to working with you, Mr. Chairman, and all of the other Commissioners for a few more years.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Hilda J. Memory 10-13-1997 - 10-20-2017

To be presented at a later meeting.

Agenda Item #8: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 13, 2017 Historic Courthouse Workshop Minutes, as recorded, and the November 20, 2017 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, stated he would like to add Closed Session to the Agenda in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, (4) Economic Development and (6) Personnel, as Agenda Item #24.D.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to add Closed Session to the Agenda in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, (4) Economic Development and (6) Personnel, as Agenda Item #24.D, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: SCHOOLS - SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE:

Dr. Tony Clarke, President, Southeastern Community College, presented the following update on Southeastern Community College.

1. Our **VISION** - To be recognized as the **PREMIER** rural community college in North Carolina.
2. Our **MISSION** - To continuously promote educational attainment, economic development, and cultural enrichment in Columbus County and surrounding areas.
3. New 2017-2020 Strategic Plan -
 - a. Three-year plan
 - b. Strategic Performance Areas
 - c. Strategic Drivers
4. Curriculum Enrollment -
 - a. Summer 2017 - 14% increase in full-time equivalent enrollment
 - b. Fall 2017 - 10% increase in full time equivalent enrollment
 - c. Spring 2017 - ongoing
5. SCC Success Scholarship
 - a. Paid tuition and fees for qualified recent high school graduates in Columbus County
 - b. Must take two Career & College Promise courses (tuition free college courses)
 - c. "Last dollar" scholarship - must apply for federal grants and SCC endowed/named scholarships
 - d. 48 Students qualified, 23 student awarded SCC Success Scholarship, 4 students received 100% of tuition and fees through the SCC Success Scholarship
6. Facilities
 - a. Advanced Manufacturing Expansion to T-Building; electrical and mechanical work to B and M Buildings

- i. Design and Development Submission to State Construction Office - complete in October
 - ii. Working Drawings submitted to SCO - January 2018
 - iii. Bid Advertisement / Receipt - May 2018
 - iv. Time frame for Construction - July 2018 - May 2019;
 - v. Estimated Project Costs - \$6,324,589
- 7. Employers
 - a. Columbus County NCWorks Career Center Hiring Events (2017)
 - i. 15 hiring events - 227 participants
 - b. Columbus County Industry Group
 - i. Meetings held in August, October and November
 - ii. Developed a framework for two pathways
 - 1. Entry-level workers
 - 2. Technically skilled workers
 - c. National Science Foundation MentorLinks grant
 - i. \$20,000 Over two years to partner with a mentor form NSF
 - ii. Focused on Mechatronics Engineering Technology program and pathways to advance manufacturing careers

Agenda Item #11: EMS COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT - JVC KENWOOD:

Ron Runyan, JVC Kenwood, requested the balance of payment, less ten (10%) percent, for services rendered.

Mr. Runyan stated the following:

1. There are three (3) things that have not been done as follows:
 - the drawings themselves;
 - wiring of the alarm system; **and**
 - programming - waiting on FCC;
2. In lieu of placing 300-500 pages in manuals at each site, we are placing CD's which will require external drives to use;
3. There are 1200 - 1300 radios to program, and it is our belief that you do not program these right before Christmas or New Years, and this will be after the new year; **and**
4. We are requesting the balance of \$37,099, less ten (10%) percent, and we will finish the job, along with three (3) other projects we are working on for Columbus County.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve to pay the balance of payment to JVC Kenwood of thirty-seven thousand, ninety-nine and 00/100 (\$37,099.00) dollars, less ten (10%) percent, three thousand, seven hundred nine and 90/100 (\$3,709.90) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

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

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

The motion passes on a five (5) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #12: AGING - SENIOR CENTER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING GRANT (SCGP):

Amanda Harrelson, Director of Aging, requested Board approval of the General Purpose Funding Grant (SCGP) in the amount of twenty-five thousand, five hundred twenty-nine and 00/100 (\$25,529.00) dollars, with twenty-five (25%) percent County match of eight thousand, five hundred twelve and 00/100 (\$8,512.00) dollars, which equates to thirty-four thousand, forty-one and 00/100 (\$34,041.00) dollars, for the Senior Centers.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the General Purpose Funding Grant (SCGP) in the amount of twenty-five thousand, five hundred twenty-nine and 00/100 (\$25,529.00) dollars, with twenty-five (25%) percent County match of eight thousand, five hundred twelve and 00/100 (\$8,512.00) dollars, which equates to thirty-four thousand, forty-one and 00/100 (\$34,041.00) dollars, for the Senior Centers, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION on EXERCISE EQUIPMENT and AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL:

1. The need for extensive repair to the exercise equipment at the Senior Centers and/or replacement due to the age of the equipment;
2. The fact that money for the equipment was proposed in the budget, but was taken out;
3. At this time, all members on the Aging Advisory Council have expired terms;
4. The number of members is now twenty-nine (29) and it is being suggested to change the number of members to fourteen (14); **and**
5. This item needs to be placed on the January 02, 2018 Agenda.

Agenda Item #13: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following monthly administrative update to the Board.

We did not have an agency staff meeting in November due to our energy program officially starting; however, updates and any information that staff needed to be aware of was shared via email or agency memo.

DHHS is now reviewing child fatality cases across the state. They are reviewing past cases to help identify areas that can be improved at the state and county levels. On November 7 and 8, the review team reviewed one case in Columbus County in which DSS was involved. There were representatives from the Columbus County Health Department, Care Coordination for Children (CC4C), the Columbus County Sheriff's Department and the Community Child Protection Team; along with myself and the Social Work Program Manager. This was a very interesting and informative process of looking at how to work with families and put resources in place to help child deaths as much as possible. During this review, we learned of some resources and treatment options for families and their young children. The State Fatality Coordinator will be helping us to develop activities to enhance services to families.

On November 8, 2017 I participated in the Columbus County Opioid Forum, held at Southeastern Community College, along with several agencies. This was a very informative forum in which I shared information on the affects substance abuse is having on DSS. At least 80% to 90% of our Child Protective Services reports involve some type of substance abuse; and many times it's difficult to find adequate treatment programs for these families. These cases require more staff time and resources than cases without substance abuse issues. Our agency has been involved with between four to six deaths due to drug overdoses.

On November 9, 2017 I attended the Director's Executive Board meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. During this meeting, we received information on the proposed Medicaid transformation, which is scheduled to take place in July 2019. Dave Richard, Director of the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA), stated there will be some services that may not be included and there will be an enrollment broker to provide information through a call center with Medicaid Managed Care. Local DSS agencies would continue to determine eligibility at this point. We also learned this new system could change the way DSS agencies handle Medicaid Transportation by a managed care provider providing non-emergency Medicaid transportation. This was concerning to Directors as we wondered how it might affect citizens and local providers.

We also received some information about upcoming policy changes around Child Fatality, Foster Care and Food & Nutrition.

On November 16 and 17, 2017 I attended the Eastern Regional Directors meeting at Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. During this meeting, we discussed issues with overpayments and underpayments in NCFAS. The system is not designed to calculate part-time day care rates; only full-time rates.

We received updates on Medicaid monitoring. The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) will be monitoring all 100 counties for accuracy of its Medicaid applications and counties will be responsible for benefits issued in error, in the near future.

At this point, the state Medicaid processing rate has improved, but all counties must meet their timeliness requirements. We also received some information from the State Fiscal Representatives about how to code funding and budgets for 2018-19. There will be a work session held at the February 2018 regional meeting for fiscal officers and Directors to work on the budget template.

Lastly, we were given an update on the House Bill 630 work group by Glenn Wilson, who represents the Directors Association. He stated the group is working on what State regionalization would look like; and if it would work with local agencies; as well as what services need to be provided. The state is continuing to work on performance measures for all programs administered through agencies across the state. He stated they had only met twice; and he will keep us informed.

We are continuing to work on our activities in our Child Welfare Improvement Plan. Our state partners are helping us develop some additional activities that will help to ensure policy and safety risks are covered. Staff have worked hard to make improvements in this area. We will begin to train in NCFAS soon; which will require possible compensatory time to allow Social Workers and Supervisors adequate time to complete this online training.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for November 2017

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed and busy! All staff have busy caseloads and are continuing to get updated training. A monitoring of Child Welfare was done during the month. The results showed improvements in a lot of areas with suggestions to assist in those areas still needing work. Overall the review was very positive! This Supervisor, along with the Program Manager and Director, participated in a Child Fatality Review during the month. A draft of the final report has been received with good recommendations!

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit is currently short-staffed due to a worker leaving to go to another county. Interviews have been completed and recommendations are being reviewed. A monitoring of Child Welfare was done during the month. The results showed improvements in a lot of areas with suggestions to assist in those areas still needing work. Overall the review was very positive!

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be short-staffed due to the transition to the new Unit. Two available positions are currently open, interviews have been completed, and space is being sought for these staff. A monitoring of Child Welfare was done during the month. The results showed improvements in a lot of areas with suggestions to assist in those areas still needing work. Overall the review was very positive!

Transitional Unit:

The new transitional unit continues to take shape. This Unit is now fully staffed and needed trainings are being planned, although space continues to be an issue. Plans are being discussed to begin active recruitment for more foster parents and adoptive parents with an event possible in the Spring of 2018. A monitoring of Child Welfare was done during the month. The results showed improvements in a lot of areas with suggestions to assist in those areas still needing work. Overall the review was very positive!

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be fully staffed and very busy. Cases are becoming more complex with more issues. Many members of this Unit are in training and cross-training in order to work together more efficiently.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to transition to the NCFAS system. This Unit continues to assist with 200% and with CPS Intake coverage when needed.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work within the NCFAS system dealing with daily issues and updates.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. Five temporary workers are now working full-time taking Crisis Intervention Program applications and the heating season has begun. In November thus far 453 applications for CIP were approved and 7 denied. This group is currently preparing for the Low Income Energy Assistance

Program for the elderly and disabled that will begin December 1.

Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and Housekeeping
Food and Nutrition and Family and Children's Medicaid
Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: November 2017

News/Updates/Vacancies

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

Both Medicaid Teams received final results from a State Monitoring of 98 cases. These cases were looked at for improper denials and withdrawals and discouragement issues. There were only 4 cases that had to be reopened due to minor errors. The final results showed the Medicaid Team met all compliance levels and are not in corrective action for any of these cases. This was a very big relief since the Medicaid Team has not been monitored by the State since they began in NCFAST.

Open enrollment for persons that want to apply for the Affordable Care Act opened November 1st which means this will be an increase in Medicaid applications. If our application is denied NCFAST automatically sends the denial to the Federal Marketplace, so the client can be enrolled in a health insurance plan.

Our local auditors were also with us in November and reviewed 100 cases and have given us no indication that any of these cases were incorrect.

Food and Nutrition:

Our State Representative visited with us and went over policy changes, monitoring results and reminders of common errors all counties were encountering and answered any questions on policy or procedures that we had. We received a flyer from Old Zion Wesleyan Church informing us to refer our clients that were in need of emergency food or shelter needs to them. They have received the 2017-2018 Emergency Food & Shelter Program Grant. This program entitled Community Assistance Relief Efforts Program for emergency assistance with Food and Utility/Energy Assistance has been a great resource for our clients that are not eligible to receive assistance from DSS.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Our Child Support Representative visited with us and went over policy changes and reviewed several cases for accuracy. We have chosen 2 new hires and are looking forward to them beginning their training in Child Support.

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and Housekeeping/Deputy:

Work First Cash received positive results from a Follow-up Monitoring with the State. In the original monitoring, several cases were found to have minor errors which put us in corrective action six months ago. The results of this monitoring resulted in us meeting all of our compliance time frames and not being in corrective action any more.

Maintenance, Housekeeping, the Interpreter and the Deputy has been a lot busier with the increased number of clients applying for the Energy program.

Agenda Item #14: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - USE OF SALES TAX SOURCED FUNDS:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval to use Special Sales Tax for fiber optic cable.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to move this Agenda Item to Closed Session, seconded

by Commissioner Bullard.

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

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

The motion passes on a five (5) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #15: FINANCE - RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOR DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS WITH BB&T AND FIRST BANK:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, requested Board approval and adoption of the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with BB&T and First Bank.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the BB&T Resolution, and Agreement for Deposit Account and Corporate Authorization Resolution to Health Reimbursement Account and Columbus County Water District IV Reserve Fund with First Bank, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. These documents will be marked as Exhibits "A", "B" and "C", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #16: NOTICE AND RESOLUTION - CANCELLATION of DECEMBER 18, 2017 BOARD MEETING, UNLESS NEEDED:

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager/Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

_____The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 4th day of December, 2017, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 18, 2017, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 02, 2018.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of December, 2017.

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

SIGNATORY RESOLUTION
by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the said Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, have due authority to sign, execute and administer any and all documents on behalf, and in the best interest, of Columbus County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 4th day of December, 2017, Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Trent Burroughs has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2018.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of December, 2017.

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	I	Ervin Wooten	12-05-2017	Re-Appoint
	II	Robert Adams	12-05-2017	Re-Appoint
	VI	Dr. Jeff Burroughs	12-05-2017	Re-Appoint
Health (Board of) Motion: Commissioner Byrd Second: Vice Chairman Burroughs	EB	Pat Ray (At Large)	12-31-2017	Re-Appoint
	II	Daryl J. Diefes	12-31-2017	Re-Appoint
	IV	H.L. "Drew" Cox	12-31-2017	Re-Appoint

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Columbus Regional Healthcare System Motion: Bullard Second: Prevatte	EB	Giles E. Byrd Trent Burroughs	12-2017 12-2017	Re-Appoint Amon E. McKenzie
EMS Peer Review Committee Motion: Byrd Second: Bullard	EB	James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ	12-04-2017 12-04-2017	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Fire Peer Review Committee Motion: Byrd Second: Russ	EB	Charles T. McDowell Ricky Bullard	12-04-2017 12-04-2017	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee	EB	Ina Brown (Resigned) -5 Vacancies-	11-01-2017 -----	--- ---
Planning Board	V	Al Leonard (Resigned)	09-30-2017	HOLD
Tourism Development Authority	V	Vacancy (Diane Ward)	12/2016	HOLD
Whiteville (City of) Zoning Board of Adjustment	EB	-Vacancy- ETJ	-----	Has been merged with Planning

Agenda Item #19: SCHOOL MERGER AD HOC COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT:

Mike Stephens, County Manager/Attorney, requested the appointment of two (2) sitting Commissioners for the School Merger Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to appoint Chairman McKenzie and Commissioner Bullard to the School Merger Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

MOTION #2:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint Vice Chairman Burroughs to the School Merger Ad Hoc Committee. No second was received to the motion, and the motion dies.

A role-call vote was taken on the first motion with the following results:

AYES: Chairman McKenzie, Vice Chairman Burroughs, Commissioners Byrd and Bullard;
and

NAYS: Commissioners Prevatte and Russ.

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

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

At 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Byrd 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 Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 20, 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.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following monthly billing adjustments.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each Water District, respectively.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V - OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the low bid received from Herring and Rivenbark on November 28, 2017, approval of the contract after review/approval by Manager/ Attorney Mike Stephens, **and** Notice to Proceed.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

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

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, II, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4960-549964	NC Dept of Revenue	102
Revenues	10-3496-440102	No-Till Drill	102

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$298.66		
Bradford, Keysha			PROPERTY: 83789	Total: \$538.76
Value: \$37,100.00	Year: 2017		Account: 05-04048	Bill#: 51634
Release value and user fee. Home was repoed. Release North Whiteville(29.68) release Columbus Rescue(7.42)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$598.19
Daniels, Leo (Heirs)			PROPERTY: 12853	Total: \$1,992.99
Value: \$7,900.00	Year: 09-07		Account: 07-03140	Bill#: 99999
Release value of 1990 D/W DBL Prop#82998(L-Hold) release user fee.. Release Nakina Fire(74.52) release Columbus Rescue(18.28)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$1,052.96
Griffin, Desiree Y			PROPERTY: 83742	Total: \$2,083.08
Value: \$32,700.00	Year: 14-17		Account: 15-03628	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Repoed in 2010. Release Acme Delco(156.96) release Columbus Rescue(26.16)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$336.50
Hall, Carole B.			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$378.30
Value: \$15,600.00	Year: 2017		Account: 09-00627	Bill#: 99999
Release portion of value. Property#98207,16962 Corrected billing to reflect land use value of \$15,600. Release Roseland Fire(33.44) release Columbus Rescue(8.36)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$708.40
Jordan, Katie			PROPERTY: 81120	Total: \$1,213.60

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Value: \$44,000.00	Year: 15-17	Account: 13-22199	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of dwelling. Home moved off. Release Klondyke Fire(61.60) release Columbus Rescue(17.60)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$376.76
Leggett, Tanya D		PROPERTY: 81424	Total:	\$449.41
Value: \$5,300.00	Year: 08-16	Account: 13-00355	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of dwelling sold at tax sale. Release Klondyke Fire(35.84) release Columbus Rescue(10.24) release Water II(26.57)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$540.96
Lesane, Robert		PROPERTY: 24295	Total:	\$1,053.40
Value: \$19,300.00	Year: 14-17	Account: 13-23511	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of dwelling. Burned 2013. Release Columbus Rescue(10.08)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$407.33
Register, Paul & Patricia		PROPERTY: 86253	Total:	\$655.87
Value: \$50,600.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-04726	Bill#: 83820	
Release value of D/W. Moved off prior to 2013 photo. Release Brunswick Fire(35.42) release Whiteville Rescue(10.12)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$288.19
Sealey, Jommy E & Hope R (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 18230	Total:	\$534.15
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-15100	Bill#: 85595	
Release portion of value and user fee. Release Cole Service(35.80) release Columbus Rescue(7.16)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$272.09
Smith, John F.		PROPERTY: 16633	Total:	\$299.13
Value: \$39,700.00	Year: 2017	Account: 09-01169	Bill#: 87726	
Release value overbilled due to repoed home Release Williams Fire(20.28) release Columbus Rescue(6.76)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$524.06
Squires, Danny Clyde		PROPERTY: 87898	Total:	\$779.14
Value: \$65,100.00	Year: 2017	Account: 04-15281	Bill#: 89188	
Release value no dwelling showing in aerial. Release Buckhead Fire(39.06) release Columbus Rescue(13.02)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$2,275.93
Webb, George Wilber		PROPERTY: 29667	Total:	\$4,596.77
Value: \$27,400.00	Year: 08-17	Account: 15-37960	Bill#: 99999	
Release value Cannot find deed to support listing. Release Acme Delco(336.72) release Columbus Rescue(56.12)				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Baldwin, Ernestine Troy		PROPERTY: 26173	Total:	\$50.76
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 14-00600	Bill#: 48643	
Refund portion of user fee. House burned Oct 21, 2017				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Ellis, Robert (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 24113	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 13-12120	Bill#: 59863	
Refund user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Blackwell, Edith B		PROPERTY: 29869	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 16-03724	Bill#: 50793	
Release user fee. D/W vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Ida Belle (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 27713	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 15-05406	Bill#: 52300	
Release user fee. House is vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Patricia A		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-03918	Bill#: 52498	
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Elkins, George Ronnie		PROPERTY: 9688	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 05-01940	Bill#: 59705	
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00

Fowler, Keith & Willa Dean	PROPERTY: 15776	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-08880	Bill#:	15776
Release user fee. Shop is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Greene, Jerry (Travis)	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 14-04242	Bill#:	65501
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hinson, Carl Shelton	PROPERTY: 24556	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-19100	Bill#:	68355
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jenkins, Terry G (ETAL)	PROPERTY: 9063	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11/20/17	Bill#:	70724
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Ronald	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$2,131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 08-17	Account: 09-02503	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. House has been abandoned since 2007.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powers, Samuel Devon & Robertha Lynn	PROPERTY: 1198	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-05957	Bill#:	82400
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ray, Veneda S.	PROPERTY: 19783	Total:	\$406.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11-21980	Bill#:	83418
Release user fees. Vacant. 2 dwellings			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, John F.	PROPERTY: 16633	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-01169	Bill#:	87726
Release user fee. No house on lot.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stubbs, Randi Moore	PROPERTY: 7140	Total:	\$194.86
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 03-00468	Bill#:	90650
Release portion of user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thurman, Goldie Ruth (Dec)	PROPERTY: 20291	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11-27623	Bill#:	91891
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Willis, Michael W & Peggy	PROPERTY: 189	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 02-07962	Bill#:	96771
Release user fee. Vacant.			

Agenda Item #24: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - I have talked to Senator Danny Britt and to Representative Brenden Jones relative to funding for the Columbus County Historic Courthouse;
 - They are asking for a Resolution to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners that will give them the authority to seek funding for the Columbus County Historic Courthouse, inclusive of all Board members' signatures;
 - We need some information on Bladen Bloomers which is an organization that is doing some beneficial things for Bladen County; **and**
 - I wish each and everyone a very nice and safe Christmas.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion for a Resolution to be prepared to give authority to Senator Danny Britt and Representative Brenden Jones to seek funding for the Columbus County Historic Courthouse, inclusive of all Board members' signatures, for the January 02, 2018 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - This is my update on Mental Health situation:
 - Columbus County is the highest in the State for the Opioid Crisis;
 - Our representative from Eastpointe left during that discussion;
 - The MCO that Eastpointe wanted to merge with was Cardinal and their CEO was making \$615,000, and their CEO reduced his salary, and his salary had been capped at \$205,000;
 - The next meeting they had they fired him, and they gave him a severance package, two (2) years pay, and the amount to be determined to be the old rate or the new rate;
 - We met on November 20, 2017, and then I met with the Eastpointe Board on November 21, 2017, and State came into Cardinal the day before, and took over Cardinal, expanded the Board of Directors, and then turned around and told the secretary the effective counties, twenty-two (22) counties, and twelve (12) board members, this not being fair representation, and gave them until the middle of the month to reorganize the Board, or the state would appoint;
 - Secretary Cohen sent her own staff in to man the ship, and I think they disposed of some of the higher up administrative personnel;
 - The services to the clients were not interrupted;
 - This could affect Eastpointe, and possibly us; **and**
 - Our stuff is in, and we are expected to hear anytime if we would be able to disengage; **and**
 - Have a Merry Christmas.

3. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; **and**
 - I want everyone to keep Commissioner McDowell in their prayers because he needs them.

4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - Back in 2014, Lake Waccamaw Fire Department was shut down by the State due to come problems with a fire rating of 7 and was changed to 10;
 - I live in that fire district, and we lowered our coverage to be able to pay for insurance;
 - Effective January 03, 2018, Lake Waccamaw will have a fire district with a rating of 4;
 - With a rating of 4, all the approximately 940 residents, along with 2 large businesses will have more money to spend in Columbus County;
 - I would like for a resolution to be prepared to be sent to the Fire Chief Jerry Gore, Lake Waccamaw Fire Station #9, the Town of Lake Waccamaw, Fire Marshall Shannon Strickland;
 - I would like for a resolution to be sent to Peace Baptist Church for the fine job they done on the Whiteville Christmas Parade; **and**
 - Have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion for Resolutions of Appreciation be prepared for Fire Chief Jerry Gore, the Members of Lake Waccamaw Fire Department, Columbus County Fire Marshall, and the Town of Lake Waccamaw for their efforts in achieving a fire rating of 4, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion for a Resolution of Appreciation be prepared for Peace Baptist Church for all the fine work performed for the Whiteville Christmas Parade, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - Sheriff Hatcher wanted me to congratulate the Chairman and the Vice Chairman for your positions, and he had to leave to take care of a matter;
 - Relative to JVC Haywood, we are cutting the amount of money being held too close;
 - I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; **and**
 - I look forward to 2018.
6. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - My goal is to keep unity, and where there is unity, there is strength;
 - We need to keep transparency; **and**
 - I wish all of Columbus County a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- C. **County Manager / County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:
1. We have been receiving complaints about the new Courthouse about possibly mold and air quality over and over;
 2. Stuart Carroll met with Stuart Gardin with Risk Control Specialist with North Carolina Association of County Commissioners on November 28, 2017;
 3. They took air samples from the Courthouse and sent those samples to the lab in Raleigh; **and**
 4. Stuart received a letter today relative to the air samples which stated the following:
 - No visible mold was found in the building;
 - Air samples were obtained from Courtrooms A, B and C, the multipurpose room and outdoors;
 - Samples were done in accordance with standard protocol used by industrial hygienist;
 - The samples were then analyzed by a lab that specializes in mold analysis and a copy of their report is attached;
 - The results show that airborne multiple spores level throughout the building are very low and well within the levels I routinely find in North Carolina buildings;
 - No black mold was found in any of the samples;
 - The outdoor sample was obtained as a means of comparison, and the sample shows that the outdoor levels were more than eight (8) times higher than anywhere in the Courthouse; **and**
 - Based on these results, it does not appear that mold is located inside the Courthouse.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 8:35 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, (4) Economic Development and (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

- D. **Agenda Add-on: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and (6) PERSONNEL:**

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:17 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 McKenzie requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney / Manager, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the

following: *“Issue #1: the County Attorney discussed some personnel issues with the Board of Commissioners. Issue #2: the Economic Development Director discussed with the Board of Commissioners, and the County Attorney, some legal issues involving the use of special sales tax for fiber optic cable for an economic development project. No action was taken”.*

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

Agenda Item #25: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:18 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 04, 2017
8:06 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell (Excused Absence)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:06 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 20, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 20, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2017

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
7/11/2017	104640.00 98	HAROLD BELLAMY	\$(246.86)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/31/2017	200400 0098	LINDA FOWLER	\$(50.25)	POSTING ERROR
7/31/2017	203140.00 97	CHRISTINA CRIBBS	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	100800.00 98	EUGENE LARRIMORE	\$(553.71)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	205428..00 98	DONALD MURPHY	\$(315.09)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	302177.00 97	CHRISTY HARDEE	\$25.00	SERVICE CALL FEE
8/18/2017	600560.00 94	CHRISTOPHER PANEL	\$(185.70)	BILLING ERROR
9/18/2017	104100.00 98	KATHLEEN FAIRLEY	\$(575.25)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/18/2017	104100.00 98	KATHLEEN FAIRLEY	\$25.00	SERVICE CALL FEE
9/29/2017	200781.00 98	WILLIAM SHIPMAN	\$(110.14)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/29/2017	205428.00 98	DONALD MURPHY	\$(226.15)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/29/2017	104000.00 92	DELANE FOWLER	\$(24.76)	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I for July, August and September, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 04, 2017
8:06 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell (Excused Absence)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:06 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 20, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 20, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2017

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	120588.00 98	BEVERLY STRICKLAND	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
8/18/2017	150370.00 98	LEE CLEWIS	\$(133.36)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	140790.00 98	BARBARA YATES	\$(58.29)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	143030.00 98	VANIA DANIELS	\$(65.45)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
8/31/2017	121730.00 98	HINSON CROSSROAD BAPT CH	\$(10.99)	BILLING ERROR
8/31/2017	144461.00 98	WILLIE CURTIS NANCE	\$(117.22)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/18/2017	111670.00 98	LORI WILLIAMS	\$(18.15)	BILLING ERROR
9/18/2017	112715.00 98	JAMES MCPHERSON	\$(172.98)	BILLING ERROR
9/18/2017	150040.00 98	TERRY MCCOLLUM	\$(72.25)	BILLING ERROR
9/18/2017	140600.00 97	DANIEL JONES	\$24.00	POSTING ERROR
9/18/2017	140600.00 94	VANDEBUILT MORTGAGE	\$(24.00)	POSTING ERROR
9/29/2017	111082.00 97	DELANA WHITE	\$(66.70)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/29/2017	121980.00 97	LINDA DOWDY	\$(57.70)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/29/2017	122090.00 96	WILLIE SMITH	\$(74.57)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II for July, August and September, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 04, 2017
8:06 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell (**Excused Absence**)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:06 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 20, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 20, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2017

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	330740.00 98	JOHN BARNHILL	\$(145.64)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	351020.0 94	MARQUESE LAWRENCE	\$(754.82)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	350995.00 94	LARRY GREEN	\$(274.96)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	380550.00 96	MARY GEORGE	\$(134.22)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
8/18/2017	380635.00 98	PERENDA GOSS	\$(306.46)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
8/31/2017	350695.00 96	HERBERT WASHINGTON JR	\$(73.10)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/18/2017	341560.00 98	SAM HUNT	\$(38.71)	BILLING ERROR
9/18/2017	380550.00 96	MARY GEORGE	\$(78.16)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/29/2017	380330.00 94	GWENDOLYN GAMBLE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III for July, August and September, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 04, 2017
8:06 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell (Excused Absence)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:06 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 20, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 20, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2017

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	430133.00 97	JAMES KEITH	\$(199.25)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	430645.00 98	JAMES KEITH JR	\$(209.12)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	430509.00 98	DONALD TURNER	\$(46.43)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT - COUNTY SIDE

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
7/31/2017	430555.00 98	REBECCA DAY	\$(140.53)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/31/2017	430553.00 98	JAMES MONROE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
8/18/2017	430645.00 98	JAMES KEITH JR	\$(199.74)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV for July, August and September, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 04, 2017
8:06 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell (Excused Absence)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:06 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 20, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 20, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2017

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	700999.00 98	JODY BRUTON	\$(51.48)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
7/19/2017	706300.00 96	MEGAN MARTIN	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
8/18/2017	709801.00 98	DERRICK FARMER	\$(138.74)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
9/18/2017	709919.00 98	JAMES FAULK SR	\$(7.36)	BILLING ERROR

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/18/2017	800522.00 94	STEWART JENIFORD	\$(295.32)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V for July, August and September, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V - OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested approval of the low bid received from Herring and Rivenbark on November 28, 2017, approval of the contract after review/approval by Manager/ Attorney Mike Stephens, and Notice to Proceed.

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, stated the decision was made to reject all bids and start the process again.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to reject all bids and start the process again, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman