

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, October 07, 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**
 Jerome McMillian
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice Chairman**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

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 October 07, 2019 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. Dr. Darrian Moore, New Hope Baptist Church, delivered the invocation. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Canyon Reid Sellers, Eagle Scout.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Chairman Burroughs stated the following Agenda Add-On needed to be added to the Agenda.

Soil and Water Conservation - Beaver Management Committee Options for 2019/2020: Edward E. Davis, Director/District Conservation Technician, is requesting Board to consider available options for beaver management.

(Edward Davis will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Agenda Add-On as Agenda Item #13A, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - PROCLAMATION of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION to CANYON REID SELLERS (needs APPROVAL and ADOPTION):

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the following Proclamation of Recognition to Canyon Reid Sellers, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION**to****CANYON REID SELLERS**

WHEREAS, the achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, speaks for itself; **and**

WHEREAS, the attainment of this rank demonstrates that you are a hard worker and have the dedication to see a job through; **and**

WHEREAS, your knowledge, life lessons learned, and good character developed will enable you to be highly successful in any future endeavor or occupation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners are very honored to present this document to **CANYON REID SELLERS** for recognition of his accomplishment and to show our appreciation.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 7th day of October, 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

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION to FIRST SERGEANT STEVEN NOBLES and DEPUTY AUSTIN OLIVER:

Reverend James L. Smith, Sr. and Orton Bellamy, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Number 2, Little River, South Carolina, presented Certificates of Appreciation to First Sergeant Steven Nobles and Deputy Austin Oliver for their service on September 14, 2019, for the 144 years Anniversary.

Agenda Item #7: HEALTH - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, delivered the following departmental update on Health Department's departmental activities.

Clinical Stats:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
New TB Cases	2 Active 8 latent
HIV Cases	18 HIV 0 AIDS
New Syphilis Cases(RPR)	10
New Hepatitis B Cases	4 Acute 4 Chronic
New Gonorrhea Cases	283
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	5
Chlamydia Cases	465
Non-gonoccal Urethritis (NGU)	6
Campylobacter	9 Cases
Salmonella	16 Cases
Hepatitis C	9 Cases
Pertussis	4 Cases
Mumps	1 Case
Lyme Disease	0 Cases
Shigella	3 Cases
Group A Strep	2 Cases
Vibrio Vulnificus	2 Cases
Legionellosis	1 Case
Carbapenum-remittent Enterobacteriaceae outbreak in 2 facilities in CC	

Flu Deaths - 4

Flu Outbreak in 3 facilities in CC

Vital Records:

of Births: 363

of Deaths: 618 + 6 Fetal Deaths

Environmental Health Stats:

Encounters 3,100
 Total Revenue: \$93,418.50

Environmental Health completed a total of 810 restaurant/lodging inspections for 2017/2018.

Number of Home Burials: 3

SERVICES	# PATIENTS	# VISITS
Adult Health	2,159	3,693
Child Health	268	354
Dental Health	1,024	1,242
Family Planning	525	984
Child Immunizations	977	1,164
Maternal Health	176	1,124
Other Services/Colpo	134	139
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	366	666
TB Services	24	250
BCCP	53	58
Outside Labs	219	246
TOTAL:	5,925	9,920

Women, Infants and Children (WIC):

Columbus County played a pivotal role in the transition from the traditional paper benefit checks to an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system for the North Carolina Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for ‘women, Infants and Children (WIC). Columbus County WIC volunteered for and was selected to be one of the seven (7) counties that piloted the move from the old paper checks to “eWIC”, the name for the current system of providing benefits to our WIC clients. Early on we had several special on-line trainings, with the actual pilot beginning on October 4, 2017, and continuing through December 31, 2017. At this Point, the entire state is using eWIC. The system has greatly streamlined the food benefits distribution process, allows clients more choices and more flexibility in meeting the needs of their families, and helps to remove any stigma that may have occurred with the old paper checks. An added benefit is that WIC clients with smart phones (which is most of them) can add an “App” to their phone, which will help them determine which brands are approved while they are in the store. Our participating food stores and pharmacies also underwent training and support to facilitate the use of the eWIC cards. During this past year, the process of training our participating vendors (currently, 11 grocery stores and 2 pharmacies) began with the eventual goal of having the vendors enter their own food product codes, financial information, required documents and related materials directly into the Crossroads system, hopefully saving them some time and money. The eWIC system is also helping the Nutrition Services Branch more accurately measure how much is being spent on specific foods and where adjustments can be made within USDA requirements.

Per the last report received from NC Nutrition Services Branch, client expenditures from WIC foods in fiscal year 2017-18 to participating stores in Columbus County totaled \$430,404.42. This is a decrease from previous years and we continue to market to potential clients as best we can; however, it is worth noting that our recent storms have also made significant financial impacts on our local food stores.

Plans for 2018-19 include streamlining our current procedures and looking for ways to improve our services in cost-effective ways. These include but are not limited to:

- Electronic health records (Crossroads) will soon allow us to have automatic reminder calls sent to our clients when they have upcoming appointments;
- Investigating the use of current technology to provide low risk nutrition education to appropriate clients;
- Although we are frequently short on staff, we plan to continue to provide training to dietetic interns and other students from college and universities around the country.

Laboratory:

Columbus County Laboratory's regulatory policies and procedures are established according to CLIA and OSHA guidelines. In 2017/18, our lab completed 411 Pregnancy tests, completed 406 blood glucose tests, 671 chlamydia tests, 698 HIV tests, and 575 Blood Lead tests. During this year we began performing "outpatient courtesy lab collection. These are individuals that have a local physician but their insurance does not cover blood work performed at their physician's office, therefore they are referred to the Health Department for their lab work. Our lab assisted with 350 blood draws. The total number of tests completed in our lab - 11,203.

Health Education/Health Promotion:

This year, over 150 students at Whiteville High School participated in the Making Proud Choices, teen pregnancy prevention program facilitated by health education staff. Health Education also participated in numerous health fairs including the Columbus Regional Healthcare System Back-to-School Health Fair, International Papers Annual Health Fair, and Whiteville High School. Health Education staff also performed outreach by having booths at the Columbus County Fair, Pine Tree Festival, Strawberry Festival, and the Yam Festival. Health Promotion staff planned and implemented the Columbus County Leadership Forum on Opioid Abuse, encouraging county residents to participate in efforts to combat the opioid crisis in Columbus County - this also includes partnering with the Columbus County Schools and the Columbus County Sheriff's Office to hold additional opioid education forums for parents and teachers. Health Education staff have also applied for numerous grant funds - ultimately receiving the Delta Dental Smiles for Kids grant that will provide our dental clinic funds to purchase new dental equipment as well as receiving funding from the NC Office of Minority Health to implement Diversity education for health department staff within the coming year. Health Education staff have also delivered numerous presentations to senior centers and retirement homes in Columbus County on topics such as opioid abuse, diabetes management, and stress management.

Dental:

Dr. Cynthia Thomas and Staff (2 Dental Assistants and 1 Processing Assistant) began in August 2017 visiting all schools in Columbus County with the Toothmobile. During this year our dental staff saw 1,024 kids on the Toothmobile and in-house clinic. The staff are researching electronic dental records for next year to fulfill the mandatory requirements for an EDR by 2019.

Animal Bites (co-ordinated with Animal Control):

Total Reported: 52 (1 mule, 1 wood rat , 1 rabbit)
Total Treated: 9 (3 children under 6 years of age)

Columbus County Health Department was funded as follows:

Local Appropriations	43%
State	24%
Third Party Payers	0%
Individual Self Pay	8%
Medicaid	16%
Medicare	1%
Federal (WIC)	8%
Fund Balance	0%

TOTAL BUDGET:

The total budget for 2017/2018:	\$4,859,909.00
Total Revenues for Health Department Clinics:	\$2,877,986.32
Total Expenses for Health Department clinics:	\$4,238,057.50
Total County Appropriation Health Department Clinics:	\$1,360,071.18

ISSUES DURING THE YEAR:

- Director of Nursing retired October, 2017, Administrative Assistant retired March 2018. Hired DON, Health Educator, and AA within a 6 month time frame. The new employees continue to go through orientation.
- In November our TB Nurse "skyped" with a TB patient to ensure the patient took all medications required. This was a first for our region. This also saves the nurses' and the patient's time and money.

- Revised blood borne pathogens policies and procedures for County employees.
- Survived our 3 year Women's Health audit.

CONCERNS FOR 2018 AND BEYOND:

1. Recruiting the needed licensed staff.
2. Competitive pay for all staff.
3. Decreasing funds from State and Federal sources while requirements for funds are more rigorous.
4. Medicaid Transformation and what the requirements will be on Public Health.
5. Public Health Medicaid cost settlement.
6. "Port Health" moving into the old "Home Health" area at the end of the Health Department.

Agenda Item #8: FINANCE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, delivered the following update on Finance Department's departmental activities.

Mission Statement

Columbus County Finance Department provides fiscal stewardship and accountability of all public funds.

Responsibilities

The Columbus County Finance Office provides general accounting and payroll as well as cash forecasting, investing, debt management, fixed asset control and budgetary control in accordance with North Carolina's Local Government Fiscal Control Act. It is also responsible for reporting to Management and State and Federal agencies as required in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, Federal law and regulations as well as generally accepted accounting principles.

The Columbus County Finance Office establishes and maintains the accounting system, control and monitors expenditures, manages the receipt and deposit of moneys and other assets. It pays all the county's bills and is responsible for the county's revenues and investments. It also helps in the preparation of the annual audit and annual budget.

The Finance Office is also responsible for monitoring all capital projects and grants (exhibit "A"). Currently we have a few capital projects and several grants. The grants must be kept in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the granting agency. At present we have 13 grants and 7 capital projects. The capital projects included building of new schools, Historical Courthouse renovations and water and sewer line extensions. The grants vary from housing repair grants to fitness park equipment grant to airport improvements, library improvements and debris removal grant.

Financial Highlights

The County's fund balance is the highest it has been in several years. The current percentage of unrestricted fund balance over expenditures was 55.33 percentage as of the last audited fiscal year 2017/2018.

The County budget for fiscal year 2019/2019 increased by 3.35% for an increase of \$2,437,230. A portion of the increase is due to increase in utilities cost (estimated at 4.2%) health insurance increase (4%) and retirement increases (1.20%). However, County has been able to keep any budget increases under 3.5% for the past five fiscal years.

We currently have \$23,959,576 of funds invested in Treasurers, Agency and CD for an estimated interest earnings of \$550,000 for fiscal year end June 30, 2019 which is up by an estimated 15% from Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

Current Debt

Columbus County currently has outstanding debt of \$25,636,046 of which \$7,596,830 is General Fund Debt and \$18,039,217 is Water District debt. To further classify the General Fund debt \$1,879,522 (QSCB-2028) is owed by the school systems and the remaining balance of the installment finance of \$5,717,307 is owed by the General Fund for the Detention Center project (final payment in 2020) and the courthouse annex project (2027).

The County has received approval of a 40 year loan from USDA (14,609,922) to replace and

renovation some buildings on Whiteville High School campus, total construction budget is estimated at 22,270,422. Repayment of this loan is a combination of sales and use tax received by the schools for capital outlay.

Columbus County Schools are proposing to combine Tabor City Elementary and Tabor City Middle School onto the campus where Tabor City Elementary is currently located and combine Cerro Gordo School, Evergreen School and Chadbourn School onto the current campus of Cerro Gordo Elementary and renaming it West Columbus Pre-K – 8 School, the total estimated cost of these projects are 55,112,578 of which \$34,440,078 will be borrowed. We will pursue a loan from USDA for this as well.

By state statute, Columbus County has the ability to issue up to 8% of the assessed tax value in debt with the approval of the LGC.

Looking Ahead

The County has many needs and a limited amount of resources to fund these needs. Of the many needs are several buildings that are 40 or more years old and in need of replacing or upgrading. Some departments are in need of storage space and other are in need of more office spaces.

Currently the estimated top building priorities are the Sheriff's building (estimated at a cost of \$5,000,000), Historical Courthouse at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000, The Heath Department (56,203 sq. ft.) at an estimated cost of \$20,000,000 (based upon a \$250 per square foot to include replacement of some outdated equipment), HUD/ Board of Elections (estimated cost \$2,180,000) based upon a 10,000 square foot building at \$218 per square foot and an Emergency Operations Command/NC 911 building (estimated cost \$6,540,000) based upon a 30,000 square foot building with is over twice the size of the current building (13,350 sq.), the current building is not sufficient for a disaster of the magnitude of Hurricane Florence.

Agenda Item #9: FINANCE - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING and APPROVING an INSTALLMENT FINANCING with FIRST BANK and all RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution (1) Authorizing an Installment Financing Contract with First Bank, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents in Connection Therewith, and (2) Approving the Acquisition of Property to be Used by the Whiteville City Board of Education financing documents for Whiteville City Schools.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Columbus County (the "County") Board of Commissioners (the "Board") held a regular meeting in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, at 6:30 P.M. on October 7, 2019. The following Commissioners were:

Present: Chairman Trent Burroughs, Commissioners Jerome McMillian, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.

Absent: Vice Chairman P. Edwin Russ.

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Commissioner Trent Burroughs introduced the following Resolution which was read by title, and moved it be adopted:

RESOLUTION (1) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT WITH FIRST BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND (2) APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY TO BE USED BY THE WHITEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County") has determined to finance a portion of the cost of renovating, expanding,

equipping and improving an existing school facility known as Whiteville High School, including but not limited to the addition of classrooms, computer labs, administration, guidance, dining, band and support spaces, as well as the renovation of visual arts, ROTC, dance and drama spaces (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, to effectuate such plan to finance a portion of the cost of the Project, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to enter into an installment financing contract with First Bank (the “Bank”), pursuant to the authority granted to the County under Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, whereby the Bank will advance funds, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000, for such purpose and the County will make installment payments in consideration thereof;

WHEREAS, the Board duly conducted a public hearing on June 17, 2019 regarding (a) an installment financing contract to finance the construction and other accomplishment of the Project and (b) the acquisition by the County, for use by the Whiteville City Board of Education, of the real and personal property constituting the Project;

WHEREAS, there have been available at this meeting, forms of the following (collectively, the “Financing Documents”):

- (1) Installment Financing Contract (the “Contract”) between the County and First Bank (the “Bank”);
- (2) Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the “Deed of Trust”) from the County to a trustee for the benefit of the Bank;
- (3) Lease (the “Lease”) between the County and Whiteville City Board of Education; and
- (4) Administrative Agreement (the “Administrative Agreement”) between the County and the Whiteville City Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County wants to approve the Financing Documents and to authorize other actions in connection therewith; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County as follows:

1. Each of the Financing Documents, in the form submitted to this meeting, is hereby approved, and the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director, and the Clerk to the Board are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver each of those documents, on behalf of the County, with such changes, insertions or omissions as each may approve, the execution thereof by any of them to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.
2. The Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director, the Clerk to the Board and the County Attorney are each hereby authorized to take any and all such further action and to execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to effect the installment financing pursuant to the Contract. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Finance Director is authorized to approve all details of the financing, including without limitation, the amount advanced under the Contract (which shall not exceed \$16,000,000), the annual principal payments under the Contract, the term of the Contract and the interest rate thereunder. Execution of the Contract by the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager or the Finance Director, shall conclusively evidence approval of all such details of the financing.
3. The Board hereby approves the acquisition of the real and personal property constituting the Project.
4. All actions of the County effectuating the proposed financing are hereby approved, ratified and authorized pursuant to and in accordance with the transactions contemplated by the documents referred to above.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The motion to adopt the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Six (6).

NAYS:-0-

ABSENT: One (1).

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS)

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, Clerk to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. A meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, located in the State of North Carolina, was duly held October 7, 2019, such meeting having been noticed, held and conducted in accordance with all requirements of law (including open meetings requirements), and minutes of that meeting have been or will be duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of the Board.

2. The attached extract accurately reflects the actions taken by the Board of Commissioners with respect to the matters therein.

3. That extract correctly states the time when the meeting was convened and the place where the meeting was held and the members of the Board who attended the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County as of October 07, 2019.

(SEAL)

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
 Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Financing Documents:

1. Installment Financing Contract;
2. Deed of Trust and Security Agreement;
3. Lease; **and**
4. Administrative Agreement.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Resolution (1) Authorizing an Installment Financing Contract with First Bank, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents in Connection Therewith , and (2) Approving the Acquisition of Property to be Used by the Whiteville City Board of Education financing documents for Whiteville City Schools, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. The financing documents will be kept on file in the Finance Officer’s office, for review.

Agenda Item #10: PLANNING - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING:

Samantha Alsup, Planning Director, requested the Board to establish October 21, 2019, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for adoption of the updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and FIS/Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish October 21, 2019, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for adoption of the updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and FIS/Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: PLANNING - 2020 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE:

Samantha Alsup, Planning Director, requested appointment of members to serve on the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. The recommendations for this committee are as follows.

ORGANIZATION	NAME	ORGANIZATION	NAME
Commissioner	Jerome McMillian	Faith Based Org	Dave Flowers/Dave Heller
Commissioner		Comm Organization	Smart Start
County Manager	Mike Stephens	Comm Organization	Dream Center

ORGANIZATION	NAME	ORGANIZATION	NAME
Planning	Samantha Alsup	Tabor City	Diane Ward or Designee
Department Manager	Kim Smith, Health	Sandyfield	Mayor or Designee
Department Manager	Algernon McKenzie or Designee	Boardman	Mayor or Designee
Department Manager	Angela Harrelson or Designee	Lake Waccamaw	Mayor or Designee
Department Manager	Dalton Dockery	Bolton (if no CCC)	Mayor or Designee
County Schools	Jonathan Williams	Chadbourn (if no CCC)	Mayor or Designee
City Schools	Superintendent or Designee	Fair Bluff (if no CCC)	
Columbus Charter	Steve Smith or Designee	Other unincorporated areas	
Community College	President or Designee	Waccamaw Siouan Tribe	Leslie Jones
Business	Kim Clewis or Designee	Migrant Farm Workers/ Documented and undocumented population	Michael Dunn
Business	Atlantic Publishing Rep	Others	
Media			

Lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. The need to include Columbus Christian Academy, Day Care Centers, Temporary Agencies, the Welches Creek Area, the Hallsboro Area and the fire departments;
2. Recommendation for a Complete Count Committee Meeting to be held on October 15, 2019;
3. Recommendation made to keep the number of members sixteen (16) to twenty (20) members;
4. The question of one (1) or two (2) County Commissioners to serve on the committee;
5. The possibility of starting the meetings with the recommended members at this time with the chance of changes being made; **and**
6. The remaining members need to be appointed at the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #12: PROCLAMATION - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval of the following Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, while breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background in every community, while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer; **and**

WHEREAS, each year it is estimated that more than 220,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed; **and**

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness about the disease; **and**

WHEREAS, during this month, we as a community support breast cancer research and to educate all citizens about detection, risk factors and treatment; **and**

WHEREAS, we as a community support those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to the disease; **and**

WHEREAS, this October, we recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are a source of love and encouragement, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals working hard to find a cure; **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TRENT BURROUGHS, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

“Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

in the County of Columbus, North Carolina and encourage citizens to participate in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer, and to wear pink ribbons in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and those who are now bravely fighting this disease.

PROCLAIMED this the 7th day of October, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: APPOINTMENT - REGION O AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL (COG):

Jane Jones, Cape Fear Council of Governments, requested the appointment of the remaining member that is needed on the Cape Fear Council of Governments Region O Aging Advisory Council. **(Recommendations: Judy Ward, Howard Jacobs and Heidi Herring)**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint Judy Ward to the Cape Fear Council of Governments Region O Aging Advisory Council, if she is willing to serve, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13A: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - BEAVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OPTIONS for 2019/2020:

Edward E. Davis, Director/District Conservation Technician, requested the Board to consider available options for beaver management.

Mr. Davis stated the Beaver Management Committee’s proposed options are to:

1. Increase the bounty to \$60.00 per beaver. Do not reimburse travel due to the additional paperwork that it would take to track it.
2. Hire a professional trapper - currently an unknown cost however; this person would have to be able to remove dams - by hand, machinery or explosives, whichever is needed.
3. Contract with USDA and continue to offer the Beaver Bounty Program where trappers are available.

Lengthy and detailed discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. The need for all the paperwork being utilized that is discouraging some good trappers to participate in the program;
2. Lack of enough harmony being present with the Beaver Management Committee members;
3. The utilization of the local trappers in Columbus County;
4. The use of only the necessary paperwork needed; **and**
5. The use of a smoother process to accomplish the mission that is needed.

After discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board members for Edward Davis to develop a simpler process to utilize and accomplish the same, if not better, results.

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

At 7:46 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - WEST FRASER WATER LINE EXTENSION:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the low bid from Frank Horne Construction for the West Fraser Water Line Extension Project.

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

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

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4910-519001	Contracted Services	49,040
	10-9600-560091	Town of Lake Waccamaw Special Appropriations	1,750
Revenues	10-3991-499115	Various Fund Balance Appropriated	50,790
Expenditures	10-4960-550010	Non-Capital Outlay	2,500
Revenues	10-3991-499115	Various Fund Balance	2,500
Expenditures	10-5116-512100	Collaborative Learning Salaries	31,841
	10-5116-518100	Collaborative Learning FICA	2,436
	10-5116-518910	Collaborative Learning Christmas Bonus	50
	10-5116-525105	Collaborative Learning Gas	750
	10-5116-531100	Collaborative Learning Travel	5,000
	10-5116-526000	Collaborative Learning Office Supplies	1,250
	10-5116-626001	Collaborative Learning Dept Supplies	2,100
	10-5116-532101	Collaborative Learning Postage	500
	10-5116-543000	Collaborative Learning Rental Equipment	1,000

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	10-5116-550010	Collaborative Non-Capital Outlay	1,747
Revenues	10-3517-430171	Collaborative Learning	46,674
Expenditures	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	5,285
	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	298,072
Revenues	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	5,285
	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	298,072

B. Tax Releases and Refunds:

NAME Late List	Account # District	Date Discount	Amount Released TOTAL	Property Value	Year	Bill#	Property #	User Fee
AMS Ventures LLC ETAL \$0.00 P.O. Box 37 Tabor City, NC 28463 Bowen, Lucy	16-00437 \$0.00	10/7/2019 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$200.00	\$0.00	2019	84385	30573	\$200.00
		Refund user fee. Vacant land.						
	01-00528	10/7/2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	2019	88008	00000	\$113.00
\$0.00 131 Mill Pond Rd Lot 217 Whiteville, NC 28472 Cartrette, Shannon D & Casandra	\$0.00 09-03956	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$113.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	2019	99999	99999	\$400.00
		Refund user fee.						
\$0.00 340 Jesse Cartrette Drive Chadbourn, NC 28431 Chatman, Euleon	\$0.00 07-04523	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$400.00 \$362.25	\$45,000.00	2017	0	00000	\$0.00
\$0.00 3317 Lassiter Street Duraham, NC 27707 Garrell Lewis D & Joann	\$45.00 13-04138	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$407.25 \$0.00	\$0.00	2018	6619	24775	\$113.00
		Refund user fee. Per DOR give 45,000 for this property. Refund Nakina Fire(36.00) refund Columbus Rescue(9.00)						
\$0.00 505 Autumn Trail Drive Whiteville, NC 28472 Locklear, Roy G & Jane	\$0.00 06-02079	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$113.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	2019	11299	11368	\$200.00
		Refund user fee. House is condemned						
\$0.00 1764 Will Inman Rd Tabor City, NC 28463 Long, Darlene Malpass	\$0.00 15-24360	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$200.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	2019	11432	28839	\$200.00
		Refund user fee. House vacant						
\$0.00 3256 Byrdville-Freeman Rd Delco, NC 28436 Reynolds, Thomas W ETALS	\$0.00 09-03247	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$200.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	18-19	99999	16694	\$400.00
		Refund user fee. Dbilled.						
\$0.00 389 Price Rd Whiteville, NC 28472 Stephens, Leon & Carolyn	\$0.00 01-03812	\$0.00 10/7/2019	\$400.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	2018	34098	60646	\$200.00
		Refund user fee 2 cans.						
\$0.00 P.O. Box 2294 Whiteville, NC 28472	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00					
		Refund user fee. No home on property.						
Stephens, Leon & Carolyn T P.O. Box 2294 Whiteville, NC 28472 Willis Margaret White	01-89425 10-18765	10/7/2019 10/7/2019	\$0.00 \$0.00	15-18	99999	2078	\$829.00	\$0.00
		Refund user fees. Home was vacant.						
\$0.00 12336 Beaty Ave Norwalk, CA 90650	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$0.00	17-18	99999	00000	\$403.00
		Refund user fees. Vacant						

Agenda Item #17: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
 - The sewer project that will cover the two (2) mega sites at the County line;
 - We need to start drawing down money so that we can be considered for a grant for our water line at the Industrial Park and for Helena Chemical;
 - To start drawing down that money we have to put out on the Bid Net, which is the statewide electronic bidding sites. The generators, the two (2) pumps and the two (2) generator switches;
 - We are talking about drawing down a significant amount of money;
 - The rules state that I need a seven (7) day period be covered by the electronic bidding site;
 - Due to the time period requirement, there will not be enough time to place this in the newspaper; **and**
 - I need Board approval for the seven (7) day period of the electronic bidding.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the seven (7) day electronic bidding, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director:** stated the following:
 - I received an e-mail this afternoon at 5:15 P.M. from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and they were basically telling me that our first round of the Emergency Watershed Protection monies for the disaster debris removal from Hurricane Florence has been approved for Columbus County.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** Harold, we need to find a way to deal with the disposal of tires to eliminate them from being thrown in inappropriate locations.
2. **Commissioner McMillian:** stated the following:
 - Mr. Lanier, what is the status of the Ply Gem building in Fair Bluff? Mr. Lanier replied stating they had not received any requests as of yet for that size building.;
 - I would like to thank Mr. Nobles for his help with water on the Georgia Pacific Road; **and**
 - I would like to thank Gail Edwards for her help when I call.
3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - I am receiving feed back on the flex time being utilized at the Department of Social Services, and I would like for Algernon McKenzie to look at the employees who are abusing the flex time;
 - A five and one-half (5 ½) month old baby died at home and it took two and one half (2 ½) hours to three (3) hours for the Medical Examiner to arrive; **and**
 - What is going on with the Fair Bluff Motel? Samantha replied stating the asbestos testing has been done and I think we are waiting on bidders. This is on tract.
4. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated I don't have any items for myself. I did receive a call from Commissioner Russ relative to a recycling center at Delco and these are his concerns:
 - This is the Grainger Recycling place in Delco;
 - I visited the site myself and it is a junk hole and in bad shape, and needs to be shut down and the permit pulled;
 - This location is supposed to have requirements;
 - there is a smothering fire at this location;
 - This location has been identified as being out of compliance;
 - We need a better job done with inspecting;
 - This business did not have meth requirements;
 - We discussed that we needed a checkoff sheet; **and**
 - Papers have been delivered stating this business is out of compliance from the County and the State.

Samantha Alsup, Planning Director: replied stating the following:
 -They live in Columbus County;

- They wanted to work with construction debris;
- They have a transfer recycling station off of Highway 87;
- I have been informed a disgruntled employee set the fire;
- A Notice of Non-Compliance has been issued; **and**
- Mr. Grainger has thirty (30) days to get the situation in order.

5. **Chairman Trent Burroughs:** stated the following:

- The Whiteville High School Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on October 10, 2019, at 11:00 A.M.; **and**
- I would like to thank Ms. Amanda Bible for the copy of the United States Constitution.

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

At 8:15 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.C.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) Economic Development, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item 19: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:00 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Manager, in the absence of Amanda B. Prince, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, discussed with the Board of Commissioners Economic Development projects. No Action was taken. The Commissioners present were: Chairman Trent Burroughs, Commissioners James Prevatte, Charles McDowell, Jerome McMillian, Ricky Bullard and Giles Byrd. Absent were Vice Chairman P. Edwin Russ and County Attorney Amanda B. Prince. Present were: Steve Yost and County Manager Mike Stephens”.*

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

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:01 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 07, 2019
7:46 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**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:46 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 07, 2019
7:46 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**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:46 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 07, 2019
7:46 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**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:46 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 07, 2019
7:46 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**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:46 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - WEST FRASER WATER LINE EXTENSION:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the low bid from the following Bid Tabulation as Frank Horne Construction for the West Fraser Water Line Extension Project.

BID TABULATION

PROJECT OWNER:

Columbus County Water District IV

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: West Fraser Water System Connection
BID OPENING DATE: September 27, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M.
ENGINEER: Green Engineering, P.L.L.C.

ITEM	FRANK HORNE CONSTRUCTION		COLUMBUS UTILITIES	
	Unit Price	Total Cost	Unit Price	Total Cost
1	83.00	18,260.00	38.00	8,360.00
2	11,325.00	11,325.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
3	1,740.00	3,480.00	1,275.00	2,550.00
4	15.00	2,400.00	10.00	1,600.00
5	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
6	22,850.00	22,850.00	32,675.00	32,675.00

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION: **\$63,315.00** **\$63,685.00**

I, E. LEO GREEN, JR., 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.** **(SEAL)** **NC Firm License P-0115**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the low bid from Frank Horne at sixty-three thousand, three hundred fifteen and 00/100 (\$63,315.00) dollars for the West Fraser Water System Connection in Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 07, 2019
7:46 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**
 Jerome McMillian
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:46 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman