

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, May 06, 2019

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 the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
 P. Edwin Russ, **Vice Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:

MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the May 06, 2019 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, and the April 16, 2019 Board Retreat Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES:

David Tart, MS, LPC, Southern Regional Director, Trillium Health Resources, delivered the following Annual Report FY 2017-18.

Trillium Update:

Mission: Transforming lives of people in need by providing ready access to quality care.

- Coverage change
- Legislation changes
- Funding changes
- Organizational changes
- County Data

Who We are - Numbers:

- 26 Counties
- 1,428,000 Total population
- 205,000 Medicaid Eligible
- Served almost 54,000
- 500 Providers
- \$355,201,859.00 Spent on services last year
- Smallest County - Tyrrell 3,800 - Largest – New Hanover 235,000
- 12,000 Square miles

Regions:

REGION	POPULATION	SQUARE MILES	# OF COUNTIES
Northern	203,449	3,511.3	10
Central	494,374	4,717.2	9

Southern	715,460	4,176	7
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Coverage Change:

- July 1st, 2018, we began managing services here in Columbus County
- Giving our members here more provider options
- Some of our largest providers have opened offices there i.e. PORT Health Services and Integrated Family Services
- We've done several RFP's specific to Columbus County to build your network

Legislative Changes:

- The 1115 Waiver is required to be cost neutral
- Standard Plan
- Tailored Plan
- Puts Behavioral Health services for mild to moderate needs into Standard Plans
- Innovations Waiver and Severe MH and SU will be covered by Tailored Plan

Timeline:

- February 2019 - NC awarded contracts to the selected private insurance companies and/or provider-led entities (PLEs)
- July 2019 - must have all call centers operational and all relevant staff located in North Carolina.
- July-September 2019 - Managed care will start in two phases. For regions of the state in Phase 1, this will be the window in which beneficiaries select a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP)
- November 2019 - The Medicaid managed care program will launch in regions in Phase 1
- February 2020 - State launches RFP for Tailored Plan to MCO's, Phase 2 of Medicaid managed care launch (remaining regions)
- May 2020 - State awards Tailored Plan
- February 2021 - Readiness Review on MCO's for Tailored Plan
- July 2021 - MCO's Implement Tailored Plan

Funding Changes:

- Since Standard Plans will be run by insurance companies, they will be managing a part of the Medicaid dollars
- Tailored plans which cover the higher risk individuals, our PMPM will be higher, but total number served under us will be lower
- Developing a whole person care model to cover costs of the physical issues along with the behavioral health issues

Organizational Changes:

- Understanding Social Determinants of Health (SdoH)
- Staff to oversee the individual/community needs around the SDoH
- Working with DSS's and Health Departments

Update on Opioid Funding:

- State Fiscal Year - 2018 July 1, 2017 - June 30th, 2018 CURES Funding, Trillium spend \$3,079,682
- Total people served - 1,880
- Many counties have developed Opioid Coalitions and applying for grants

Hurricane Update:

- Numerous Internal and External initiatives
- \$30,000 in a web donation page for food, clothing, hygiene, etc.
- 4,000 Care Packages to shelters
- 1,500 Comfort kits for children
- Stocked 200 Pantries for out TCLI members
- 1,000 Backpacks from Cardinal Innovations
- HopeforNC-FEMA grant to connect folks to resources
- Impact on our communities -
 - 2-4% increase in services for adults needing MH services
 - 50-60% increase in services for children under 13
 - 35-45% increase in services for kids 13-18

Members Served in Columbus County (July - December 2018):

- Total members served - 1,450
- Mental Health - 1,091
- Substance Use - 239

-I/DD - 277

Total is unduplicated, since a single individual may receive services in more than one category.

Agenda Item #6: NC DOT - RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT:

Kenneth Clark, District Engineer, NC DOT, requested Board approval of the following Resolution of Support for the Roundabout at US 74 Bus / SR1005 (Peacock Crossing).

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for ROUNDABOUT
at US 74 BUS/SR 1005 (PEACOCK CROSSING)**

WHEREAS, there exists a planned safety project along US 74 Business and SR 1005 (Peacock Road) east of Chadbourn; **and**

WHEREAS, after discussions with the Traffic Safety Unit, they have recommended that the original turn lane project be converted to a project to construct a roundabout at the intersection as this will greatly enhance safety; **and**

WHEREAS, this will provide safer driving conditions for our citizens and travelers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners support the **Roundabout at US 74 Bus/SR 1005 (Peacock Crossing)**.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 6th day of May, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

P. EDWIN RUSS, Vice Chairman

JEROME McMILLIAN

JAMES E. PREVATTE

GILES E. BYRD

RICKY BULLARD

CHARLES T. McDOWELL

ATTESTED BY: _____

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Manager

AMANDA B. PRINCE, Attorney

After lengthy discussion was conducted, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for Board consideration of the Resolution of Support for Roundabout at US 74 Bus/SR 1005 (Peacock Crossing) after the Public Hearing was conducted, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: NC DOT - SUBDIVISION ROAD ADDITION:

Kenneth Clark, District Engineer, NC DOT, requested Board approval of the following Resolution - Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System, South Columbus Estates Subdivision Road Addition.

**RESOLUTION
Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System
South Columbus Estates**

Road Description: Nealy Drive, Antinori Lane N., Antinori Lane S. in South Columbus Estates Subdivision

WHEREAS, the attached request has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus requesting that the above described roads, the location of which is shown on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; **and**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described roads should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described roads, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria

ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2019.

(Official Seal)

Columbus County Board of Commissioners
/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman
ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution - Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System, South Columbus Estates Subdivision Road Addition, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) - APPROVAL of MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL REPORT:

David McPherson, Chairman, Local Emergency Planning Committee, requested Board approval of the following membership for the year 2019, and delivered the following Annual Report.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Membership for approval:

Timothy Ward	Jody Greene	Dana Mauldin	Les High
David McPherson	Mark Cox	Deuce Niven	Stephanie Kriner
Edwin Russ	Dalton Dockery	Randy Guyton	Donna Hill
Kay Worley	David Ransom	Shannon Blackman	Aaron Sulava
Kim Smith	Michael Oppenheim	Allen Johnson	Harold Nobles
Larry Hayes	Tom Buller	Gina Ward	David Tart
Adam Boyles	Hal Lowder	Emily Watson	

To: Board of Commissioners
From: David McPherson, Chairman
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Subject: **Annual Report for 2018**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Columbus County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Article IX, Section 1, the following report is submitted:

1. Officers for 2018 were as follows:
Chairman: David McPherson
Vice Chair: Deuce Niven
Secretary: Kay Worley
2. Annual public notices of dates for the LEPC meetings for 2018 were announced in the News Reporter.
3. Rope Rescue Team
 - Training is ongoing and team continues to move forward.
 - Whiteville Re3scue resigned from overseeing rope rescue team; Acme Delco Riegelwood Fire-Rescue is now overseeing team.
 - In 2019/2020 budget year will need funding again to be able to purchase needed equipment and training requesting \$15,000.
4. Water Rescue Team
 - 30 People within the county attended training; 2 people are now state certified within the county.
 - 4 Boats have been purchased and are located at Acme Delco, Riegelwood Fire and Rescue, Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue, Old Dock Fire Department and Whiteville Rescue. Each of these departments has a team and will respond to calls when needed throughout the county.
 - In 2019/2020 budget year will need funding again to be able to purchase needed equipment and training requesting \$15,000.
5. Safety
 - Columbus County Emergency Services was dispatched to 46 calls for the year.

- Columbus County Emergency Services held Disaster Preparedness Workshop on July 26, 2018 at the EOC.
 - Hurricane Expo set for June 1, 2019 from 10-2 at Columbus County Fairgrounds.
 - Emergency Responder training such as initial and continuing education is coordinated with Southeastern Community College.
 - Fire Marshal Office responded to 181 calls, 80 structure fires, 13 illegal burns, 12 accidents, 1 search and rescue, 32 follow up investigations, 5 vehicle fires, 8 woods/grass fires and 30 public service/miscellaneous. Conducted 82 fire investigations. Had 1 fire fatality. Conducted 174 fire inspections, including schools.
 - Chadbourn/Klondyke Fire and Rescue lowered their insurance rating from a class 6 to a class 5; Brunswick Fire lowered their insurance rating from a class 7 to a class 5.
 - Fire and EMS departments are having challenges maintaining and recruiting volunteers to serve on departments.
6. Tier II reports
- Industry is required to submit their Tier II reports to E-Plan, electronic web based reporting system.
 - Tier II reports for 2018 year have been filed with E-Plan currently the county has 67 agencies that report their information. 2018 E-Plan reports are due by March 31 of each year.
7. Hurricane Florence Response and Recovery
- Entire county was affected by flooding and high winds.
 - County Emergency Operations Center was opened and staffed 24 hours a day for several weeks. Working to fulfill resource requests for fire/ems/leo. Conducted shelter operations.
 - Every fire/ems/leo agency within the county responded as well as the need to request additional state resources.
 - Approximately 1,100 water rescues were performed during the storm.
 - Columbus County Emergency Services placed 185 resource requests to NCEM.
 - A Disaster Recovery Center was established that houses FEMA, SBA, NCEM, etc.
 - FEMA received a total of 5,238 applications for individual assistance.
 - The County is currently working with FEMA regarding public assistance.
 - The county is working with NCEM and FEMA regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
 - The county has a long term planning recovery committee working on unmet needs.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, excepting the Sheriff Department, and once the Sheriff is certified, it will be an automatic assignment, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: AGING - ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS PROCLAMATION:

Amanda Harrelson, Director of Aging, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Proclamation.

**ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; **and**

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under recognized and under reported social problems in this country; **and**

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the increasing rise in the number of elderly population; **and**

WHEREAS, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; **and**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately five million (5,000,000) people age sixty plus (60+)

suffer elder abuse every year; **and**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately one (1) out of every twenty-four (24) cases of elder abuse is reported; **and**

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly and disabled is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that May 12, 2019 through June 16, 2019, be recognized as “**ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS**” in Columbus County, and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 6th day of May, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PROCLAMATION - MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION MAY 2019:

Will McCulloch, President of the Concerned Bikers Association-Columbus County Chapter, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation May 2019.

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION
MAY 2019**

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of citizens across North Carolina and the United States; **and**

WHEREAS, North Carolina has over one hundred forty-two thousand (196,000) registered motorcycles and over two hundred sixty thousand (260,000) licensed drivers who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learner’s permit; **and**

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and of sharing the roadways; **and**

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training and experience, good judgment, and a knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; **and**

WHEREAS, several organizations, such as the **Columbus County Concerned Bikers Association (CBA)**, along with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, other state and local motorcycle clubs and riding/social clubs, are committed to increasing the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider-safety education programs, and their goal is to alert the motorists of Columbus County to

LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE ; and

WHEREAS, MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2018 as “**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**” in Columbus County, and urge all citizens to commend its observance.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of May, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Vice Chairman**

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

/s/ *CHARLES T. McDOWELL*

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ *AMANDA B. PRINCE*, County Attorney

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation May 2019 in honor of Matthew Turbeville, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: FINANCE - AUDIT CONTRACT:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the Audit Contact and Engagement Letter with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams And Company, P.A., for the cost of thirty-four thousand and 00/100 (\$34,000) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Audit Contact and Engagement Letter with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams And Company, P.A., for the cost of thirty-four thousand and 00/100 (\$34,000) dollars, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #12: VETERANS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kim Sellers, Columbus County Veterans Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

We provide many services to our Columbus County veterans, among these are assisting veterans and their dependents in filing claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs for VA Health Care, Service Connected Compensation, War Time Veterans Disability Pension, Appeals, Education, Voc Rehab, Certificates of Eligibility for VA Home Loan Guaranties, Requests for Veterans DD214s and Service Treatment Records and filing for NC State Veterans Benefits. Dependents Benefits such as: DIC, Widows Pension, Dependents Education, CHAMPVA Insurance, Burial Benefits, VA Grave Markers and many more benefits. We meet and correspond with Veterans Organizations, Social Services, the Dept of Aging, Health Dept, the Transportation Dept, Social Security, Nursing Homes and CRHC to understand and maximize use of all local resources available to our veterans. We assist an average of 30 veterans and their dependents daily in person and by phone.

Our Fall Training Conference scheduled for October 2018 was cancelled due to damage to the hotel from Hurricane Florence. Ken and I did attend our 2019 Spring Conference last month. We will attend a 2 day workshop in Winston Salem later this month. We will also attend our Fall Conference this October. VA benefits, applications and procedures are constantly changing, which makes it imperative for us to attend these meetings in order to provide optimum service to our veterans. We participate in a monthly phone conference with the VA Regional Office in Winston Salem, Congressman Rouzer's Office, NCDVA and the other County VSOs. We also complete online training annually.

VA has recently completely changed the appeals process with new forms and procedures. We will be training on this in a workshop on May 22nd and 23rd. These new procedures will hopefully expedite the processing of appeals. Currently many appeals have been pending 2 to 5 years. The goal for the new appeals processing is 6 – 12 months.

VA has also implemented new forms and eligibility criteria for VA Disability Pension. The new eligibility process is similar to Medicaid. VA Pension is an income based program. In the past, VA has based pension claims on the veteran or dependents current income and net worth. Now VA has implemented a 3 year look back for transfer of assets.

We are often asked why VA does not open a clinic in Columbus County. Per the Fayetteville VA Medical Center Director, justification for a VA Clinic is based on veteran population concentration in excess of 5000 veterans that live outside of a 40 mile radius of the closest VA facility. VA has determined Columbus County does not have the veteran population even with Bladen County veterans to meet the criteria to justify a VA Clinic here.

VA has not released the 2018 Distribution of Expenditures at this time. The 2017 total VA Expenditures for Columbus County Veterans were: \$40 million dollars. That is \$25 million in compensation and pension benefits and \$15 million in health care and education benefits.

Our goal is to assist every Columbus County veteran in obtaining every VA benefit they are eligible to receive. If you know veterans that have not inquired about their potential benefits, please urge them to come speak with us. It is an honor and a pleasure to assist our veterans through the VA claims processes.

Thank you for your support.

Agenda Item #13: TAX - RE-APPOINTMENT OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:

Needom Hughes, IV, Tax Administrator, requested the re-appointment of the Columbus County Tax Administrator and the Columbus County Deputy Tax Collector.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Needom G. Hughes, IV as the Columbus County Tax Administrator and the re-appointment of Douglas Ward as the Columbus County Deputy Tax Collector, for a four (4) year term with term expiring in June, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: GOVERNING BODY - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for NATURAL GAS:

Chairman Trent Burroughs requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support for Extension of Natural Gas Pipeline in Columbus County.

RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for EXTENSION of NATURAL GAS PIPELINE in COLUMBUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, there exists a natural gas pipeline in Columbus County, North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, that pipeline offers much opportunity for potential current user and for future economic development projects; **and**

WHEREAS, the existing pipeline is located along areas near potential customers in the Whiteville, Chadbourn and Tabor City areas; **and**

WHEREAS, the existence of the natural gas pipeline is relatively unknown to many of the land owners in the stated vicinities; **and**

WHEREAS, it would be most beneficial to Columbus County to work with their municipalities to extend coverage so as to spur economic development, current landowners and future economic development projects for the pipeline to be extended to areas where greater densities exist, or where there is the potential to garner using customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby requests Piedmont Natural Gas to seek ways to promote the use of the natural gas line with increased marketing, with further extensions into areas of greater density, and economic development potential.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 6th day of May, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

/s/ JEROME McMILLIAN

/s/ GILES E. BYRD

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Vice Chairman

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE

/s/ RICKY BULLARD

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ AMANDA B. PRINCE, County Attorney

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for Extension of Natural Gas Pipeline in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: APPOINTMENTS - REGION 0 (COG) AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Jane Jones, Cape Fear Council of Governments, requested the Board to appoint members to this Council that will attend.

After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board to leave the members as they are at the present time, the members to be contacted by Ms. Jones and this item to be placed on the next May 20, 2019 Agenda.

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

At 7:37 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 McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2019 **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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - AWARD of LOW BID and CONTRACT for HELENA CHEMICAL PROJECT:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the low bid from Frank Horne Construction, and approval for Amanda Prince, Attorney, and Michael Stephens, Manager, to review and execute the contract.

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

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

At 7:38 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V **combination meeting** and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4180-549825	Register of Deeds/Emergency Management Fee	7,500
	10-4180-549918	Childrens Trust Fund	2,500
	10-4180-549919	Conveyance Tax - NCDORF Rev	37,000
	10-4155-549000	Miscellaneous Expenses	650
	10-4323-512100	Salaries/Wages Regular	13,776
	10-4323-512230	Overtime Hurricane Florence	15,163
	10-4323-518100	FICA	2,214
	10-4323-518200	Retirement	308

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	10-4323-519980	Mutual Aid Cost	42,923
	10-4323-525000	Vehicles Supplies and Materials	859
	10-4323-525105	Gas and Propane	8,485
	10-4323-526000	Office Supplies	1,752
	10-4323-526001	Departmental Supplies	1,170
	10-4323-531000	Travel and Transportation	12,167
	10-4323-535110	M&R Bldg/Grounds	10,000
	10-4323-535200	Maintenance and Repair Equipment	10,000
	10-4323-541920	Debris	306,085
	10-4323-550000	Capital Outlay	1,626
Revenues	10-3100-419000	Tax Discount	(3,181)
	10-3150-489042	Miscellaneous Revenue Legal Department	4,763
	10-3200-432307	Second ½ Cent Sales Tax City ART 42	(473,221)
	10-3200-432308	½ Cent Sales Tax Co Sch ART 42	473,221
	10-3416-489040	Miscellaneous	650
	10-3417-441005	Elections Fees	218
	10-3418-440060	Register of Deeds/Emergency Management Revenue	7,500
	10-3418-441000	Excise Tax	75,000
	10-3418-441001	Marriage License	6,000
	10-3418-498000	Miscellaneous Revenues	900
	10-3418-440100	Register of Deeds Fees	35,000
	10-3423-489059	Insurance Revenue - Hurricane Florence	100,000
	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenues Sheriff	50,000
	10-3423-423000	federal Share	147,996
	10-3423-433000	State Shared Revenues	49,332
Expenditures	10-5112-526001	Departmental Supplies	1,857
	10-5115-531100	Travel	1,125
	10-5121-525105	Gas	61
	10-5121-532101	Postage	2,439
	10-5150-526001	Departmental Supplies	778
	10-5151-526001	Departmental Supplies	1,230
	10-5161-523900	Family Planning	10
	10-5162-532101	Postage	1,500
	10-5171-519001	Contracted Services	20,000
	10-5301-519001	Contracted Services	45,000
	10-5301-550000	Capital Outlay	90,000
	10-5301-549900	Miscellaneous Expense	50

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	10-5301-531301	Medical Transportation	150,000
	10-4110-550010	Non-Capital Outlay	3,550
	10-4110-549100	Dues and Subscriptions	78
Revenues	10-3432-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue Jail	6,500
	10-3433-430012	Emerg Mgmt Planning Grant	3,525
	10-3433-440160	Address Revenues	1,000
	10-3434-489000	Miscellaneous Revenues	200
	10-3495-489000	Miscellaneous	6,000
	10-3510-430041	Other Services Medicaid	1,000
	10-3510-430057	Communicable Disease State	2,500
	10-3510-430197	Immunization Action Local Fees	1,500
	10-3510-440098	Dental Donations/Ins Payments	20,000
	10-3518-489080	Well Te4sting Local	4,000
	10-3530-430067	93.568 Energy Admin State	13,352
	10-3530-430082	Medicaid Transportation St	150,000
	10-3530-489000	Social Miscellaneous	550
	10-3580-484000	Charitable funds Whiteville	21,000
	10-3530-484004	Charitable Minor Home Repair	265
	10-3580-484006	charitable Home Delivered Meals	8,078
	10-3580-484013	Charitable Donations - Bug Hill Senior Center	8
	10-3580-489000	Misc Revenue	1,1,20
	10-3582-430017	State Aid Veteran Serv Officer	217
	10-3839-449100	Investment Earnings	175,560
	10-3839-489043	Misc Revenues - Contracted Services	(100,000)
	10-3839-485001	Indirect Cost Contr HUD	1,303
Expenditures	14-4311-512200	Salaries and Wages Overtime	20,000
Revenues	14-3431-432002	Controlled Substance Tax	10,000
	14-3431-499101	Fund Balance Appropriation	10,000
Expenditures	10-4122-526000	Office Supplies	100
	10-4122-526001	Departmental Supplies	100
	10-4130-531100	Travel	1,000
	10-4130-535200	Maint and Repair Equipment	1,000
	10-4140-519000	Professional Services	300,000
	10-4140-519001	Contracted Services	2,662
	10-4140-525105	Gas	500
	10-4140-532100	Telephone	1,400
	10-4140-535200	Maint and Repair Equipment	545

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	10-4150-531100	Travel	1,000
	10-4160-532100	Telephone	3,767
	10-4160-518300	Insurance Contribution	(3,500)
	10-4170-512600	Salaries/Wages Part Time	15,000
	10-4170-518300	Insurance Contribution	(6,000)
	10-4190-531100	Travel	1,000
	10-4190-555000	Other Equipment	500
	10-4220-519102	Professional Services - CPA	8,350
	10-4220-519105	Professional Services - Other	20,130
	10-4110-512100	Salaries and Wages Regular	1,796
	10-4110-512700	Salaries/Wages Longevity	80
	10-4110-518100	FICA	97
	10-4110-518910	Christmas Bonus	80
	10-4110-518200	Retirement Contribution	149
	10-9600-560098	ABC Bottle Tax Distribution for Mental Health	15,000
	10-9600-560025	Cape Fear 0 Res Con Dev	9,000
	10-5900-549995	ABC Profit Distribution	40,000
	10-5870-519001	Contracted Services	45,901
	10-5302-519922	Adult Daycare	10,000
	10-5302-519945	LEIAP Expenditures	65,000
	10-5301-518910	Christmas Bonus	1,030
	10-5301-512600	Salaries/Wages Part Time	1,000
	10-4380-512100	Salaries and Wages Regular	9,574
	10-4380-512200	Overtime Pay for Tropical Storm Michael	774
	10-4380-518910	Christmas Bonus	80
	10-4380-550000	Capital Outlay	5,100
	10-4380-518300	Insurance contribution	5,867
	10-4201-512107	Salaries/Wages - COLA	56,918
Revenues	10-3100-411100	Current Year Taxes	500,000
	10-3839-449100	Investment Earnings	100,000
	10-3839-440020	ABC Profit Distribution	15,000
Expenditures	15-4410-512901	Administration	5,000
	15-4410-530001	Operations	289,750
	15-4410-531100	Travel	5,250
Revenues	15-3441-333050	Brownfield Assessment Grant	300,000

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

Angela Norris: I would like to invite each and everyone to a Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 4:00 P.M. at the Veterans Memorial Park, and would like to see everyone present.

Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
 - In reference to ADR, they are having problems with membership with EMS and rescue squad, and they have volunteers from Brunswick County who are willing to participate;
 - Dr. Dale has to approve these people and they are having trouble to get approval;
 - Steve Camlin wants a copy of the contract; **and**
 - We had a good time in Chadbourn at the strawberry festivities.
2. **Commissioner McMillian:** stated the following:
 - We are having trouble with bushhogging on public roads; **and**
 - We need help with the debris being thrown on the roads.
3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - We need to put the appointment to Southeastern Community Services back on the next Agenda; **and**
 - We need clarification on the right-of-way with NC DOT at the Library.
4. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mothers Day.
5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - Have we contacted the State Department of Corrections relative to the trash pickup?;
 - Harold, did we get a positive response from NC DOT about scooping the ditches out in Crusoe? Harold replied stating he had not heard from them.
6. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - I received a letter from the Veterans Memorial Park with thanks for what we have done;
 - The County Assembly Day is on May 08, 2019 at the NC Museum of History, and encourage everyone to attend;
 - I received a letter from Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees relative to our appointment;
 - Columbus Regional Healthcare System would like to present their audit on June 03, 2019, at 5:00 P.M., and we need Board consensus, which was confirmed; **and**
 - Happy Mothers Day.

C. County Manager (Michael H. Stephens): stated the following:

1. I have distributed copies of the Fact Sheet for Hurricane Florence - Disaster Relief Employment Grant;
2. The Federal Government will pay these individuals;
3. We are working on the Budget and it is very tight at this time;
4. We need a decision on the old Historic Courthouse.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to move ahead with the renovation of the Historic Courthouse, move the DA's office, save money by moving Probation and Parole from the rented location to the DA's Office, move HUD where judges are now, the Board of Elections and the Judges' Offices, seconded by Commissioner McDowell.

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

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

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

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 06, 2019
7:37 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:38 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 06, 2019
7:37 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - AWARD of LOW BID and CONTRACT for HELENA CHEMICAL PROJECT:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requesting Board approval of the low bid from Frank Horne Construction from the following Bid Tabulation, for the Water System Extensions - Midway and Georgia-Pacific Roads, and approval for Amanda Prince, Attorney, and Michael Stephens, Manager, to review and execute the contract.

PROJECT OWNER:	Columbus County
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Water system Extensions - Midway and Georgia-Pacific Roads
BID OPENING DATE:	May 2, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M.
ENGINEER:	Green Engineering, P.L.L.C.

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
Frank Horne Construction	660,982.50
Temple Grading and Construction	696,975.00
Ralph Hodge Construction	737,386.60
T.A. Loving Company	745,500.00

Other Bidders:

Columbus Utilities, Inc.: \$751,995.00

I, LEO GREEN, JR., P.E., HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS BID TABULATION IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

/s/ E. LEO GREEN, JR., P.E. (SEAL)

NC Firm License No. P-0115

Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to approve the low bid from Frank Horne Construction at the cost of six hundred sixty thousand, nine hundred eighty-two and 50/100 (\$660,982.50) dollars, for the Water System Extensions - Midway and Georgia-Pacific Roads, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:38 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 06, 2019
7:37 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:38 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 06, 2019
7:37 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:38 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 06, 2019
7:37 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:38 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman