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, it being the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman
Trent Burroughs, Vice Chairman
James E. Prevatt
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:
Mike Stephens, County Attorney / County Manager
June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

APPOINTEE ABSENT:
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

PUBLIC HEARING:
Contracting to Make an Economic Development Incentive Grant for Helena Chemical—the purpose of this public hearing is to invite all interested persons to attend and present their views.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:
At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the Public Hearing is for contracting to make an Economic Development Incentive Grant for Helena Chemical. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to invite all interested persons to attend and present their views. Chairman McKenzie requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Manager/Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:
Gary Lanier, Economic Development / Planning Director: stated the following:
1. We call this project, Project Dry;
2. One of our key industries in support of agricultural activities is Helena Chemical;
3. They have been flooded twice at their current location in the last ten (10) years and have experienced significant losses as a result;
4. They want to keep that facility and will keep it on the tax books and will use it for some temporary storage, but they plan to go to a piece of property that is on the corner of Georgia Pacific Road and Midway Road, just across from the Industrial Park;
5. It has a railroad site, and they intend to purchase the entire forty (40) acres tract;
6. They will have a total investment of about $3,500,00;
7. They will build a new building in the first year of $2,000,00, and about $1,500,000 in the third year;
8. This will create, over time, about five (5) additional jobs, and create a better agricultural environment for our farmers; and
9. I would appreciate your consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:
At 6:39 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

6:39 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

MEETING CALLED to ORDER. INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:
At 6:39 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the April 02, 2018 Columbus County
Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. 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 James E. Prevatte.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman McKenzie presented the following retirement plaque to Karen Garrell for her many years of service to the Columbus County Social Services Department.

PRESENTED TO

KAREN GARRELL

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY TO COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with one (1) correction on Page 478, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke.

1. Johnny D. Edge, 470 Happy Home Road, Nakina, NC 28455: stated the following:
   - It is my understanding that $2.6 million have been spent on the County fire and rescue radio system;
   - The system does not work adequately;
   - It is my understanding there is another $400,000.00 to be spent on the radio system to get it where it will work satisfactorily;
   - In my discussion with fire and rescue personnel in my district, it is a flip of the coin to get the needed help in certain areas; and
   - How can you spend $3 million on a radio system over the span of six (6) years and still have these problems, and have no solution.

2. Laura E. Padgett, Wilmington, NC: stated the following:
   - Thank you for allowing me to speak to you regarding the Wilmington Rail Re-Alignment Project;
   - I have met with many interested parties about this project;
   - I have been appointed by the Wilmington City Council to co-ordinate this particular project which involves relocating the current rail line which carries freight through the heart of the City of Wilmington which involves moving that rail line across the Cape Fear River to the west side of the Cape Fear River making a more direct and faster access to Columbus County, Brunswick County, Pender County, to and forth to Wilmington, saving more time and opening up some unique economic development opportunities;
   - I am joined by John Cease from Wilmington, and he works currently for the railroad industry;
   - This project would be very beneficial for all four (4) counties stated, and for southeastern North Carolina;
   - This would an east-west route to Wilmington;
   - We have completed a feasibility study;
   - We need an engineering study done;
   - We have support from the North Carolina General Assembly;
   - We would like your support and participation;
   - We hope to build a coalition with all four (4) counties that are involved; and
   - I will be asking for a Columbus County member to be appointed to the Task Force.
After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board to send a Letter of Support for the Wilmington Rail Realignment Project to Representative Brenden Jones, Senator Danny Britt and Senator Bill Rabon.

Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION -SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Vickie Pait, Executive Director, Families First, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 70 men will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college (Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000); and

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs at/in Columbus County encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Columbus County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Commissioners strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that April 2018, is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Columbus County and we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

ADOPTED, this the 2nd day of April 2018.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE

/s/ P. EDWINRUSS

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Manager / Attorney

/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS Vice Chairman

/s/ GILES E. BYRD

/s/ RICKY BULLARD

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION -SPRING LETTER SWEEP 2018:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Spring Litter Sweep 2018 by the County of Columbus, A Proclamation.

SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2018 by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus annually organizes a spring countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, the Spring 2018 "LITTER SWEEP" roadside cleanup will take place April 14 through April 28, 2018, and we encourage local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Columbus County employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, community leaders, local government agencies, community and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during "LITTER SWEEP" and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Columbus Countians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Spring 2018 LITTER SWEEP cleanup will celebrate the 29th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 5,750 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

WHEREAS, the "LITTER SWEEP" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 14 through April 28, 2018, as "SPRING LITTER SWEEP" time in Columbus County, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of April, 2018.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE Chairman  /s/ TRENTE BURROUGHS Vice Chairman
/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE  /s/ GILES E. BYRD
/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS  /s/ RICKY BULLARD
/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL  ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board  /s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Manager / Attorney

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Spring Litter Sweep 2018 by the County of Columbus, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

After concerns were expressed relative to the inclusion of the verbiage Department of Correction inmates in the document, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results:

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

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

Agenda Item #9: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - INCENTIVE GRANT for PROJECT DRY:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following
Economic Development Incentive Grant between Columbus County and Helena Chemical.

**HELENA CHEMICAL (New Facility)**

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**Includes depreciation of building and equipment on a 19 year straight line schedule as an estimated value, which affects property taxes paid and the incentive grant amount calculated each year.**

This is only a proposal. All incentives must be approved by Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Economic Development Incentive Grant between Columbus County and Helena Chemical, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: ANIMAL CONTROL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Loretta Shipman, Animal Control Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

In 2016-2017, CCAC had 2922 dogs and 2146 cats enter the shelter. All of these animals were adopted out or rescued out to organizations. In 2016-2017, only 93 dogs and cats were euthanized at the request of owners, sickness, or being extremely vicious animals.

In 2018, we have done a lot of feature changes at the shelter. We now have an open counter to greet everyone along with a sign in podium. This allows everyone to come through the front entrance and sign in before viewing or dropping off animals.

We are continuing to work with local adopters and rescue groups to help keep the flow of the animals moving out of the shelter. It has really been hard at times closing the doors to intakes because of the mass amount of dogs coming in daily. We usually stop intakes for 72 hrs and reopen afterwards for intakes. The Columbus County Residents have been really good allowing this to happen and work with us without issues.

We are continuing to do Rabies vaccines at the shelter for Columbus County Residents. I myself, the
Director, have allotted one day each month to go out to disabled residents and vaccinate their animals.

We are striving for more food donations and we are in the process of working with Hills Scientific Animal Food Distributor to help donate food to the shelter.

Randy Yoder, the owner of Whiteville Janitorial Supply, is looking into helping create outdoor area for the dogs per state guidelines.

On January 20, 2018 we signed a contract with Whiteville City PD allowing Whiteville ACO access to the premises after hours for their 911 calls. Also in that contract we will help one another if an Officer is out or off that day to continue the help for the animals in the County and the City.

In February 2018 our ACO officers have all the equipment to start with the tranquilizers.

On March 24, 2018 we had an awesome FREE rabies clinic at the shelter. We vaccinated 550 dogs & cats.

We have had several animal cruelty complaints that we were able to handle with the owners without involving law enforcements and charges. We will continue to investigate and follow up on prior complaints.

The staff at the shelter has really stepped up and has been doing a great job to make our shelter strive with 100% participation from everyone.

With the new staff members hired this year, we were able to cut back on gas, which allows the two daytime ACO's trucks to be parked after hours on the premises because of having one on call ACO after hours.

We are seeking a new Chairman for the Animal Control Advisory Council. Also we have openings in District One-Three-Four areas. District five has a replacement: Donna Watson and also District seven has a replacement: Patricia Thor.

I would just like to say Thanks again for giving me this opportunity to be CCAC Animal Control Director.

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

At 7:28 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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 Prevattie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

March 19, 2018 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.

**AREAS of CONCERN NEEDING COUNTY WATER:**

Commissioner Byrd requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, look into the request made by the Welches Creek Community.

Chairman McKenzie requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, place emphasis on Silverspoon Road.

Vice Chairman Burroughs requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, check into the status of the petition submitted for Fred Norris Road.
At 7:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs 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 Commissioner Prevattie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendment:

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B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

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Agenda Item #13: COMMENTS:

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

A. **Department Manager:**

Amanda Harrelson, Department of Aging Director: stated our Senior Prom will be April 26, 2018, and we would like to see you there, and it will be from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

B. **Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
   - I have witnessed a lot of work being done by the Department of Transportation in getting our roadsides cleaned of trash; and
   - We all need to work together in keeping the roadsides cleaned.

2. **Commissioner Russ:** stated we need to extend the water lines in all the areas we can in the eastern end of the County.

3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
   - I serve on the Community Advisory Committee which deals with nursing homes;
   - We have changed the ways the members are being appointed and they have to go through the required training and be approved by their secretary before they can be appointed; and
   - I have three (3) who have completed their training and would like to be appointed.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint the following three (3) people to the Columbus Country Community Advisory Committee - Zelma Biddle, Deborah Spivey and Jeanette Suggs, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

4. **Commissioner Bullard:** Mr. Nobles, in addition to the requests for extension of water lines, I still need help for Otto Nance Road which I have given you the petition.

5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
   - I would like to thank The News Reporter and the Tabor-Loris Tribune for their article in their paper relative to the advertisement of Raydix Bay needing employees in the pay range for $35,000 to $50,000 per year;
   - The method of internet is not reaching the majority of the public; and
   - We need to think of better ways to get information to the public.

6. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
- We have received these evaluations and there is one (1) missing and that is the Social Services Director;
- We need the additional evaluation by the next meeting, and at the first meeting in May, we will be able to start our evaluations;
- The Planning Retreat will be on April 25, 2018, from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.;
- At the April 16, 2018 Meeting, Whiteville City Schools will be here and Southeastern Community College will be here; and
- We all received our e-mail relative to Eastpointe, and as of July 01, 2018, we will be going to Trillium.

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

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:17 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, County Manager/Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: "The County Manager/Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners the vacant position at the Public Utilities Office, and the County Manager/Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners naming Rebecca Tyson as the Interim HUD Director".

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

PERSONNEL - PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint Harold Nobles as the Public Utilities Director, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:19 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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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, April 02, 2018
7:28 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:  APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, Chairman  Mike Stephens, County Manager
Trent Burroughs, Vice-Chairman  / County Attorney
James E. Prevatte  June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Giles E. Byrd  
Edwin Russ  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell  

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Ricky Bullard  Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:28 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 #11:  COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV
and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 19, 2018 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I,
II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Columbus County
Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner
Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN NEEDING COUNTY WATER:

Commissioner Byrd requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, look into the
request made by the Welches Creek Community for County water.

Chairman McKenzie requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, place emphasis
on Silverspoon Road.

Vice Chairman Burroughs requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, check
into the status of the petition submitted for Fred Norris Road.
ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. 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, April 02, 2018
7:28 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. Prevattte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:
Mike Stephens, County Manager
/ County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

APPOINTEE ABSENT:
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
At 7:28 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 #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 19, 2018 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN NEEDING COUNTY WATER:

Commissioner Byrd requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, look into the request made by the Welches Creek Community for County water.

Chairman McKenzie requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, place emphasis on Silverspoon Road.

Vice Chairman Burroughs requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, check into the status of the petition submitted for Fred Norris Road.
ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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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, April 02, 2018
7:28 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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:
Mike Stephens, County Manager
Trent Burroughs, County Attorney
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

APPOINTEE ABSENT:
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
At 7:28 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 #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 19, 2018 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN NEEDING COUNTY WATER:

Commissioner Byrd requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, look into the request made by the Welches Creek Community for County water.

Chairman McKenzie requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, place emphasis on Silverspoon Road.

Vice Chairman Burroughs requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, check into the status of the petition submitted for Fred Norris Road.
ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board             AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman
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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:
Mike Stephens, County Manager / County Attorney  
June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

APPOINTEE ABSENT:
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
At 7:28 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 #11:  COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 19, 2018 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN NEEDING COUNTY WATER:

Commissioner Byrd requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, look into the request made by the Welches Creek Community for County water.

Chairman McKenzie requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, place emphasis on Silverspoon Road.

Vice Chairman Burroughs requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, check into the status of the petition submitted for Fred Norris Road.
ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board  AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman
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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:  
At 7:28 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 #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 19, 2018 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN NEEDING COUNTY WATER:

Commissioner Byrd requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, look into the request made by the Welches Creek Community for County water.

Chairman McKenzie requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, place emphasis on Silverspoon Road.

Vice Chairman Burroughs requested that Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, check into the status of the petition submitted for Fred Norris Road.
ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:31 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman