The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose of conducting the regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2020, 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 May 18, 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.

Agenda Item #4: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie delivered the following Monthly Administrative Update.

During the month of April, we have been participating in daily Covid-19 planning calls. We have also been in contact with the health department to get direction on employee safety measures.

In an effort to comply with the Governors Executive Order and to protect the citizens and agency employees, DSS began a staggered work schedule to reduce the number of employees in our building at one time. The front foyer area is open for citizens to pick up applications for our various programs. We continue to encourage individuals to apply on-line. We have seen a massive increase in the number of Food & Nutrition Applications during the month of April. In fact, we have received 566 applications compared to 144 in March. Therefore, staff have been pulled from Medicaid and Work First to assist with phone interviews in an effort to get them processed as timely as possible. Employees are staying after hours to try and get the work done.

Our Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services Workers are only making required initial face-to-face contacts by the state. All other visits are conducted by phone, facetime, or skype.

The Department of Health and Human Services, (DHHS) has held several webinars and statewide calls this past month to provide directors and staff information on program changes due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Some of the changes are listed below;

-Recertification for Medicaid and Food & Nutrition benefits have been extended for 6 months to 12 months.

-Food & Nutrition recipients were approved to receive additional benefits if they are not currently receiving the maximum allotment for their household size. The benefits will automatically be loaded on their EBT cards.

-DHHS received approval from USDA to provide a Pandemic EBT Card to families not currently receiving Food & Nutrition in NC, whose children receive or are eligible to receive free or reduced lunch. Families who are currently receiving Food & Nutrition Benefits will also receive additional Pandemic Benefits for each child in their household under 18 years old. The amount received will be based on the number of children and the cards mailed out by the state card vendor.

We received some mask, gloves, wipes, gowns, and hand sanitizer from our local Emergency
Management, and Maintenance Department. DHHS also sent us one gallon of liquid hand sanitizer, these PPE’s are being used as needed to keep staff as safe as possible, as they continue to serve the citizens of our county.

Lastly, I have been fortunate to be employed with the Columbus County Department of Social Services for 29 years as of April 1, 2020.

**April 2020 Human Services**

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| **Adult Services (APS)**       | APS Reports Accepted: 10  
  County Wards: 24  
  Number of Payee Cases: 14  
  Adults Served APS: 3  
  Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,945  
  Amount Requested for Reimbursement: $33,733.80 |
| **Children’s Protective Services (CPS)** | Reports Accepted: 18  
  Reports Screened out: 11  
  Families Receiving In-Home Services: 67  
  Children Served: 126  
  Contacts with Families Monthly: 456  
  Assessments: 14 |
| **Foster Care**                | Foster Children in Foster Homes: 67  
  Children Placed Outside County: 15  
  Agency Adoptions: 0  
  Pending Adoptions: 2  
  Total Foster Homes Licensed: 6  
  Total Children in Foster Care: 69 |
| **Work First Employment (TANF)** | Applications Taken: 11  
  Applications Approved: 7  
  Individuals Receiving Benefits: 223  
  Entered Employments: 0  
  Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 0 |
| **Program Integrity**          | Collections for Fraud: $9,584.00  
  New Referrals: 6  
  Cases Established: 5 |
| **Day Care**                   | Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 437  
  Children on the Waiting List: 345  
  Amount Spent on Day Care Services: $198,615.83 |

**April 2020 Economic Services**

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| **Food & Nutrition**           | Applications Taken: 566  
  Applications Approved: 303  
  Active Cases: 5,528  
  Benefits Issued: $2,567,233.00  
  Participants Served: 11,359 |
| **Adult Medicaid**             | Applications Taken: 78  
  Cases Terminated: 13  
  Redeterminations: 56  
  Applications Processed: 139 |
| **Family & Children’s Medicaid** | Applications Taken: 149  
  Applications Processed: 124  
  Redeterminations: 216  
  Total Medicaid Cases: 13,630  
  Total Individuals Receiving: 20,344 |
**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:** April 2020

**News/Updates/Vacancies**

**Adult and Family & Children’s Medicaid:**

The State has extended certification periods that are due for May again during this pandemic emergency time. The only cases the review workers are having to work are the Family Planning Program cases that could have a change and be eligible for full Medicaid. During this time, the Stimulus payments and the Pandemic unemployment benefits are excluded from the client’s income and reserves for Medicaid. Medicaid workers are helping key applications in NCFAST and call for questions with the overflow of applications from the Food and Nutrition Team. The majority of Food and Nutrition applications we are receiving are coming through the mail or the drop box outside of DSS and these must be keyed into NCFAST within 3 days. The State also sent out letters to all clients providing information about getting care during the COVID-19 emergency and to let them know their Medicaid will continue during this time and that 90-day supplies are available for most prescriptions. The letter also encouraged clients to use telehealth as a way to receive services and the letter gave them a Triage Plus Helpline and the Medicaid Contact Center line for them to call with questions.

**Food and Nutrition:**

This Team has been “swamped” with applications. We received 566 applications for the month of April and the average number of applications in a month’s time for 2019 was 167. With other Teams helping and with some of the waivers received from the State during the pandemic, we have managed to keep these applications reasonably timely. North Carolina also received approval for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program to help more families purchase food during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program provides a benefit on an EBT card to families whose children have access to free and reduced lunches at school not only to those families receiving Food and Nutrition benefits but also to those that do not receive benefits. Columbus County has 8,391 children that will receive these benefits. Stimulus payments are not counted as income for FNS but will be looked at as a resource 12 months following receipt of the payment. The Pandemic Unemployment assistance is countable income to FNS households.

**Child Support and Paralegal:**

Child Support is still not having any court days due to COVID-19. Workers are having to work reports that show when a client has been laid off/lost their job and receive unemployment benefits. They get a report of cases that have wage withholding and the absent parent is no longer working. These cases are recorded once that a/p files for unemployment so the case will then start collecting the Child Support from their unemployment benefits which will only be 25% of their check. Income tax refunds and Stimulus Payments are being intercepted for child support cases that are delinquent. In order to be intercepted the absent parent must be at least $500.00 delinquent in all their child support cases. If an absent parent is married again and filed jointly the whole stimulus check could be intercepted however, the spouse that is not responsible can file an “injured spouse form” with the IRS in order to get their money released. The custodial parent will not receive that intercepted stimulus check until approximately 6 months later due to allowing for any appeals or filing of injured spouse forms.

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

- Work First Cash has not had an increase in applications yet. Current Work First participants will automatically get benefits during the crisis beginning March 2020. Cases are not being terminated for several mandated requirements during the COVID-19 emergency even if their time limit to receive these benefits are up. Stimulus payments are not countable income in Work First but will be counted as a resource 12 months following receipt of the payment. Pandemic unemployment is not counted as income however their regular unemployment will be countable income.

- Our Interpreter has been helping with the Energy Program and with the Food and Nutrition applications while not interpreting.

- Our Deputy remains in the lobby where all applications for programs are on a table for clients to enter in the foyer and pick up.
Housekeeping and Maintenance are on a staggered schedule to keep the building clean.

**HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT**

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager

**Vacancies/Updates/News for April 2020**

**Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit now has one vacancy due to a social worker leaving at the end of April. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times. Referrals have greatly decreased as it appears they have across the state. Hopefully this is a positive thing and not due to any other consequences.

**In-Home Services:**

The In-Home Services Unit continues to have one vacancy. This position will have to be re-advertised when hiring is allowed. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times.

**Foster Care:**

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be fully staffed. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times. However, the state has made some allowances regarding utilizing Facetime, video chats, etc. with those cases that are stable and with parent visitation.

**Transitional Unit:**

The Transitional unit continues to be fully staffed. Staff are working caseloads while completing as much mandatory first year training as they can with what has been made available on-line by the state. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times.

**Adult Services:**

The Adult Services Unit continues to be short-staffed due a social worker being on medical leave. The time of this worker’s return is unsure at this time. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, adult services, particularly adult protective services, are mandated and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety of the elderly and disabled, along with their families and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with clients and their families, but are utilizing safety precautions at all times.

**Work First Employment:**

This Unit now continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies. The state has updated the TANF State Plan to allow telephone interviews for Work First applications, recertification’s, short-term services and benefits. Certain necessary application documentation can be mailed to individuals that wish to apply and when received back the worker can conduct telephone interviews to complete that application. Some application information is also being provided for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency.

**Child Day Care:**

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies. Day Care services are continuing to be provided and the state is working with county agencies and day cares to help them stay open as much as possible while providing a safe environment for children. DSS staff continue to work with families to ensure their services stay in place while limiting contact to the telephone as much as possible.

**Program Integrity:**

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. COVID-19 has affected this unit by limiting office visits and encouraging telephone contact. Repayment agreements are being relaxed to help clients during this time.
Although electric companies have relaxed disconnections and the Governor has now ordered that public utilities not be disconnected, we continue to assist families, when they are eligible, with their cooling needs when they have received a late notice. This will help prevent many families from getting into a situation that is worse over time as charges accumulate. We are providing applications and information for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency and conducting telephone interviews to help determine eligibility.

The state has recently notified counties that there may be some additional funding for Low Income Energy Assistance Program clients due to money still being available in some counties. The state is looking at how this will be distributed and processed.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the Social Services Monthly Administrative Update, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #5: **HUMAN RESOURCES - AMEND POLICY #710, TRAVEL and TRAINING:**

Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, requested Board approval to amend Policy #710, to include County Manager have the authority to change any parts of this policy when deemed necessary, of the Columbus County Personnel Manual. The existing SCOPE reads as follows:

**SCOPE:** This policy includes procedures for determining the circumstances under which employees may incur travel and training expenses, the type and class or transportation to be used, travel rules to follow and procedures for obtaining advances and reimbursements.

**Amendment Policy #710 Travel and Training**

**SCOPE:** This policy includes procedures for determining the circumstances under which employees and Commissioners may incur travel and training expenses, the type and class or transportation to be used, travel rules to follow and procedures for obtaining advances and reimbursements. The County Manager have the authority to change any parts of this policy when deemed necessary.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Amendment to Policy #710 Travel and Training, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #6: **ADMINISTRATION - GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE - HMGP FLORENCE 4393 EXPEDITED ACQUISITIONS:**

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Grant Project Ordinance, Columbus County HMGP Hurricane Florence Expedited 4393 Acquisition Program.

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE COLUMBUS COUNTY HMGP HURRICANE FLORENCE EXPEDITED 4393 ACQUISITION PROGRAM**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 OF Chapter 159, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Columbus County Hurricane Florence Expeditied Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP Florence 4393 Expedited Acquisitions).

Section 2. The project manager is hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the funding agencies and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:
ACCOUNT NUMBERS | TITLE                        | AMOUNT       |
------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
16-3316-430068   | HMGP Grant Funds            | $1,172,808   |
16-3316-430069   | FEMA PA                     | $211,688     |
**TOTAL REVENUES:** |                             | **$1,384,496** |

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

ACCOUNT NUMBERS | TITLE                        | AMOUNT       |
------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
16-4152-598026   | Adjusted Property Values    | $1,052,760   |
16-4152-519903   | Appraisals                  | $12,000      |
16-4152-519010   | Third Appraisals            | $12,000      |
16-4152-440195   | Legal/Closing Costs         | $18,000      |
16-4152-440198   | Recording Fees              | $600         |
16-4152-512711   | Title Work                  | $7,200       |
16-4152-512902   | Pre-Mitigation Surveys       | $14,400      |
16-4152-529907   | Project Management          | $55,848      |
16-4152-519066   | Demolition                  | $211,688     |
**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** |                             | **$1,384,496** |

Section 5. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the project manager, budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2020.

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

Attested By:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to the Board

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Grant Project Ordinance, Columbus County HMGP Hurricane Florence Expedited 4393 Acquisition Program, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #7: PARKS and RECREATION - UPDATED and CONDENSED FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENTS and REQUIREMENTS:

Julie M. Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director, requested Board approval of the updated and condensed Facility Rental Agreements and Requirements of the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Information Packet.

Commissioner Prevatt made a motion to approve the updated and condensed Facility Rental Agreements and Requirements for the Columbus County Parks and Recreation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor. A copy of this information will be recorded in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, and in the Parks and Recreation Office, for review.

Agenda Item #8: BUDGET - PROPOSED COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested the establishment of a Public Hearing date for June 01, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., for the Proposed Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget.
Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 01, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget, seconded by Commissioner Prevatt. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

**Agenda Item #9: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL EMS WEEK**:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following 46th Annual National EMS Week Proclamation, May 17-23, 2020.

**46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION MAY 17-23, 2020**

WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation’s communities; and

WHEREAS, EMS practitioners work to ensure safe practices are performed in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS, EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s “front line”; and

WHEREAS, EMS Week is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our county, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do proclaim May 17-23, 2020 as NATIONAL EMS WEEK and encourage all of our citizens to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our county and our citizens.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 18th day of May, 2020.

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE
/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS
/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL
/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager

/s/ JEROME McMILLIAN, Vice Chairman
/s/ GILES E. BYRD
/s/ RICKY BULLARD
/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board
/s/ AMANDA B. PRINCE, County Attorney

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the 46th Annual National EMS Week Proclamation, May 17-23, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

**Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC INPUT (by telephone, e-mail or letter):**

Chairman Russ opened the floor for Public Input by telephone, e-mail or letter. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

**Agenda Item #11: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

### A. Budget Amendments:

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**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

*Property Value*
Amount: $47.26
Nobles, Gary Belton  
PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $53.13
Value: $0.00  Year: 18-19  Account: 12-00751  Bill#: 99999
Release value. Sold vehicles 2 years ago. Release Evergreen Fire(4.69) release Columbus Rescue(1.18)

*Property Value*
Amount: $697.36
Brown, Jennie  
PROPERTY: 23657  Total: $977.88
Value: $31,700.00  Year: 10-18  Account: 13-04480  Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Home burned several years ago. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(16.52)

*Property Value*
Amount: $598.92
Burney, G O & Grace  
PROPERTY: 26309  Total: $617.52
Value: $18,600.00  Year: 16-19  Account: 14-02660  Bill#: 99999
Release portion of value in deferred that was double billed. Release Welches Creek(14.88) release Whiteville Rescue(3.72)

*Property Value*
Amount: $37,630.72
Carolina Telephone  
PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $37,962.27
Value: $133,549.00  Year: 2019  Account: 90-00300  Bill#: 49266
Release total value. Dbilled. Release Brunswick Fire(198.00) release Cerro Gordo Fire(133.55)

*Property Value*
Amount: $924.16
Carter, Oscar C ETAL  
PROPERTY: 23803  Total: $1,211.00
Value: $9,400.00  Year: 10-19  Account: 13-07465  Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Home unliveable. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(22.84)

*Property Value*
Amount: $487.51
Carttrette, Kevin  
PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $2,710.32
Value: $7,760.00  Year: 10-19  Account: 09-02231  Bill#: 99999
Release 10 years billed in error. Re billed to Act#09-02408.

*Property Value*
Amount: $44.52
Faulk, William Christopher  
PROPERTY: 00000  Total: $50.07
Value: $2,305.00  Year: 17-19  Account: 07-00755  Bill#: 99999
Release value for 3 years. Doesn't have a motor. Release Nakina Fire(4.44) release Columbus Rescue(1.11)

*Property Value*
Amount: $1,704.99
Fields, Keith  
PROPERTY: 100181  Total: $2,321.04
Value: $70,600.00  Year: 17-19  Account: 12-00727  Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Overbilled and double listed Act#12-02146 Prop#96455 Release Evergreen Fire(169.45) release Columbus Rescue(43.60)

*Property Value*
Amount: $271.69
Hinson, James Frederick  
PROPERTY: 4020  Total: $278.44
Value: $69,600.00  Year: 2019  Account: 01-04555  Bill#: 5532
Release value. Should have been in the exemption program for 2019. Release Whiteville Rescue(6.75)

*Property Value*
Amount: $663.32
Long, Ernest Ray & Phyllis  
PROPERTY: 9931  Total: $683.92
Value: $20,600.00  Year: 16-19  Account: 05-04047  Bill#: 99999
Release total deferred. Attorney Walter Palmer did not complete affidavit to continue in land use. Release Welches Creek(16.48) release Columbus Rescue(4.12)

*Property Value*
Amount: $328.44
Long, Ernest Ray & Phyllis  
PROPERTY: 9937  Total: $338.64
Value: $10,200.00  Year: 16-19  Account: 05-04047  Bill#: 99999
Release total deferred. Attorney Walter Palmer did not complete affidavit to continue in land use. Release Welches Creek(8.16) release Columbus Rescue(2.04)

*Property Value*
Amount: $996.59
Reeves, Christopher Lee  
PROPERTY: 83077  Total: $1,373.01
Value: $123,800.00 Year: 18-19 Account: 15-01822 Bill#: 99999
Release entire value due to overpayment of D/W. Release Acme Delco(148.56) release Columbus Rescue(27.86)

Property Value
Singletary, Maudie L ETAL
PROPERTY: 24728
Value: $26,400.00 Year: 16-18 Account: 13-22760 Bill#: 99999
Release value. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(15.84)

Refunds
Whiteville Eye Associates PA
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $35,214.00 Year: 2019 Account: 02-000720 Bill#: 33674
Refund portion of value. Amended Listing for 2019. Refund Whiteville Rescue(7.04)refund Whiteville City(186.63)

User Fee
Bellamy, Geneva(Heirs)
PROPERTY: 23510
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 13-01800 Bill#: 86470
Release user fee.

User Fee
Blackwell, Janice Louise
PROPERTY: 29861
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 16-00840 Bill#: 87351
Release user fee. Dbilled.

User Fee
Brown, Adrianna
PROPERTY: 75935
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 15-01011 Bill#: 88655

User Fee
Brown, Lucille
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 12-03790 Bill#: 89025
Release user fee. Unliveable

User Fee
Campbell, Nathaniel & Melissa B
PROPERTY: 87740
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 05-00716 Bill#: 90825

User Fee
Clewis, Gary Lewis & Lavonda
PROPERTY: 8012
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 03-03200 Bill#: 92371
Release user fee. Vacant land

User Fee
Daniels, Betty(Heirs)
PROPERTY: 15667
Value: $0.00 Year: 17/19 Account: 09-06537 Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. House abandoned and condemned.

User Fee
Davis, Charles Wayne II
PROPERTY: 5268
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 01-08103 Bill#: 94521
Release user fee. 4 homes unliveable.

User Fee
Davis, Jarry B Sr & Sandy
PROPERTY: 77140
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 10-02229 Bill#: 94605
Release user fee. Unliveable

User Fee
Floyd, William Page
PROPERTY: 17658
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 10-05658 Bill#: 98317
Release user fee.

User Fee
Fowler, Charlie Philip & Dorothy
PROPERTY: 80223
Value: $0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 15-14360 Bill#: 98644
Release user fee. Vacant

User Fee
Fowler, David Jeremy
PROPERTY: 77067
Value: $0.00 Year: 18-19 Account: 06-10867 Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Vacant
User Fee
PROPERTY: 96881  Total: 03-03665
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 03-03665
Release user fee. Vacant

User Fee
General Labor Services, LLC
PROPERTY: 87402
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 03-01343
Release user fee. Vacant land

User Fee
Grady, Marcella S
PROPERTY: 85881
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 09-03717
Release user fee.

User Fee
Graham, Cathy H
PROPERTY: 5114
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 01-02665
Release user fee. Dbilled

User Fee
HI TANE Oil Company
PROPERTY: 97446
Value: $0.00  Year: 16-19  Account: 15-05337
Release user fees. No power and bldg leaking.

User Fee
Huggins, Ricky Wayne & Jennifer
PROPERTY: 81783
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 01-44641
Release user fee. Vacant

User Fee
James, Josephine
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00  Year: 18-19  Account: 06-00561
Release user fee. Dbilled act#06-01327

User Fee
Johnson, Seth
PROPERTY: 81734
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 03-05367
Release discount didn’t register.

User Fee
Lewis, James Martin
PROPERTY: 00000
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 15-23960
Release user fee. Vacant

User Fee
Limber Dean W & Patricia
PROPERTY: 17501
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 10-01342
Release user fee. Unliveable

User Fee
Little Earl Douglas & cynthia
PROPERTY: 26760
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 14-09360
Release user fee. Vacant

User Fee
MCDuffie, Gloria Ann
PROPERTY: 23462
Value: $0.00  Year: 18-19  Account: 13-25577
Release user fees.

User Fee
McPherson, Willie Paul
PROPERTY: 87540
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 02-00619
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.

User Fee
Moore, John Mark
PROPERTY: 63166
Value: $0.00  Year: 2019  Account: 12-19175
Release user fee.
Agenda Item #12: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. Commissioner McDowell: stated the following:
   - I would like to remind everyone about the water signups for the extensions we are trying to do;
   - I encourage everyone to be safe this holiday weekend; and
A lot of folks are testing positive for the corona virus.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
   - I wish everyone a very safe and good Memorial Day; **and**
   - We had a very bad wreck on Macedonia Road and Highway 76 with one (1) death.

3. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
   - I wish everyone a very safe Memorial Day weekend;
   - Remember our fallen heroes; **and**
   - Please have good practices for your health and others.

4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
   - I concur with what has been stated by the Board members;
   - From the scenes I witnessed this past weekend, there are many people who are not practicing social distancing; **and**
   - We had some meetings scheduled in Water District IV, but since this virus started, we had to cancel these meetings, but will schedule them for other times when it is safe.

5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
   - No NCACC Conference in August, 2020, it has been cancelled;
   - I am proud of Columbus County because there are high numbers of cases in Robeson County, Sampson County and Dublin County have more cases than we do; **and**
   The Governor has lifted the right to enter church, but if we do, we need to do it cautiously.

6. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
   - I want to thank our Heavenly Father for our many blessings;
   - Practice your social distancing; **and**
   - I would like to say thank you to all of our First Responders and let you know that we appreciate all that you do.

7. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
   - The Annual NCACC Conference has been cancelled this year;
   - I would like to say thank you to East Columbus High School for having their graduation this past weekend at Lake Waccamaw;
   - I would like to thank all the law enforcement for their help with the graduation; **and**
   - Please bring your personal calendars with you at the next meeting to schedule the budget workshops.

C. **County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:
   1. With the CARES Act, the Federal Government has sent out money to all of the states, and the states are to share this money with the counties;
   2. The counties are to share their money with the municipalities;
   3. The amount of money we have received is $1,153,133;
   4. Bobbie has been working hard figuring out what each municipality will receive, and this money is based on population and census count;
   5. The plan of the expenditures has to be sent back to the State by June 01, 2020;
   6. These funds have to be spent by the end of December, 2020; **and**
   7. I will need approval from the Board.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, to dispense the $1,153,133 funds received from the Federal Government as part of the CARES Act to the municipalities, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.
Agenda Item #13: ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:57 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

APPROVED:

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