COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, December 02, 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:  APPOINTEES PRESENT:
Trent Burroughs, Chairman  Mike Stephens, County Manager  
P. Edwin Russ, Vice Chairman  Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney  
Jerome McMillian  June B. Hall, Clerk to Board  
James E. Prevatte  Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

Agenda Item #1:  MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the December 02, 2019 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. Chairman Burroughs stated the first order of business was the re-organization of the Board and the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2020, and I will turn the meeting over to the Columbus County Attorney, Amanda Prince.

Agenda Item #2:  RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN for 2020:

Amanda B. Prince, Columbus County Attorney, will preside as Acting Chairman for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for 2020.

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

Nominations for Chairman:

Commissioner McMillian made a motion to nominate Commissioner P. Edwin Russ as Chairman.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. The motion unanimously passed.
Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Ms. Prince asked are there any nominations for Vice Chairman?

Commissioner Russ nominated Commissioner Jerome McMillian for Vice Chairman.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for the nominations to be closed. The motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Prince stated that Commissioner P. Edwin Russ will serve in the position of Chairman to the Board for the ensuing one (1) year term. Commissioner Jerome McMillian will serve in the position of Vice Chairman for the ensuing one (1) year term. Congratulations to both gentlemen, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman P. Edwin Russ.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES

Agenda Item #3: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE to OUTGOING CHAIRMAN:

Chairman P. Edwin Russ presented the following plaque to the outgoing Chairman Trent Burroughs.

PRESENTED TO:

TRENT BURROUGHS

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THIS THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER 2019
in GRAT凡EFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP
as CHAIRMAN to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ADD-ON:

FINANCE - APPROVAL of REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION: Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, is requesting Board approval of the Reimbursement Resolution. (Bobbie Faircloth will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Agenda Add-on, to be Agenda Item #12 which has been deleted, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: SURETY BONDS: Examination and Approval:

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Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the above listed surety bonds, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5 and #6: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner James E. Prevatte.

Agenda Item #7: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PRESENTATION - COASTAL HORIZONS COMMUNITY BASED FAMILY SERVICES:

Julie Simmons, Program Coordinator, delivered the following information relative to the services offered to Columbus County residents through Coastal Horizons.

1. Individual, Family and Group Therapy Services for women, children and family.
2. Evening hours and home visiting options available.
3. Transportation available to/from home and center-based services.
4. Gender sensitive and trauma-informed services are individualized and designed to be unique to each woman’s needs and abilities.
5. Team includes: licensed mental health providers and licensed Clinical Addiction Specialists, Qualified Professionals (QP), Case Managers, and Certified Peer Support Specialists.
6. The program staff maintain relationships and work closely with local hospitals, birthing centers, OB/GYN practices, lactation consultants, DSS, and other community agencies to offer a complete level of care.
7. Support obtaining resources for participants and their families.
8. Skills building to enhance individual and family resilience.
9. Established partnerships with local providers or Medication Assisted Treatments and Office Based Opioid Treatments.
10. Grant funded and insurance-blind, professional and/or self-referrals accepted.

Agenda Item #9: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

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

Monthly Administrative Update
November 2019 Report
December 2, 2019 Meeting

On November 4, 2019 we officially started the Crisis Intervention Program known as CIP. This program assists eligible citizens with their heating costs. This program is federally funded each year and cases are monitored by State staff to ensure applications are processed correctly. We are now required, by policy, to verify income for all members of the households; rather than taking their statements. Hopefully, this new policy change will help to prevent fraud. Applications are taken Monday through Friday; from 8:30am until 4pm at our office.

On November 5 and 6, 2019 the Division of Childhood Development and Early Education came down to monitor our Child Day Care Subsidy Program. During this monitoring, twenty-seven cases were selected and reviewed by the monitoring team for compliance with State policies. Following the monitoring, the team completed an exit conference with the Supervisor, Program Manager and
Director. They explained there were a few minor errors; but no financial errors. We will receive the final report within 90 days. The Division requires counties to be at 95% compliance. Our preliminary score was 96%; which means we are in compliance. This is great considering the changes and issues staff have faced with NCFAST payments in the past year. The Day Care staff have worked hard to learn and implement subsidy in the new system.

On November 14, 2019 I attended the Director’s Executive Board meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. During the meeting, we received updates from various committees on changes and future program monitoring. There was a presentation from Greg Mayo of Human Resources Solutions on what to consider when screening and hiring employees for positions. This was a very interesting presentation.

We also heard from State staff about Civil Child Custody in Child Welfare and how it should be handled. We were informed the parents can file for custody and DSS should not handle any civil custody outside of the court system without a proper hearing.

We learned there is still not a budget passed to fully implement Medicaid Managed Care/Medicaid Transformation; however, the Division of Health Benefits is moving forward with their plans for roll-out in February 2020. There is great concern from the Director’s Association about the fact that many hospitals and primary care physicians have not signed a contract with the various health plans. (The goal was to have them sign by November 15, 2019.) This could possibly impact the services that our citizens need. There is still much concern about Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation being available to citizens, as many transportation providers have not signed contracts due to the low reimbursement rates. Therefore, the Director’s Association Membership voted to draft a letter outlining our concerns around Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation and send it to the County Commissioners Association.

Lastly, due to the timing of the December meeting, numbers from the various program areas are not available and will be included in the next DSS board report in January 2020.

Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and Housekeeping

Food and Nutrition and Family and Children’s Medicaid

Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: November 2019

News/Updates/Vacancies

Adult and Family & Children’s Medicaid:
The Adult Medicaid Team is working with cases for those clients that will be getting a 1.6% Cost of Living increase in their Social Security checks. Cases that do not automatically update which is usually cases with deductibles will have to be reworked by the staff.

We have interviewed for the 2 vacancies and are recommending for hire and just had an employee to give her 2-week resignation on that team also.

Child Support and Paralegal:
Child Support continues to struggle to meet their goals in order that DSS receives a greater amount of incentive payments back from the State. Some of these struggles is policy change with the state and will put more work on the agents for a large number of cases. This team is fully staffed but have 2 in training.

Food and Nutrition:
Food and Nutrition Cost of Living increase decreased some of the elderly’s monthly allotments. We continue to train to improve our errors from each Management Evaluation. This team is fully staffed but have 2 in training.

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

• Our agency interpreter is helping out in the Energy Programs while not interpreting for employees.
• WorkFirst/Cash continues to meet their compliance timeframes.
Medicaid Transportation continues to remain busy sending referrals. We are in the process of tracking and sending to the State our clients that now use transportation multiple times a month so when the transition comes for these clients to choose a health plan, they will be prepared for them on February 1, 2020. As of November 13th, the State stated they were still going forward with the February 1, 2020 go live date with Medicaid Transformation.

Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to keep our facility clean. We had one air conditioner that was down and the other one needing repairs on the east end of the building. County maintenance received the parts for one air conditioner recently and repaired it; however, the second one has to be replaced.

Our deputy continues to do a great job with security.

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:
The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed and the Supervisor has just come back from FMLA. With the ever-changing policy, the increased demands on workers, the limited support provided from the state, and the growing caseloads with growing complexities, workers occasionally demonstrate symptoms of burnout which can affect our productivity and ability to meet state standards. This Unit is attempting to assist the other Units of Child Welfare in areas needed as much as possible due to vacancies, although their numbers continue to be up. This Unit has just received the draft Program Development Plan from the September State Review and will be reviewing it for questions, corrections, and clarification before the final draft is completed.

In-Home Services:
The In-Home Services Unit continues to have three vacancies. Interviews were recently conducted and one recommendation for hire was made. Other interviews have been scheduled. With the ever-changing policy, the increased demands on workers, the limited support provided from the state, and the growing caseloads with growing complexities, workers occasionally demonstrate symptoms of burnout which can affect our productivity and ability to meet state standards. This Unit has been attempting to assist the other Units of Child Welfare in areas needed due to their vacancies, but due to vacancies within the Unit they now need assistance. This Unit has just received the draft Program Development Plan from the September State Review and will be reviewing it for questions, corrections, and clarification before the final draft is completed.

Foster Care:
The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to have two vacancies and one Social Worker is currently on medical leave. Interviews were recently conducted and one recommendation for hire was made. Other interviews have been scheduled. With the ever-changing policy, the increased demands on workers, the limited support provided from the state, and the growing caseloads with growing complexities, workers occasionally demonstrate symptoms of burnout which can affect our productivity and ability to meet state standards. This Unit has been receiving assistance from other Child Welfare Units due to the vacancies to ensure state mandated visits with children in foster care are met. This Unit has just received the draft Program Development Plan from the September State Review and will be reviewing it for questions, corrections, and clarification before the final draft is completed.

Transitional Unit:
The Transitional unit now has three vacancies, due to a recent termination, and the Supervisor is on FMLA. Interviews are on hold due to the Supervisor being on leave. With the ever-changing policy, the increased demands on workers, the limited support provided from the state, and the growing caseloads with growing complexities, workers occasionally demonstrate symptoms of burnout which can affect our productivity and ability to meet state standards. This Unit has been very busy assisting the other Child Welfare Units with courtesy visits, etc., but due to vacancies within this Unit they now are in need of assistance. This Unit has just received the draft Program Development Plan from the September State Review and will be reviewing it for questions, corrections, and clarification before the final draft is completed.

Adult Services:
The Adult Services Unit is now fully staffed. This Unit continues to encounter more and more issues with homeless adults and adults with mental health issues which creates other problems because of the slow response time of mental health agencies and the lack of resources for this population. A tremendous amount of time is being dedicated to assisting those adults with mental
health issues that are unable to be independent, unable to manage their own funds, etc. This Unit is attempting to assist Child Welfare with covering Intake and making some contacts as appropriate.

Work First Employment:
This Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to assist with 200% and Emergency Assistance for those eligible. Two of the staff members are currently assisting with screening the Crisis Intervention Program applicants and the other two staff members are currently assisting with covering Intake when needed.

Child Day Care:
The Child Day Care Unit now has one vacancy due to the promotion of a worker to the Supervisor’s position. This Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system dealing with daily issues and updates. The waiting list continues to grow which is a concern for staff, but this Unit continues to monitor the list and occasionally works the list in an attempt to decrease the list by small amounts. Caseloads are being examined to determine the best use of the vacant position.

Program Integrity:
Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. Program Integrity continues to work within NCFAST with issues with regarding data that correctly reflects the actual work of staff. Numbers continue to be reported as incorrect on reports for all counties Live in NCFAST. The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) continues in earnest for the 2019-2020 year. Thus far for the month of November, 134 applications have been processed with 125 approved and 9 denied.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM (SSP) for COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION (CCT):

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the System Safety Program.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Columbus County Public Transportation, System Safety Program (SSP), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: EMERGENCY SERVICES - GRANT FUNDING FROM NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval to receive grant funding from NC Department of Public Safety for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMP), in the amount of nine thousand, three hundred, and 00/100 ($9,300.00) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the funding from NC Department of Public Safety for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMP), in the amount of nine thousand, three hundred, and 00/100 ($9,300.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioned Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

12. Bolton Fire Department – 10% Match to the Assistance Fire Fighters Grant:
Bryant Smith, Chief to Bolton Fire Department, is requesting the County to pay the 10% match to the Assistance Fire Fighters Grant. Bryant Smith will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Deleted after Agenda preparation, and previous to the Board Meeting. (Per: Kay Worley)

12. AGENDA ADD-ON: FINANCE - APPROVAL of REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, Declaring its Intention to Reimburse Said County from the Proceeds of One or More Financings for Certain Capital Expenditures.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE
SAID COUNTY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the “County”), is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to pay the cost of implementing the viper radio system and upgrading the paging system (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the “Board”) has determined that certain moneys advanced and to be advanced by the County to pay such expenditures (the “Expenditures”) are available only for a temporary period and it is and will be necessary to reimburse the County for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more financings of the County in the form of one or more installment financings that are expected to be authorized by the Board (collectively, the “Financings”).

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

Section 1. The Board hereby declares the County’s intent to reimburse the County with the proceeds of the Financings for the Expenditures. The County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Financings.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was or will be (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Financings, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues or (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or an agent of the County so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the County.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the Financings expected to be entered into with respect to the Project is $4,895,137, plus such additional amounts, if any, as shall be determined to be reasonably necessary for the funding or payment of costs of entering into the Financings.

Section 4. The County will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the County that evidences the County’s use of proceeds of the Financings to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The County recognizes that exceptions are available for certain preliminary expenditures, costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by small issuers (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least five years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner James E. Prevatte, seconded by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS )

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

1. A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, located in the State of North Carolina, was duly held December 02, 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 December 02, 2019.

(SEAL)

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

Agenda Item #13: EMERGENCY SERVICES - MOTOROLA PROPOSAL:

Deuce Niven, Chairman of Communications Committee, and Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval to move forward with the Motorola Proposal at the November 18, 2019 Meeting.

Commissioner Burroughs made the following motion:

1. To approve the purchase of the VIPER Radio System with the down payment at execution of the contract, and the remaining due when financing is secured; and
2. The execution of the contract will occur only at such time as the County Attorney and the Finance Director approve as to form.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: SOLID WASTE - CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Harold Nobles, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval of the following Capital Project Ordinance for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Project.

SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION PROJECT CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance is HEREBY ADOPTED:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Project.

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the project

SECTION 3. The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2019-2021.

SECTION 4. The following revenues are appropriated to complete the project as of July 1, 2019.

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SECTION 5. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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SECTION 6: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. She shall keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION 7: Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ATTESTED BY:
/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman  /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Solid Waste Transfer Station Project Capital Project Ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN for COLUMBUS COUNTY:

Edward E. Davis, Director, requested approval to apply for a grant for a Farmland Preservation Plan for Columbus County.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve to apply for a grant for a Farmland Preservation Plan for Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: ADMINISTRATION - HURRICANE MATTHEW HMGP 4285 DEMOLITION of HOUSE:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval of the low bid for demolition of property located at 200 Angelo Circle, Whiteville, NC, from the following Bidders List.

Columbus County HMGP-Matthew
Demolition Bid Tabulation Group #1
Bid Date: November 14, 2019 2:15 P.M.

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<td>2. Jim Walters</td>
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<td>3. Corbett Clearing and Demolition</td>
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I certify that these bids were received by Columbus County at 2:15 P.M. on November 14, 2019. The bids have been checked and verified to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ M. FLOYD ADAMS 11/15/2019

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the low bidder, Corbett Clearing and Demolition, at the cost of twenty-six thousand, seven hundred fifty, and 00/100 ($26,750.00) dollars, for demolition of property located at 200 Angelo Circle, Whiteville, NC, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: FINANCE - RESOLUTION and AGREEMENT for DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS with BB&T and FIRST BANK:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, requested Board approval and adoption of the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with BB&T, and Corporate Authorization Resolutions with First Bank for four (4) Deposit Accounts.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution and Agreement for
Deposit Accounts with BB&T, and Corporate Authorization Resolutions with First Bank for four (4) Deposit Accounts, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. These documents will be marked as Exhibits “A” and “B”, and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to Board’s Office, for review.

Agenda Item #18: NOTICE and RESOLUTION – CANCELLATION of DECEMBER 16, 2019 BOARD MEETING, UNLESS NEEDED:

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution.

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

___ The Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 2nd day of December, 2019, to adopt the following Resolution.

W I T N E S S E T H :

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

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

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 16, 2019, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners’ Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 06, 2020.

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

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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

Agenda Item #19: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

SIGNATORY RESOLUTION
by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County
WHEREAS, at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 2nd day of December, 2019, Commissioner P. Edwin Russ has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Jerome McMillian has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2020.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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

Agenda Item #20: GOVERNING BODY - CORRECTIONS to JUNE 03, 2019 MINUTES:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval of the following corrections to the June 03, 2019 Regular Session Minutes, Pages 139 - 142, at the request of Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director.

CORRECTIONS TO JUNE 03, 2019 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Page 139:

Present:_______________________________________________________________________
Absent:_______________________________________________________________________

Correction:
Present: Chairman Trent Burroughs, Vice Chairman P. Edwin Russ, Commissioners Jerome McMillian, James E. Prevatt, Giles E. Byrd, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.
Absent: -0- 

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Commissioner _____ seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:
AYES: _______
NAYS: ______

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

Correction:
Commissioner Prevattte introduced the following Resolution which was read by title, and moved it be adopted.
AYES: Seven (7)
NAYS: -0-
Commissioner _____ seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:
AYES:_____  
NAYS:_____  

Correction:
Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Seven (7)  
NAYS: -0-

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and have unto affixed the seal of the County as of June 03, 2019.

Correction:
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and have unto affixed the seal of the County as of June 03, 2019.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the corrections to the June 03, 2019 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21:  APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

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

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

At 7:10 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 18, 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 #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - CONTRACT for WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS and IMPROVEMENTS:

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

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

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #24: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

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**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

Property Value
- **Amount:** $933.80
- **Value:** $29,000.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 11-01840 Bill#: 99999
- Release value. SHB in land use 2019. Release Hallboro Fire(17.40) release Columbus Rescue(5.80)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $393.97
- **Value:** $48,940.00 Year: 2019 Account: 03-01350 Bill#: 87206
- Release portion of value. SHB partially exempted. Release Old Dock(39.15) release Columbus Rescue(9.79)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $26.32
- **Value:** $3,270.00 Year: 2019 Account: 06-05681 Bill#: 92793
- Release value of SWMH. Sold to Shirley Suggs in 2017. Release Columbus Rescue(65) release late list(2.70)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $27.69
- **Value:** $4,107.00 Year: 2019 Account: 12-03848 Bill#: 96370
- Release portion of boat value. No motor. Release Evergreen Fire(2.75) release Columbus Rescue(69)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $484.28
- **Value:** $15,040.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 16-07600 Bill#: 99999
- Release portion of value. SHB in land use. Release Cole Service(15.04) release Columbus Rescue(3.00)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $164.22
- **Value:** $10,200.00 Year: 17/18 Account: 05-01332 Bill#: 99999
- Release value. SHB billed to Act#05-04047.

Property Value
- **Amount:** $164.22
- **Value:** $10,200.00 Year: 16/19 Account: 05-01332 Bill#: 99999
- Release value. SHB billed to Act#05-04047. Release Welches Creek(8.16) release Columbus Rescue(2.04)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $863.60
- **Value:** $26,820.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 09-24088 Bill#: 99999
- Release property value. SHB in land use. Release Williams Fire(16.09) release Columbus Rescue(5.36)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $296.24
- **Value:** $9,200.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 03-03167 Bill#: 99999
- Release property value. SHB Billed on 3-01207. Release Nakina Fire(7.36) release Columbus Rescue(1.84)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $1,017.52
- **Value:** $31,600.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 03-00925 Bill#: 99999
- Release property value. Needed to be in Land use 2019. Release Williams Fire(18.96) release Columbus Rescue(6.32)

Property Value
- **Amount:** $124.60
- **Value:** $3,870.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 03-04042 Bill#: 99999
- Release value. Needed to be in Land Use 2019. Release Old Dock(3.09) release Columbus Rescue(7.7)

**Refunds**
- **Amount:** $53.29
McCumbee, billy
PROPE RTY: 00000
Value: $3,090.00  Year: 18-19  Account: 09-05605
Refund years 2017-2018. SWMH was replaced by a DWMH in 2016.
User Fee
Batten, Charles Delane & Tamyka Lynn
PROPE RTY: 86013
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 16-01224
Release user fee. Only 1 can at 1414 Page Mill Rd
User Fee
Batten, Eugene & Patricia
PROPE RTY: 60313
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 13-01558
Release user fee. Only 1 can at 1109 Blackwell Rd
User Fee
Blackman, James Gary & Patricia
PROPE RTY: 6454
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 03-01350
Release user fee. Only 1 can.
User Fee
Buffkin, Jerry & Gloria
PROPE RTY: 78858
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 16-01597
Release user fee. Dbilled.
User Fee
Campbell, Israel Monzelle & Patricia
PROPE RTY: 15059
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 08-05419
Release user fee. No can.
User Fee
Faircloth, James W
PROPE RTY: 13341
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 07-01937
Release user fee. Home burned.
User Fee
Floyd, Thomas Dylon
PROPE RTY: 61521
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 10-05633
Release user fee. Billed to S/W mobile home.
User Fee
Gray, Gloria L. (Heirs)
PROPE RTY: 29017
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 15-16637
Release user fee. Billed on Act#15-05848
User Fee
M & J Investments & Prop
PROPE RTY: 850
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 01-07899
User Fee
Rabon, Grayson
PROPE RTY: 86451
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 13-02259
Release user fee. Can billed to SWMH
User Fee
Rivon, Ignacia Flores
PROPE RTY: 91360
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 14-04843
Release user fee. Vacant house.
User Fee
Ward, Joyce Delores
PROPE RTY: 5906
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 02-01820
Release user fee. Billed on Prop#4717
User Fee
Ward, Sheila W ETAL
PROPE RTY: 5868
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 02-04931
Release user fee. Vacant
User Fee
White, Preston R
PROPE RTY: 8967
Value: $0.00  Year: 2018  Account: 03-29227
Release user fee. Dbilled.
Agenda Item #25: COMMENTS:

Chairman P. Edwin Russ opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

A. Department Manager:

1. Samantha Alsup, County Planner: stated the following:
   - According to John Ganus, as soon as we get the Fair Bluff Motel demolished, there are several other cases for demolition and abatement;
   - 108 Church Road has been issued a Notice of Violation with a deadline date of 12-09-2019;
   - **Big D Recycling**:
     - Through clerical error, the wrong date was used on the Special Use Permit 2018-08 which was September 18, 2018;
     - When I typed the paperwork up in February, 2019, I realized the date needed to be October 16, 2018;
     - Through research and discussion with the County Attorney, there is many facts I did not know, at that time, that needed to be done;
     - I am pushed for time and have many other facets that need to be done; and
     - There are many edits and clarifications that need to be done to the Ordinances that apply to the areas that are affected.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. Commissioner McDowell: stated the following:
   - I would like to congratulate Commissioner Russ and McMillian for being elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman;
   - I would like to thank our previous chairman for all the challenges and hard work you executed as Chairman; and
   - I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas.

2. Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:
   - I would like to congratulate our new Chairman and Vice Chairman;
   - Thank you Commissioner Burroughs for all the hard work and efforts you displayed as the Chairman;
   - I would like to wish everyone an early Merry Christmas and a nice 2020; and
   - I have enjoyed serving Columbus County and I have done the best I could.

3. Commissioner Prevatt: stated the following:
   - I concur with the previous statements congratulating our new Chairman and Vice Chairman;
   - We need to realize Christmas is the Savior’s Season and we need to be aware of all the blessings He has already given you;
   - We need to be thankful for all the blessings we do have;
   - Commissioner Burroughs, I concur with the previous statements that you have gone beyond your duty, and I appreciate what you have done;
   - I congratulate Chairman Russ and Vice Chairman McMillian; and
   - I am glad we have put the radios to rest.

4. Vice Chairman McMillian: stated the following:
   - I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas, and if you travel, please be careful and very aware of your surroundings;
   - It is an honor to serve as a Commissioner, and I will do the best as I can; and
   - On the other little issues, I thank Gail Edwards for her help on those and Mr. McKenzie.

5. Commissioner Burroughs: stated the following:
   - I would like to echo what the other Commissioners have stated about Christmas;
   - We need to remember the reason for the season;
   - I would like to thank everyone for what you guys do to help Columbus County; and
-Several people did a lot of research on how we could pay for the new radio system, and Bobbie would you explain on how this can be done out of existing revenues.

Bobbie replied stating the following:
-We are making our last payment this year on the Detention Center, right at $700,000.00
-We have close to 1% tax increase in our tax revenue every year;
-We allocated $125,000.00 for three (3) years for the Fire Training Center that we are going to build, that money has been reserved and this is the last year to do that; and
-I recommend the items listed, plus a small amount of ad valorem taxes go to the payment.

6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
-I would like to congratulate Chairman Russ and Vice Chairman McMillian, and I look forward to working with you for another year;
-Trent, you have done an excellent job, and you have put a lot into it;
-We have this group called Baptist Men in the Hallsboro area who build ramps, and they have built fifty (50) ramps so far this year;
-The Baptist Men consist of twelve (12) men and work an average of five (5) hours per day, and that will equate to an average of forty (40) hours per week;
-We need to show our appreciation to the Baptist Men for what they are doing to aid our citizens, at the first or second meeting in January; and

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to prepare and present a document of appreciation to the Baptist Men for all of their work with the ramps, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

-As a recommendation for the money needed for the radio system, a small tax could be added to the registered vehicles in Columbus County.

7. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
-Commissioner Burroughs did a great job as Chairman;
-I would like to thank all the fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, First Sergeant in Troop B5 Whiteville Office;
-I appreciate everything that you do and if you need anything, please call Commissioner McMillian; and
-It is good to be back in this seat.

D. **County Attorney (Amanda B. Prince):** stated the following:
-I would like to congratulate the new Chairman and Vice Chairman;
-Thank you for being so accessible; and
-Merry Christmas to all.

**Agenda Item #26:** **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

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

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #27:** **CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:**

No official action was taken.
ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:34 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Russ requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: “The County Commissioners discussed personnel matters with the County Manager. No action was taken”.

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

Agenda Item #28: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Prevat made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board       P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 02, 2019
7:10 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:  
P. Edwin Russ, Chairman  
Jerome McMillian, Vice-Chairman  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Trent Burroughs  
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 7:10 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 18, 2019 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - CONTRACT for WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS and IMPROVEMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II,
III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board  P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 02, 2019
7:10 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:  APPOINTEES PRESENT:
P. Edwin Russ, Chairman  Mike Stephens, County Manager
Jerome McMillian, Vice-Chairman  Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney
James E. Prevatte  June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board
Giles E. Byrd  Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:10 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 18, 2019 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - CONTRACT for WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS and IMPROVEMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II,
III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board     P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 02, 2019
7:10 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:  
P. Edwin Russ, Chairman  
Jerome McMillian, Vice-Chairman  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Trent Burroughs  
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 7:10 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #22:  
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 18, 2019 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23:  
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - CONTRACT for WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS and IMPROVEMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II,
III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board     P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, Chairman
Jerome McMillian, Vice-Chairman
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
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 7:10 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 18, 2019 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - CONTRACT for WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS and IMPROVEMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II,
III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board     P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, Chairman
Jerome McMillian, Vice-Chairman
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
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 7:10 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #22: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 18, 2019 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - CONTRACT for WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS and IMPROVEMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the contract with Green Engineering for Water System Extensions and Improvements for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II,
III, IV and V, at the cost of fifty-eight thousand and $00/100 ($58,000.00) dollars, with no details of locations, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board     P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman