COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, February 17, 2020  
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 third Monday.

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 Board  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3: MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the February 17, 2020 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian.

ADJUSTMENT to AGENDA:

Chairman Russ stated the Agenda needed to be adjusted by adding N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) 3 Attorney-Client Privilege to Closed Session.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to add N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) 3 Attorney-Client Privilege to Closed Session to the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the February 03, 2020 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for Public Input. The policy on Public Address to the Board was orally read by Michael H. Stephens, County Manager. The following spoke.

Billie Jean Whittenton, 400 Harper Avenue, Carolina Beach, NC 28428: stated the following:

-I am not a County resident but animals are near and dear to my heart, and I understand there are many issues at the Columbus County Animal Shelter;  
-Several years ago I adopted two (2) very sick kittens from your shelter;  
-$1,100.00 Dollars later, they were finally considered healthy;  
-I was berated online because I saved the wrong kittens;  
-They had pledges attached to their backs, and  
-There are multiple issues that need to be addressed at the Columbus County Animal Control Shelter inclusive of procedures, personnel and leadership.

Agenda Item #6: COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS SYSTEM - UPDATE:

Dr. Deanne Meadows delivered the following update on the Columbus County Schools System.
1. I am here to discuss a cyber incident that occurred last October, 2019, to our school system;
2. We were hit by a ransomware virus, and that virus encrypted our entire network;
3. We have had thirty (30) people from across the State who have helped recover our rebuild
   during a three (3) week period of time;
4. During the recovery process, we have put out $100,000 approximately, and I am here to ask
   for assistance with this;
5. We will need to replace 5,000 devices to enable our system to function properly; and
6. I have been told the State would assist with this cost if the Board of Commissioners
   submitted a request.

MOTION:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion for the Board to reach out and ask the legislators
to help financially with the Columbus County School System’s ransomware virus, at the estimated
cost of $900,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to appropriate $100,000.00 to the Columbus County
Schools’ Capital Outlay from the Article 44 Tax, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The
motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: TRILLIUM - UPDATE on MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES and
SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Trillium representatives, Veneda Hathaway and Dennis Williams presented the following
update on mental health issues and substance abuse.
1. The Columbus County Regional Health Care’s Emergency Room does great care with the
   mental health and substance abuse people who enter the Emergency Room;
2. This process is not easy to handle;
3. There are complicated needs that need to be handled in some situations;
4. The type of insurance is to be considered, inclusive of what Medicaid will cover, and there
   have been cutbacks in Medicaid and Medicare coverage;
5. The care to be delivered depends on the issues that are presented;
6. In some instances, there have been several weeks for them to reach out for outside help; and
7. We do have a call center to file a complaint.

Agenda Item #8: SHERIFF - THREE (3) DIGIT SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE:

Tracy Ward, Sheriff Deputy, presented the following information on a Three (3) Digit
Suicide Prevention Hotline.
1. What information that I have given to you is a proposal from the National Suicide webpage;
2. I am representing a group of individuals who have been overlooked and unheard;
3. The loss to the families and the loss of the individuals is called the “silent epidemic”;
4. The reason I am here tonight is to ask the County Commissioners to show for a speedy
   introduction to the 988 Number which is the proposal that I presented to you;
5. I know it is not going to be this County board that does it, but we have got a great
   representative, and he will make sure our voice is heard;
6. I have spoken to our representative about this, and this is very near and dear to my heart;
7. I have dealt with this on a personal level and a professional level;
8. Suicide rates have increased over the years;
9. The individuals need an easier way to call for help, and three (3) digits will be easier and
   utilized more; and
10. I am requesting that this Board send a Resolution of Support for the 988 Number to FCC
    and the delegation to speed this process up, on behalf of the ones in need.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to send a Resolution of Support for the 988 Number
to the FCC, our representatives and senator, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion
unanimously passed.

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

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following Monthly
Administrative Update.

On January 9, 2020 I attended the Director’s Executive Board meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. During the meeting, we were informed by representatives from the Division of Aging and Adult Services that the state would be transferring guardianship of hundreds of individuals to local DSS agencies across the state. These individuals are being served under contract with six guardianship corporations. The division is planning to transfer these cases to local DSS agencies as of July 1, 2020. At this point we do not know how many individuals will be transferred to each county. We were told that the funding that is being used currently to pay for those services will also come to the county. The state will be working with the Director’s Association to make this transition as easy as possible. During this discussion concerns were raised by directors about the increased workload on adult services staff, as these cases require a lot of attention and could increase travel depending on the location of the facility.

We also received an update on Medicaid Managed Care. At this point the state is continuing to meet with the hospital association and doctors in an effort to get them to contract with Managed Care once a budget is passed. They are working on the concerns with Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation and are gathering information on reimbursement rates across the state. The Division of Health Benefits is confident that Medicaid Transformation will happen at some point in the future.

Lastly, we were informed that the lack of funds due to the state budget not being passed will slow down some of the projects started in NC FAST. There are no new projects being started and contract staff have been reduced. There will be slower response times from the help desk, training teams, and readiness teams to county staff issues. This is concerning to the Director’s Association as we often need help when the system is not working for case workers trying to process applications and recertify benefits for our citizens. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

On January 10, 2020 we received our final compliance letter for our Subsidized Child Care monitoring November 5-6, 2019. The staff has begun to make the corrections sited. Our compliance score was 96% and the state requires 95%. Therefore, we remain in compliance as we have in years past. This unit continues to work through the NC FAST issues with incorrect payments.

As of January 30, 2020 we have expended all of our Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds. We have requested some additional funds from the state, but have not heard if there are additional funds at this point.

### January 2020

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| Work First Employment (TANF) | Applications Taken: 18  
| | Applications Approved: 19  
| | Individuals Receiving Benefits: 240  
| | Entered Employments: 1  
| | Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 1  
| Program Integrity | Collections for Fraud: $3,068.00  
| | New Referrals: 4  
| | Cases Established: 0  
| Day Care | Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 377  
| | Children on the Waiting List: 397  
| | Amount Spent on Day Care Services: $173,312.40  

**January 2020**

**Economic Services**

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| Applications Taken: 180  
| Applications Approved: 198  
| Active Cases: 5,298  
| Benefits Issued: $1,187,192.00  
| Participants Served: 10,958  
| **Adult Medicaid** |  
| Applications Taken: 156  
| Cases Terminated: 72  
| Redeterminations: 386  
| Applications Processed: 161  
| **Family & Children’s Medicaid** |  
| Applications Taken: 203  
| Applications Processed: 161  
| Redeterminations: 528  
| Total Medicaid Cases: 13,591  
| Total Individuals Receiving: 17,869  
| **Child Support** |  
| Absent Parents Located: 52  
| Orders Enforced: 1124  
| Active Cases: 3,882  
| Collections: $412,417.00  

**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: **January 2020**

**News/Updates/Vacancies**

**Food and Nutrition:**
This Team continues to be consistently busy with applications and recertifications. We have been notified we will be Monitored by the State, Onsite in February which will include the Monitor reviewing 85 Food and Nutrition cases for the 3 days she will be onsite. Prior to her coming she chooses the Director, the Civil Rights Officer, a Food and Nutrition Supervisor, a Front Desk Staff, 2 Food and Nutrition Workers, a Program Integrity Worker and 3 Community Partners to interview for processes that we are required to be completing according to USDA guidelines in the Intake/processing and recertification process. While the Monitor is onsite she will also be observing from the lobby of how clients are treated, how long they have to wait to be seen, the programs they applied for or were referred to and to make sure all posters about Food and Nutrition, National Voting Rights and Civil Rights posters are up in the lobby and in the areas where applications are taken. And this is only the Food and Nutrition piece of it; she will also review Program Integrity and the Energy Programs who are supervised by Melinda Lane, Program Manager. Her review will consist of the time period of January 2019 through December 2019. During this 12-month period, both the application and the recertification Teams met their 95% timeliness rate of getting applications and recertifications completed. Currently this Team is fully staffed but have 4 workers that have been on the Team for 9 months or less.

**Adult and Family & Children’s Medicaid:**
The Adult Team struggles to keep staff. The complexity of the program due to all of the reserves, income, and disability requirements that have to be verified really gets stressful for workers. The Family
and Children’s Team has policies that only deal with the income of a client; rarely do they have cases that they have to work deductibles. The Adult Team has 1 vacancy; has a new worker coming February 10th and 2 new workers that have been here for 2 months. The Family and Children’s Team is fully staffed. These Adult vacancies causes the work to be put on the workers that are here and they are getting very discouraged.

Child Support and Paralegal:
It is the time of year when absent parents get their tax refunds intercepted by Child Support to collect payments that they have gotten behind on. This causes workers to get more frustrated calls from that absent parent not understanding that it has been intercepted to pay because they would not during the time they should have been paying. We are failing our State goals in collections however hopefully this interception of their taxes will help us meet that goal. The Child Support Team prepared 289 cases for 2 days of court in January. Our paralegal prepared 205 Orders and reviewed 23 Orders from the Attorney. This Team is fully staffed with 2 in training.

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and Housekeeping/Deputy:
WorkFirst/Cash continues to meet process and review all their work in a timely manner.

Medicaid Transportation has increased in the number of clients needing transportation which keeps our coordinator very busy at making these referrals to our 2 Transportation Vendors.

The work of our Maintenance, Housekeeping, Deputy and Interpreter continues to be busier with the implementation of taking applications for our Energy Programs.

NOTE: All workers across the State of North Carolina have to comply by the same regulations and complete the same work no matter what county they are in. Some counties are set up differently, meaning some counties have workers completing a particular case from beginning to end. Columbus and other counties are broken apart where 1 worker completes the Intake/processing of the application and then passes it to another worker for the recertification. In my opinion, our set up has less room for error or fraud when another worker has to review the case after the initial approval. The average caseload is usually about the same across the State no matter the size of the county. In Economic Services each worker’s salary is refunded to the county at certain percentages according to the program they are working in.
preparation for future regionalization which is supposed to provide more consultation, support, and technical assistance from the Child Welfare consultant. A new consultant, Daphine Little, has been assigned to Columbus County. Due to budget constraints and a need for significant changes across the state, there is currently a pause in further development and implementation of P4 (Child Welfare) into NCFAST.

**Transitional Unit:**

The Transitional unit continues to have three vacancies. However, interviews have been completed and recommendations made for three new workers who should begin in February. 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. DHHS has developed a regional support plan in preparation for future regionalization which is supposed to provide more consultation, support, and technical assistance from the Child Welfare consultant. A new consultant, Daphine Little, has been assigned to Columbus County. Due to budget constraints and a need for significant changes across the state, there is currently a pause in further development and implementation of P4 (Child Welfare) into NCFAST.

**Adult Services:**

The Adult Services Unit continues to be 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.

**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 assisting when needed 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 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 regarding data that does not always correctly reflects the actual work of staff. For the month of January, 39 applications were processed for the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) with 33 approved and 6 denied. And 587 applications were processed for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) with 496 approved and 91 denied. Funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) was exhausted at the end of January. However, additional funds have been requested. Program Integrity, along with CIP and LIEAP, will be going through a state monitoring in February.

**Agenda Item #10: PLANNING - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Samantha Alsup, Planning Director, delivered the following departmental update.

**Special Use Permits:**

9 SUP’s were granted in 2019 consisting of 2 cell towers
1 Storage/salvage yard
2 MHP expansions
1 Solar Farm
2 Sand mines
1 Marl mine

**Floodplain Management:**

Permit Applications - 49 (doesn’t count floodplain determination letters)
SD Properties - 69
CAV Properties - 14 (7 left to bring into compliance)

**Inspections/Verifications/Reviews:**

Mobile Home Parks - 69 (21 with violations) (31 with no violations) (17 more to be inspected)
Subdivision approvals - Exempted 150
Zoning Letters - 31
Major 0

2019 Revenues (zoning verification letters, plat review, SUP fees, MHP fees):
- Special Use Permits - $4,000
- Plat Review - $1,655
- Verification Letter - $280
- MHP Fees - $3,916 (some have not paid their 2019 dues yet)

Land Use Planning Training:
- Chapter 160D Workshop
- 2019 Mid-Winter Workshop (NCAZO)

Accomplishments:
- May 07, 2019 - Received the Coordinator’s Award form the NC Division of Emergency Management from Dan Brubaker and Michael Sprayberry

John will present his code enforcement report in March.

Agenda Item #11: LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for the SUBMISSION of a LETTER of INTENT on the TRANSFER of the CAPE FEAR LOCKS and DAMS by the FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION:

Commissioner Trent Burroughs requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support for the Submission of a Letter of Intent on the Transfer of the Cape Fear Locks and Dams by the Fayetteville Public works Commission.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has recently completed the Cape Fear River Locks And Dams Bladen County, North Carolina Section 216 Disposition Study Draft Integrated Report And Environmental Assessment and submitted it for its final public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear River Locks And Dams Bladen County, North Carolina Section 216 Disposition Study Draft Integrated Report And Environmental Assessment indicates that the Cape Fear Locks and Dams are no longer needed for commercial navigation; and

WHEREAS, the report developed three options related to the Locks and Dams including the Corps retaining ownership with limited maintenance, removal of the Locks and Dams, or transfer to an interested third party; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority and the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority both have raw water intakes located upstream of Lock and Dam No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the raw water intakes for both utilities rely on the pool of water created by the height of Lock and Dam No.1 and the short term and long term raw water supply would be adversely impacted by any changes to Lock and Dam No. 1; and

WHEREAS, there are no reasonable alternatives that would be able to supply the 106 million gallons per day (mgd) of raw water to the water treatment plants in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties that rely on the intake structures located upstream of Lock and Dam No. 1; and

WHEREAS, approximately 500,000 residents and visitors rely of the potable water from the treatment plants located in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties and the public health of those residents and visitors would be adversely impacted if the raw water supply was adversely impacted in some manner; and
WHEREAS, Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority must take all steps necessary to protect its water supply in the Cape Fear River and it has determined that transfer of the Locks and Dams to a third party is in the Authority’s best interest toward the goal of protecting its water supply in the Cape Fear River; and

WHEREAS, the NC DEQ has expressed an interest in acquiring the Locks and Dams from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers but has indicated that water supply would not be their top priority in operating the Locks and Dams but would be equal to other potential uses in the river; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority believes that the operator of Lock and Dam No. 1 should have potable water supply as its first priority due to protection of the public health of the resident and visitors in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has indicated they desire to transfer all of the Locks and Dams to one entity; and

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville PWC has expressed a willingness to be the lead agency in dealing with the transfer of all three Locks and Dams in the Cape Fear River with the understanding that if successful in acquiring the Locks and Dams in the Cape Fear River that they would immediately transfer Lock and Dam No. 1 to the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby express their support of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to submit a nonbinding Letter of Support to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to be included in the Cape Fear River Locks And Dams Bladen County, North Carolina Section 216 Disposition Study Draft Integrated Report And Environmental Assessment. The Chairman and Board of Directors also express their appreciation to the Fayetteville Public Works Commission Board and their staff for their willingness to take the lead in this very important issue to protect public water supply in the southeastern region of the State of North Carolina.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners will work with whatever entity acquires the locks and dams to prioritize and protect the public water supply in the southeastern region of the State of North Carolina.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman /s/ JEROME McMILLIAN, Vice Chairman
/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE /s/ GILES E. BYRD
/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS /s/ RICKY BULLARD
/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board /s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Manager /s/ AMANDA B. PRINCE, Attorney

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for the Submission of a Letter of Intent on the Transfer of the Cape Fear Locks and Dams by the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - RESOLUTIONS (2) for BB&T:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the following two (2) Resolutions for the financing of the VIPER radio system and paging upgrades, and the vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department.

Resolution Approving Financing Terms

WHEREAS, Columbus County, NC (“Borrower”) has previously determined to undertake a project for the financing of a Viper radio and paging system (the “Project”), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borrower hereby determines to finance the Project through Truist Bank (“Lender”) in accordance with the proposal dated January 29, 2020. The amount financed shall not exceed $4,519,690.00, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax stratus) shall not exceed 1.89%, and the financing term shall not exceed five (5) years from closing.

2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the “Financing Documents”) shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the Borrower are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer’s satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer’s release of any Financing Documents for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer’s final approval of the Document’s final form.

4. The Borrower shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations.

5. The County intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the Borrower’s official intent to reimburse expenditures for the Project that are to be financed from the proceeds of the Lender financing described above. The Borrower intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the Borrower’s general fund, or any other Borrower’s fund related to the Project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of Borrower officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 17th day of February, 2020.

By: P. EDWIN RUSS
Title: Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners
(SEAL)

Resolution Approving Financing Terms

WHEREAS, Columbus County, NC (“Borrower”) has previously determined to undertake a project for the financing of vehicles (the “Project”), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borrower hereby determines to finance the Project through Truist Bank (“Lender”) in accordance with the proposal dated January 10, 2020. The amount financed shall not exceed $333,483.00, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax stratus) shall not exceed 1.97%, and the financing term shall not exceed three (3) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the “Financing Documents”) shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the Borrower are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer’s satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer’s release of any Financing Documents for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer’s final approval of the Document’s final form.

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Approved this 17th day of February, 2020.

By: P. EDWIN RUSS
By: BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH
Title: Chairman
Title: Finance Officer
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the foregoing two (2) Resolutions approving Financing Terms, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: FINANCE - RESOLUTION (1) for VIPER RADIO SYSTEM and PAGING UPGRADES:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the Resolution Authorizing the filing of the application for approval of financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute §160A-20.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus, North Carolina desires to enter into an Installment Purchase agreement with Truist Bank (the "Lender" formerly known as BBT) for a term of 5 years with an interest rate of 1.89% to finance the VIPER Radio system and upgrades to the paging system (the "Project") to better serve the citizens of Columbus County; and
WHEREAS, The County of Columbus desires to finance the Project by the use of an installment contract authorized under North Carolina General Statute 160A, Article 3, Section 20; and

WHEREAS, findings of fact by this governing body must be presented to enable the North Carolina 'Local Government Commission to make its findings of fact set forth in North Carolina General Statute 159, Article 8, Section 151 prior to approval of the proposed contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus, North Carolina, meeting in regular session on the 17th day of February, 2020, make the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed contract is expedient because it allows for the County to move forward with the project in order to be ready if another disaster should strike in the near future.

2. The proposed contract is preferable to a bond issue for the same purpose because (i) The County would have to increase the Ad Valorem Taxes in the amount of 15 cents on the 100th of property value and currently the County has one of the highest tax values within the State of North Carolina. (ii) The current interest rate of the installment financing is lower than what can prudently be received from a non-voted bond and the closing is costing the County nothing compared to the cost of issuing the non-voted bonds.

3. The sums to fall due under the contract are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose because the financing will be negotiated with a qualified financial institution.

4. The County of Columbus' debt management procedures and policies are good because the general fund current debt ratio is less than 3% of the allowed 8% of total assessed value of taxable property and the County maintains a low debt ratio to insure continuing operations. The annual budget appropriates the necessary debt payment in the current year as required by the NC General Statute 159-13 and has appropriated the necessary debt payments in prior years.

6. The County of Columbus is not in default in any of its debt service obligations.

8. The attorney for the County of Columbus has rendered an opinion that the proposed Project is authorized by law and is a purpose for which public funds may be expended pursuant to the Constitution and laws of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County of Columbus in filing an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the Project and the proposed financing contract and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 17th day of February 2020.

The motion to adopt this resolution was made by Commission McDowell, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian and passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

(SEAL) /s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk

This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. N/A. Adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of February, 2020.

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk DATE: February 17, 2020

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.
Agenda Item #14: APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Chairman Russ appointed Norman Wayne Roberts, 328 Water Tank Road, Delco, NC 28436, Telephone: (910) 317-1559, to the Columbus County Planning Board, to replace Rosemary Dorsey who resigned, for a period of three (3) years, with term expiring 02-17-2023.

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

At 7:37 P.M., Commissioner McDowell 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 Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2020 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for JANUARY, 2020:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for the January, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

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

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENT SYSTEM:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for an Automated Telephone Payment System.

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 7:44 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, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

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### Tax Refunds and Releases

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- **Benton, Mary Catherine**
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- **Anders, Demtri O.**
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- **Blackwell, Juanita**
  - Property: 88582
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  - Year: 2019
  - Account: 06-03936
  - Bill#: 87368
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  - Release value. D/W burned. Release Yam City(38.30) release Columbus Rescue(7.66)

- **Buffkin, Jonathan Matthew**
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  - Year: 2019
  - Account: 13-03143
  - Bill#: 89576
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  - Release value of boat. Sold 2015 in SC. Release Roseland Fire(4.23) release Columbus Rescue(1.06) release late list(4.79)

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Release value of boat. Sold 2017. Release Cole Service Fire(10.29) release Columbus Rescue(2.06)
Property Value

Lembecke Albert(Heirs) & Brenda  PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $24.15
Value: $3,000.00  Year: 2019  Account: 11-15444  Bill#: 10454
Release value of single wide. Sold to James David Keith in 2018. Release Hallsboro Fire(1.80) release Columbus Rescue(.60)

Lott, Dorothy Lee Johnson  PROPERTY: 96132  Total: $626.55
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 13-05740  Bill#: 11839
Release portion per N Hughes

Lovett, Kelly Fowler & Jonathan Mark  PROPERTY: 10759  Total: $25.84
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 06-01630  Bill#: 11897
Release discount billed in error. Release Yam City(18.48) release Columbus Rescue(7.36)

Pegese James W  PROPERTY: 25272  Total: $1,321.50
Value: $17,200.00  Year: 14-18  Account: 13-32360  Bill#: 99999

Scheer, Jordan Michael  PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $50.24
Value: $3,090.00  Year: 18-19  Account: 01-02253  Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Sold in 2017. Release Williams Fire(3.74) release Whiteville Rescue(1.5) release late list(5.52)

Soles, Clyde John  PROPERTY: 13604  Total: $51.37
Value: $33,000.00  Year: 2019  Account: 07-02523  Bill#: 26046

Spaulding, Lydia Lovette  PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $1,588.47
Value: $1,000.00  Year: 11-19  Account: 08-01519  Bill#: 99999
Release value of single wide. No mobile home on property in 10 years. Release East Columbus(3.20) release Columbus Rescue(2.49) release late list(10.70)

Stanley, Herbert C & Iola  PROPERTY: 16914  Total: $176.30
Value: $21,900.00  Year: 2017  Account: 09-28900  Bill#: 89380

Stanley, Lisa Fisher  PROPERTY: 1618  Total: $86.71
Value: $2,620.00  Year: 16-19  Account: 01-04962  Bill#: 99999
Release value. Billed in error deeded back to original parcel. Release Klondyke Fire(1.83) release columbus rescue(.52)

Gore, Trevor  PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $0.00
Value: $0.00  Year: 2018  Account: 12-01442  Bill#: 11116
Refund amount paid in error and applies to this account by mistake.

Hobbs, Tommy S & Marcia C  PROPERTY: 29983  Total: $0.00
Value: $0.00  Year: 2018  Account: 16-03330  Bill#: 12557
Refund user fee.

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Refund user fee.

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Refund user fee.
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Adams, Robert E
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Vacant

PROPERTY: 00000
Account: 05-00021
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User Fee
Baltazar Manuela & Celso
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Unliveable

PROPERTY: 8445
Account: 03-05250
Amount: $0.00
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Bill#: 85291

User Fee
Barron, Lisa
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 6468
Account: 3-04049
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Bill#: 85771

User Fee
Battle, Shirley A Williams
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee.

PROPERTY: 88257
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User Fee
Benton William Taft
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Dbilled.

PROPERTY: 75461
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User Fee
Boone, Delbert O'Neil & Linda
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Vacant land

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Buffkin, Adam Walton ETAL
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Can billed on Act#06-04316

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User Fee
C & E Farms Southeast LLC
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
Release user fee. Vacant land.

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Bill#: 90502

User Fee
Cartrette, Virginia
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Release user fee. Dbilled.

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Release user fees. Vacant

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Release user fee. Dbl listed.

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Bill#: 93734

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Release user fee. Can billed to Act#13-00428

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Value: $0.00 Year: 2019
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**Property Description**

- Hobbs, Tommy S & Marcia C: Property 29983, Total: $200.00
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**Vendor Fees**

- Value: $0.00
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**Release User Fees**

- Hobbs, Tommy S & Marcia C: Vacant
- Huffman, Bill: Vacant
- Inman, William Milton: Double listed.
- Jaimes Apolinar Pantaleon ETAL: Dbilled.
- Jones, Victor: House not liveable.
- Lawson, Matthew H. & Leona V: Dlisted.
- Lennon, Donna: Unliveable
- Locklear, Roy Timothy & Deborah: Vacant
- Lovett, Kelly Fowler & Jonathan Mark: Vacant
- Meares, Carson Lee & Gloria: Billed to Single wide.
- Merritt Frances Faye Fipps: Error on previous year.
Old Zion Wesleyan Church
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 07-50020
Release user fee. Uses a commercial dumpster.

User Fee
Value: $0.00 Year: 17-18 Account: 03-05034
Release user fees. House not liveable.

Sarvis, Allen & Tonyua
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 03-20947
Release user fee.

Sellers, Shirley Guyton
PROPERTY: 7912
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 03-05034
Release user fees. Paid on land account.

Shelley Tommy A
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Release user fee. Billed to single wide.

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PROPERTY: 18239
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Release user fee. Billed on Act#10-04961

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PROPERTY: 17607
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 10-03045
Release user fee. Billed on Act#10-04961

Simmons, Betty Lue
PROPERTY: 94566
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 07-14445
Release value to offset payment made. House was torn down.

Simmons, Rodney Dean
PROPERTY: 93559
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 03-05452
Release user fee. Home unliveable.

Smith, Michael
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 06-04712
Release user fee.

Town of Tabor City
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 06-50230
Release user fee. Tabor City exempt from trash can.

Turberville, Sammie & Monnie C
PROPERTY: 15642
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 09-30840
Release user fee. Billed on Act#09-06240 with Single wide

Vereen, John & Ernest
PROPERTY: 18375
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 10-17660
Release user fee.

Waddell, Earl
PROPERTY: 29593
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Release user fee Triple Billed.

Ward, Charles John & Wanda
PROPERTY: 8228
Value: $0.00 Year: 18-19 Account: 03-26120
Release user fee. Dbilled.

Ward, Gregory Milton & Aneshia
PROPERTY: 87929
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 09-03316
Release user fee. Dbilled.

User Fee
Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. Commissioner Byrd: stated we need to prioritize our needs for the County in our planning process, with emphasis on the schools.

2. Commissioner McDowell: stated the following:
   - We do need to meet with our three (3) school systems before our Board Retreat; and
   - We could have two (2) meetings in one night and then one (1) meeting.

3. Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:
   - How is the sound-proof system working at the Courthouse?; and
   - The Dog Pound has been a very touchy issue this past week; and
   - The Sheriff states he will be glad to take over the Dog Pound.

4. Vice Chairman McMillian: stated the following:
   - I would like for this Board to consider a good raise for the County employees; and
   - I have talked to Ms. Gail Edwards relative to getting the ditches cleaned out and NC D.O.T. has stated it would be May or June.

5. Chairman Russ: stated the following:
   - The Board of Elections needs updated maps of the Commissioners’ districts; and
   - I attended a funeral service for Ronald Freeman on Sunday and a multitude of people attended this service.

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

At 8:08 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular and enter into Closed Session in accordance with § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:53 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.
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 attending the Order to Show Cause with the County Attorney, discussed Martin -versus- High with the County Attorney, and discussed personnel issues with the County Manager, the Finance Director and the Clerk to the Board. No action was taken”.

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:54 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioners Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the 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 7:37 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2020 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 February 03, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, with the additional page that was not copied and included, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for JANUARY, 2020:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the January, 2020 monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for January, 2020, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENT SYSTEM:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for an Automated Telephone Payment System.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the automated telephone payment system, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:44 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner 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, February 17, 2020
7:37 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2020 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 February 03, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, with the additional page that was not copied and included, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for JANUARY, 2020:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the January, 2020 monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for January, 2020, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENT SYSTEM:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for an Automated Telephone Payment System.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the automated telephone payment system, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:44 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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 7:37 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 #15:  COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:  

February 03, 2020 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 February 03, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, with the additional page that was not copied and included, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.  

Agenda Item #16:  COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for JANUARY, 2020:  

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the January, 2020 monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.  

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for January, 2020, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENT SYSTEM:

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the automated telephone payment system, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:44 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner 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, February 17, 2020
7:37 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:  
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 7:37 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 #15:  
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2020 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 February 03, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, with the additional page that was not copied and included, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16:  
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for JANUARY, 2020:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the January, 2020 monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for January, 2020, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17:  **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENT SYSTEM:**

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the automated telephone payment system, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:44 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner 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
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Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:37 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2020 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 February 03, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, with the additional page that was not copied and included, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for JANUARY, 2020:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the January, 2020 monthly billing adjustments for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

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Agenda Item #17: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENT SYSTEM:**

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**APPROVED:**

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