

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, June 01, 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 a Public Hearing and the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first 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 June 01, 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: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 (05-04-2020) Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, and the May 18, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed..

**Agenda Item #5: BUDGET - PRESENTATION of the PROPOSED COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET:**

Mike Stephens, County Manager, presented the Proposed Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget, with the following Budget Message, for acceptance, and request the establishment of Budget Workshop dates.

**B U D G E T M E S S A G E**

**TO:** P. Edwin Russ, Chairman  
 Columbus County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Michael H. Stephens  
 Columbus County Manager

**DATE:** May 22, 2020

**RE:** Columbus County Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Message

**Overview**

The Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 is presented in accordance with the North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act, North Carolina General Statute 153A-82. North Carolina law states that a balanced budget must be publicly presented by June 1 and a balanced budget adopted by June 30. We are pleased to present a balanced budget that is without a property tax increase.

General fund and total budget appropriations are noted below:

<b><u>2020-2021 General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>2019-2020 General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease Dollars</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
\$60,774,925	\$61,008,904	(\$233,979)	0.003
<b><u>2020-2021 Total Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2019-2020 Total Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease Dollars</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
\$77,576,710	\$77,985,536	(\$408,826)	0.005

## **Employee Salary and Wage Adjustments**

All employees will receive a 5% COLA adjustment. The wage adjustments will be effective July 1, 2020. Additional staff being requested are as follows: Custodian, Maintenance Mechanic, Animal Control Officer, Major, Captain, 4 Deputy Sheriff Officers, Detention Officer, Administrative Support position moving from Part-Time to Full-Time in Planning, a Part-Time Administrative Support Position for Governing Body. The total increase for Salaries and benefits will be \$500,855 for the new positions.

## **Local Governmental Employees Retirement System**

The employer contribution to the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System for our Law Enforcement Officers will be 10.84%, which is an increase from the prior fiscal year of 1.14%. Local employees' rates will be 10.24%, which is an increase of 1.29% from the prior fiscal year.

## **Health Insurance**

The insurance carrier for county employees will continue to be the State Health Plan. Rates are estimated to increase by 5% for the last six months of the fiscal year. As you know, the State Health Plan will not cover our 38 pre-65 retirees. Costs for their insurance premiums have decreased from \$733,550 to \$637,052. The average premium is now \$1,397 per month for a pre-65 retiree.

## **General Insurance**

General Liability, Property and Workers Compensation insurance premiums increased by 10%, for an increase in cost of \$68,355.

## **Enterprise Funds**

Solid Waste User Fees:

The proposed rate is to remain the same.

- A) County Residents \$200.00/year
- B) Municipal Residents \$113.00/year

## **Water District Rates:**

Columbus County Combined Water Districts' rates will change to the following rate schedule: the base rate will now be \$25.75, \$4.00/1000 gallons from 0 to 2,999 gallons; \$4.25/1000 gallons from 3,000 to 4,999 gallons; \$4.50/1000 gallons from 5,000 to 20,999 gallons; \$6.30/1000 gallons from 21,000 to 49,999 and \$7.30/1000 gallons for 50,000 and above gallons. The increase for the average residential customer will be approximately \$1.20 per month.

## **Revenue Sources**

Ad-valorem Property Tax Collections – Tax collections are calculated based on a collection rate of 98%, at the current rate of 80.5 cents per \$100.

Transfers from Other Departments to the General Fund – Total transfers to the General Fund for indirect costs are as follows:

\$86,629 - CWD's Indirect Costs	\$23,110 - HUD Indirect Costs
\$29,020 - Transportation Administrative Costs	\$25,000 – Health Department Indirect Cost
\$60,879- Solid Waste Indirect Costs	

The transferred amount of \$224,638 is the equivalent of approximately .0090 cents in property tax.

## **Education**

Total current expense allocations for city and county school systems and Southeastern Community College have been increased by 3%. SCC has an allocation of \$204,703 in Article 44 Sales and Use taxes to help meet the additional request for capital outlay needs.

## **Capital Outlay**

Capital and non-capital outlay includes purchases of vehicles and equipment for the Sheriff's Office on a three-year lease agreement, one crew cab 4X4 truck for Building Inspections, and a Dodge Journey for Cooperative Extension. It also includes replacement of HVAC units at DSS, the Tax Office, the Maintenance Shop, and the Library; a new camera system for the Detention Center; and replacement of chairs and two additional computer stations for the Detention Center. Maintenance and repair of buildings includes remodeling the old, unused Detention Center; closing in the shelter at the evidence building for additional office space; and remodeling the booking room at the Detention Center. Upgrades to security at the new Courthouse and the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex includes new camera systems and purchase and installation of humidifiers at the new Courthouse are included to address the humidity issue. A total of \$1,594,411 in capital, non-

capital outlay and renovation costs will come from the General Funds' fund balance.

**Conclusion**

Staff has worked hard to recommend a balanced budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 without a property tax increase. I would like to thank Finance Director Bobbie Faircloth and our department managers for their efforts in the development of this budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,  
/s/ Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Manager

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to accept the Proposed Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL of CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS and ADJUSTMENTS to MEMBERSHIP LIST:**

Nicole Hopkins requested Board approval of Certification Documents and adjustments to the membership list.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DPS-JCPC FUNDING</b>
Ambassador's Program-MWUYF	\$39,438
Columbus County Schools Youth and Family Counseling Program	\$52,238
Columbus Teen Court/Restitution/Community Service	\$70,977
Runaway Temporary Shelter Care at B&GH	\$16,985
Safe Haven After School Tutoring Program	45,100
JCPC Administration	12,917
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$237,655</b>

**Membership List Adjustments:**

Justin Worley, Sheriff's Department Appointee  
Dennis Williams, Trillum, Southeast Region Director  
-Vacant-, Commissioner Giles E. Byrd appointee  
-Vacant-, Commissioner Jerome McMillian appointee

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Certification Documents and the adjustments to the membership list, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: FIRE AND RESCUE - COLE FIRE DISTRICT:**

Al Leonard, Fair Bluff Town Manager, requested Board approval to extend the boundary lines, by resolution, of the Cole Fire Service and Insurance District to include the municipal limits of Fair Bluff. Al Leonard stated the following:

1. I would like to thank the M.I.S. and Cooperative Extension for the phenomenal work and job they have performed for the 2020 Census;
2. The Town of Fair Bluff has a municipal boundary;
3. There is a geographic area around Fair Bluff that Fair Bluff Fire Department responds to and it is called Cole Fire District;
4. The Cole Fire District is funded by property taxes levied on the citizens outside the city limits;
5. The property owners inside the city limits, they pay a municipal tax to the Town of Fair Bluff and the Town Government makes an allocation to the Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue Department;

6. Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue Department is not a municipal department, they are their own private corporation;
7. The Town of Fair Bluff has been devastated during the last four (4) years;
8. We are trying to put together a budget in order to operate;
9. We are having to cut out many things and one of the proposals is to cut out the allocation to Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue Department;
10. We are asking that the Cole Fire District move inside the city limits of Fair Bluff to incorporate all the property that is in the Town of Fair Bluff;
11. This will give the fire department more money than we are giving them;
12. The County staff has been very helpful with the proper process that needs to be followed, and we need to schedule a public hearing to be done by June 30, 2020, to enable us to set a tax rate; **and**
13. I am here tonight on behalf of the Cole Fire District and the Town of Fair Bluff to ask that you schedule a public hearing to amend the boundaries of the Cole Fire District to include all the properties inside the city limits.

## **MOTION:**

After deep and lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the legal requirements, monetary figures and the future impact on the citizens of Fair Bluff, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to establish a Special Called Meeting on June 30, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

## **MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to establish a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Chambers, to extend Cole Fire District to include the municipality of Fair Bluff, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

## **Agenda Item #8: FINANCE - APPROVAL of AUDIT CONTRACT for FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the Audit Contract for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A., at the cost of \$39,500.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Audit Contract for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A., at the cost of \$39,500, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. The contract will be marked as Exhibit "A", in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, and kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office, and the Finance Office, for review.

## **RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 7:00 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mc Dowell. The motion unanimously passed.

### **7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING:** the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any person who wishes to be heard on the budget to send written comments

## **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ opened the Public Hearing for the Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any person who wishes to be heard on the budget to send written comments.

## **COMMENTS:**

The following two (2) comments were orally read by Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney.

1. **Steve Smith:** stated the following:

-I am opposed to the following recommendation, as written, in the proposed budget:

**“All employees will receive a 5% COLA adjustment”.**

-I acknowledge that salaries for many Columbus County employees is substandard and need to be increased. An across the board 5% “COLA” (cost of living adjustment) is not the correct way for several reasons:

-a true Cost of Living Adjustment should be based on an increasing consumer price index, i.e. the cost of buying things. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the current CPI (in the south) is in the negative, meaning prices have gone down. So, don't call it a cost of living adjustment.

-Also, granting a 5% cost of living adjustment in the middle of a global pandemic, when our infection rate is one of the highest in the state, and many people and businesses are not working, needs to be re-thought.

-I urge you to do one, or more, of the following:

1. Have the overall salary scale reviewed with recommended adjustments;
2. Have each class of jobs reviewed with an appropriate grade assigned to it that correlates to the salary scale;
3. Implement a robust performance review system, which **is linked to merit pay increases**.

-I'm sure the County has access to resources that can assist them with the above, and if completion is beyond July1, the raises can be retroactive.

-With this, I urge you to adjust the compensation of the high performers significantly to retain them. The poor performers should not receive an increase, and the mediocre performers, a more modest increase.

-A 5% COLA is not a good system, and should be replaced with a merit-based performance review system linked to pay raises.

-Thank you.

2. **Richard, The Transporter:** stated the following:

-We are a Wilmington, North Carolina-based airport and medical transportation service operating since 2006.

-Thanking you in advance.

### **MOTION:**

### **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISHED:**

After discussion was conducted relative to the need for the second Public Hearing, Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to establish the second Public Hearing for the Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Budget on June 15, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

### **RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs 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, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District 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 #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL, 2020:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020.

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 7:12 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: PUBLIC INPUT (by TELEPHONE, E-MAIL or LETTER):**

No public input was received either orally or written.

**Agenda Item #12: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:**

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

**Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4180-549815	NC Vital Records Fee	658
Revenues	10-3418-441016	NC Vitals Record Fee	658
Expenditures	50-4970-526004	COVID-19 Supplies	45,646
Revenues	50-3497-423035	CARES Act	45,646
Expenditures	17-4190-512100	Salaries-Regular	(\$35,000)
	17-4190-512600	Salaries - Part Time	(\$500)
	17-4190-512700	Longevity	(250)
	17-4190-518100	FICA	(5,000)
	17-4190-518200	Retirement Contribution	(1,000)
	17-4190-518301	Insurance Contribution	(1,000)
	17-4190-526001	Departmental Supplies	(31,216)
	17-4190-531100	Travel	(2,500)
	17-4213-512100	Salaries - Regular	35,000
	17-4213-512600	Salaries - Part Time	500
	17-4213-512700	Longevity	250
	17-4213-518100	FICA	5,000
	17-4213-518200	Retirement Contribution	1,000
	17-4213-518301	Insurance Contribution	1,000
	17-4213-526001	Departmental Supplies	31,216

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	17-4213-531100	Travel	2,500
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3580-430172	COVID 19 Grant	(76,466)
	10-3581-430172	COVID 19 Grant	76,466

**Agenda Item #13: COMMENTS:**

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

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
  - Our nation is in a difficult situation at this time with the COVID-19 Virus; **and**
  - We all need prayers.
2. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - The culverts on Blacksmith Road are not adequate to keep water from running over the road;
  - Additional culverts need to be added or a larger culvert to prevent the water from running over the road;
  - I would like to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation relative to the culverts being inadequate, in size or quantity, for the water in certain areas;

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation relative to the inadequate culverts, in size and quantity, on Blacksmith Road, Dolph Lewis Road and Highway 242 in Cerro Gordo, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

- I would like a sign to be erected at the Saint James Mill Pond; **and**
  - The e-mail sent to the Board from an angry employee did not have a signature, and usually unsigned letters or e-mails are not recognized by anyone.
3. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
    - I would like to thank all the departments for the good work they have been doing during this pandemic; **and**
    - I do not understand why the State is not maintaining the State public roads.
  4. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
    - I have been asked to find out what the process is to establish a water tax drainage district;
    - I encourage everyone to use social distancing; **and**
    - The signups for County water has been extended until June 30, 2020.
  5. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
    - I called Gail Edwards this morning regarding water being under the R.J. Corman Railroad; **and**
    - I know you have been working hard on the budget, but it needs to be tweaked more to grant the 5% increase to a higher percentage.
  6. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
    - I want to echo what has been stated relative to the work on the budget and I would like to thank everyone for their help;
    - As of this morning, we had 339 cases of the COVID-19, and we rank number 2 in the State; **and**
    - We all need to pray for Columbus County.
  7. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
    - The Fire Marshal and the Assistant Fire Marshal want permission to carry a handgun;

**and**

-I have received requests as to how the money from the County for the Veterans Memorial Park is being spent.

**C. County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):**

1. We have been working hard with the Judicial System on the areas where the Judge stipulated; **and**
2. I am very proud of our Maintenance Department for their extra efforts in getting all of this work done.

**AGENDA ADD-ON:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to add N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (9) Public Safety to the Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; (6) PERSONNEL and -AGENDA ADD-ON- (9) PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Agenda Item #14: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; and (6) PERSONNEL; AGENDA ADD-ON: (9) PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:57 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Russ requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *“The Commissioners discussed with the Sheriff plans for protecting public safety as it relates to existing and future terrorism, the Commissioners discussed Economic Development matters with Gary Lanier and County Manager, and the Commissioners discussed personnel matters with the County Manager. No action was taken by the Board”*.

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

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to put the Finance Director and the Clerk to the Board under the management of the County Manager, seconded Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ESTABLISHMENT of BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE:**

After discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish the Budget Workshop Number 1 for Tuesday, June 02, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, Commissioners’ Chambers.

**Agenda Item #15: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:02 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 01, 2020  
7:11 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:11 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I- APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL, 2020:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020.

**DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
2/12/2020	402780.00 97	Heather Butler	\$56.73	Posting Error

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
2/12/2020	103830.00 97	Raven Grainger	\$74.42	Returned Draft & Fee
2/12/2020	405041.00 98	Jack McPherson	\$85.60	Returned Draft & Fee
2/18/2020	101540.00 97	Linda Tompkins	\$(150.15)	Leak Adjustment
2/18/2020	205580.00 97	Brenda Batton	\$(1,002.54)	Leak Adjustment
2/29/2020	403390.0094	Martha Hardwick	\$66.66	Returned Draft & Fee
2/29/2020	404424.00 93	Julia Kelly	\$215.41	Returned Check & Fee
2/29/2020	405041.00 98	Jack McPherson	\$106.83	Returned Draft & Fee
2/29/2020	300610.00 93	Erica Manning	\$(148.31)	Leak Adjustment
2/29/2020	404670.00 98	Guilford Barnes	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	405080.00 93	Cheryl Gerald	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	405410.00 96	Joseph Spivey Jr	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	600660.00 98	Willie Graham	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	600690.00 98	Wanda Thomas	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	600720.00 98	Mae Etta Graham	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	600730.00 98	Winfred Graham	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	601230.00 98	John Stevenson	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	100440.00 98	Mike Waddell	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	100840.00 96	Juanita Jordan	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	102430.00 97	Betty Leiva	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	104130.00 98	Royce Fowler	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	204790.00 98	Johnny Smith	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	205590.00 98	Annie Fairley	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	208550.00 98	Allene Todd	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	400200.00 98	Timmy Canady	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	400350.00 98	Lloyd Hinson	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	400870.00 98	David Harris	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	401680.00 97	Bris School Age Care	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	402180.00 94	Carl Matulis Sr	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
3/12/2020	206340.00 98	Danny Fowler	\$(89.25)	Billing Error

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
3/12/2020	102580.00 92	Joey Hammonds	\$(0.99)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	205580.00 97	Brenda Batton	\$(300.00)	Leak Adjustment
3/12/2020	405041.00 98	Jack McPherson	\$25.00	Service Call Fee
3/12/2020	302350.00 98	Mitchell Cartret	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
3/18/2020	302220.00 97	Leanna King	\$(68.81)	Leak Adjustment
4/8/2020	206621.00 98	David Fowler	\$(118.04)	Leak Adjustment
4/8/2020	205971.00 98	New Life Baptist Church Parsonage	\$50.00	Tabor City Error

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:12 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 01, 2020  
7:11 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:11 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL, 2020:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020.

**DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACCT #</b>	<b>ACCT NAME</b>	<b>ADJ AMT</b>	<b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b>
2/12/2020	120000.00 98	Ellen Daniels	\$(88.71)	Posting Error
2/12/2020	131170.00 98	Phyllis Bullard	\$(889.68)	Leak Adjustment

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
2/12/2020	131830.00 98	Hilton Simmons	\$69.94	Returned Draft & Fee
2/12/2020	133180.00 97	Casey Nealy	\$62.85	Returned Draft & Fee
2/18/2020	121870.00 98	Jackie Shelley	\$(365.36)	Leak Adjustment
2/18/2020	143990.00 98	Denise Davis	\$(490.37)	Leak Adjustment
2/29/2020	120390.00 98	Linda Hilburn	\$81.13	Returned Draft & Fee
2/29/2020	112145.00 98	Linda Shaw	\$(197.76)	Leak Adjustment
3/12/2020	150239.00 97	Doris Redwine	\$(35.00)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	142060.00 98	John Lennon	\$(491.75)	Leak Adjustment
3/12/2020	142840.00 98	Helen Bethea	\$(525.00)	Customer is Deceased
3/12/2020	120935.00 98	Gerald Jenkins	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
3/18/2020	133050.00 97	William Johnson	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
3/18/2020	141699.00 97	Natasha Jones	\$296.23	Returned Check & Fee
3/18/2020	133620.00 98	Dorothy Cribb	\$(15.49)	Billing Error
4/8/2020	112418.00 98	James Tyree	\$53.59	Returned Check & Fee
4/8/2020	140361.00 93	Justin Williamson	\$126.00	Returned Check & Fee
4/8/2020	121860.00 98	Annie Grier	\$62.19	Returned Draft & Fee
4/8/2020	143710.00 94	Crystal Hewett	\$95.48	Returned Draft & Fee
4/8/2020	131250.00 96	Ida Horton	\$(288.92)	Leak Adjustment
4/22/2020	133154.00 97	James Ketchum	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
4/22/2020	133155.00 98	Harry Connor	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
4/22/2020	110490.00 98	Bobby Hulon	\$(637.42)	Leak Adjustment

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:12 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

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P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 01, 2020  
7:11 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:11 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS III - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL, 2020:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020.

**DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
2/12/2020	340081.00 97	Denise Gooden	\$(96.55)	Posting Error

2/12/2020	350840.00 98	Alexa Burton	\$216.97	Returned Check & Fee
2/12/2020	341197.00 98	Margie McKiver	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
2/29/2020	340014.00 97	Gloria Miller	\$71.33	Returned Check & Fee
2/29/2020	341030.00 96	Erica Jones	\$70.19	Returned Draft & Fee
2/29/2020	380134.00 98	Pearlie Shipman	\$(103.94)	Leak Adjustment
3/12/2020	340081.00 97	Denise Gooden	\$(37.89)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	350840.00 98	Alexa Burton	\$(30.00)	Posting Error
3/18/2020	330125.00 97	Miron Pridgen	\$(231.68)	Billing Error
4/8/2020	350668.00 98	Romania Grimes	\$(34.09)	Billing Error
4/8/2020	360840.00 93	Donna Thompson	\$(49.25)	Billing Error
4/8/2020	341030.00 96	Erica Jones	\$63.14	Returned Draft & Fee
4/8/2020	380630.00 98	Lee Bellamy	\$63.87	Returned Draft & Fee
4/8/2020	341630.00 94	Shannon Cottle	\$(149.44)	Leak Adjustment
4/8/2020	350935.00 98	Carolina Home Care Agency	\$(835.34)	Leak Adjustment
4/9/2020	341250.00 97	Sharbara Lacy	\$(994.81)	Posting Error
4/22/2020	350935.00 98	Carolina Home Care Agency	\$(776.87)	Leak Adjustment

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:12 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 01, 2020  
7:11 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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 7:11 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL, 2020:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020.

**DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJ
2/18/2020	411300.00 98	Francella Thurman	\$(259.12)	Leak Adjustment
2/29/2020	448400.00 98	Kenneth Myers	\$(28,286.24)	Billing Error

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJ
2/29/2020	420520.00 98	Don Walker	\$56.48	Returned Draft & Fee
2/29/2020	447050.00 98	Riegelwood Baptist Church	\$(2,174.60)	Leak Adjustment
2/29/2020	443600.00 98	Samthya Hartis	\$(53.08)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	430279.00 98	Ester Watson-Hall	\$(70.00)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	430466.00 98	Jeffery Sherwood	\$(139.00)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	430466.10 98	David Parks	\$139.00	Posting Error
3/12/2020	443950.00 98	Ronald McPherson	\$(43.30)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	448400.00 98	Kenneth Myers	\$(77.21)	Billing Error
3/12/2020	430644.00 98	Terry Jones	\$(208.27)	Leak Adjustment
3/12/2020	441600.00 98	Peggy Blake	\$(309.05)	Leak Adjustment
3/12/2020	444650.00 98	Kisha Godfrey	\$(271.65)	Leak Adjustment
3/18/2020	444350.00 98	Brandon Bradley	\$(6,268.10)	Billing Error
4/8/2020	420520.00 98	Don Walker	\$151.83	Returned Draft & Fee
4/8/2020	440350.00 98	Brian Beaver	\$(131.66)	Leak Adjustment
4/8/2020	442100.00 98	Brian Konkul	\$(135.90)	Leak Adjustment
4/8/2020	442800.00 98	Wilton Justice	\$(1,163.89)	Leak Adjustment
4/9/2020	430708.00 97	Katrina Wheeler	\$27.53	Posting Error
4/9/2020	444350.00 98	Brandon Bradley	\$(155.00)	Leak Adjustment
4/22/2020	430091.00 98	Mary Smith	\$(198.07)	Leak Adjustment
4/22/2020	442800.00 98	Wilton Justice	\$(107.54)	Leak Adjustment
4/22/2020	430466.00 98	Jeffery Sherwood	\$278.00	Posting Error
4/22/2020	430466.10 98	David Parks	\$(139.00)	Posting Error

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:12 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, June 01, 2020**  
**7:11 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V 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 7:11 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020) Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - APPROVAL of MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS for FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL, 2020:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020.

**DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
2/12/2020	800092.00 97	Justin Thompson	\$66.54	Returned Draft & Fee
2/18/2020	800702.00 98	Billy Gore	\$(547.94)	Leak Adjustment

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
2/29/2020	706400.00 93	Lisa Lovin	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	709835.00 98	Keiver Tatum	\$(5.00)	Tabor City Error
2/29/2020	800110.00 98	Billy McDuffie	\$(428.35)	Leak Adjustment
2/29/2020	709975.00 98	Anthony Defelice	\$55.00	Returned Check & Fee
2/29/2020	800092.00 97	Justin Thompson	\$70.47	Returned Draft & Fee
3/12/2020	709135.10 98	William Cox IV	\$(74.20)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	800062.00 97	Madison Batten	\$(42.85)	Tabor City Error
3/12/2020	800062.10 97	Tammie White	\$42.85	Tabor City Error
3/12/2020	800464.00 98	William Gore	\$27.22	Posting Error
3/12/2020	800648.00 98	Rose Gore	\$(62.22)	Posting Error
3/12/2020	709135.00 98	William Cox Jr	\$39.20	Posting Error
3/18/2020	800622.00 98	Frances Fowler	\$(50.59)	Leak Adjustment
3/18/2020	800646.00 98	Kenneth Hughes	\$(8.35)	Billing Error
4/8/2020	800629.00 98	Albert Gore	\$1,333.97	Posting Error
4/22/2020	800062.10 97	Tammie White	\$(120.70)	Tabor City Error
4/22/2020	800062.00 97	Madison Batten	\$92.88	Tabor City Error

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly billing adjustments for February, March and April, 2020, for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:12 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**