

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, August 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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

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 Monday, August 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 Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

Agenda Item #4: Board Minutes Approval: July 20, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, with one (1) correction on Page 598, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PROCLAMATIONS - PROCLAMATIONS of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION, and PLAQUES, to DEPUTY MAURICE DEVALLE and SERGEANT DARRIS FLOYD:

Vice Chairman McMillian requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamations, and plaques, to be presented at a later date.

PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION**to****DEPUTY MAURICE DEVALLE**

WHEREAS, during the course of performing their duties on July 14, 2020, as law enforcement officers, while parked on NC 904 and Peacock Road, near Tabor City, they experienced two (2) vehicles stopping abruptly in front of them; **and**

WHEREAS, after the vehicles came to a stop, several people exited the vehicles, and one was cradling a non-responsive infant girl; **and**

WHEREAS, through keen observation and proper training, law and emergency, the officers immediately began administering back blows to clear the infant's airway allowing the infant to breathe on her own; **and**

WHEREAS, as a result of quick thinking, proper training and sound reaction, the infant girl is doing well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is very honored to present this document to **DEPUTY MAURICE DEVALLE** for recognition of his devotion to mankind and life-saving techniques and to show our appreciation.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 17th day of August, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman
/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE
/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS
/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL

/s/ JEROME McMILLIAN, Vice Chairman
/s/ GILES E. BYRD
/s/ RICKY BULLARD

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager

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

Presented To
DEPUTY MAURICE DEVALLE

In Grateful
Appreciation and Recognition
Of Your
Life-Saving and heroic Action.
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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to
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/s/ GILES E. BYRD
/s/ RICKY BULLARD

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board
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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamations of Recognition and Appreciation, and plaques, to Deputy Maurice Devalle and Sergeant Darris Floyd, to be presented at a later date, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATIONS - PROCLAMATIONS of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to LARRY HAYES and STAFF, AND TIMMY WARD and STAFF:

Michael Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamations, to be presented at a later date.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION
and RECOGNITION**

to

LARRY HAYES and STAFF

WHEREAS, during the course of this year 2020, we are experiencing some challenging events, some expected and some totally unexpected, as government officials, along with our citizenry; **and**

WHEREAS, these challenging events have placed a heavy load on our staff, above and beyond their daily tasks and routine procedures; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is blessed to have on staff a Maintenance Director, namely ***LARRY HAYES and STAFF***, who is willing to exercise the appropriate energy and time to meet the requirements when needed; **and**

WHEREAS, employees of this nature are a true blessing for the County of Columbus, and are greatly appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the **Columbus County Board of Commissioners** proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to ***LARRY HAYES and STAFF*** for providing the additional energy and time when it is needed.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of August, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/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**

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION
and RECOGNITION**

to

TIMMY WARD and STAFF

WHEREAS, during the course of this year 2020, Columbus County Schools have experienced some challenging events, some expected and some totally unexpected, as public schools, along with our citizenry; **and**

WHEREAS, these challenging events have placed a heavy load on their staff, and their children, above and beyond their daily tasks and routine procedures; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County Schools are blessed to have on staff a Maintenance Director, namely ***TIMMY WARD and STAFF***, who is willing to exercise the appropriate energy and time to meet

the requirements when needed, for the schools and anyone in need; **and**

WHEREAS, in the plight of accomplishing the required and needed tasks to meet the needs of the pandemic stated by the Governor of North Carolina, this person has devoted much energy, expertise and time to help the Columbus County Maintenance Director execute what is needed for the County Government, in a timely fashion; **and**

WHEREAS, employees of this nature are a true blessing for the Columbus County Schools System, and Columbus County, and are greatly appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the **Columbus County Board of Commissioners** proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to **TIMMY WARD and STAFF** for their willingness to help, their energy and time, when it is needed.

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/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**

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Larry Hayes and Staff, and the Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Timmy Ward and Staff, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJUSTMENT to AGENDA:

Chairman Russ stated the Board needs to add a Closed Session to the Agenda. After research, Amanda B. Prince stated the need for the Closed Session is in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.22(a) (5) (i) Property acquisition.

AGENDA ITEM #23A: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to add Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i), seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Russ, Vice Chairman McMillian, Commissioners Burroughs, Byrd, McDowell and Prevatte; **and**

NAYS: Commissioner Bullard.

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #7: FIRE and RESCUE - BOLTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Bryant Smith delivered the following update on F.E.M.A - VIPER Regional Radio Grant.

Chairman Russ stated the following:

1. Chief Bryant Smith is stating I will include the Columbus County Commissioners in this e-mail to see if they will consider to pay half of the 10% of the matching fund which is \$84,654.19;
2. This amount, if divided by 14 departments is \$6,046.72;
3. If the Columbus County Commissioners would consider helping their Volunteer Fire and EMS Departments in their County by paying half in the amount of \$42,327.09;
4. The 14 departments' 10 percent match would be \$3,023.36;
5. Money is tight now with the COVID 19 people not paying their taxes like they should;
6. The Columbus County taxpayers are getting \$931,196.00 for life saving radios that don't beep out-of-range when you walk inside a building for the price of \$42,327.09; **and**
7. We might still have to pay taxes on this.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve paying one-half of the matching funds for

the VIPER Regional Radio Grant which is \$84,654.19, which equates to \$42,327.09, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda #8: AGING - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kristie Massey, Department of Aging Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

The Columbus County Department of Aging and Adult Services (CCDOA&AS) primary mission is to provide services that are needed to the Senior Citizens of Columbus County and to the adults ages 18 and up that are on Medicaid and qualify for Personal Care Services (PCS) and the Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA). We do this through our programs at the CCDOA&AS. We provide In-Home Services through our Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG), Family Caregiver Grant, and Medicaid for the PCS and CAP/DA program. We also provide assistance with meals with our Home Delivered Meal Program and Congregate Meal program. We also have an Ensure program that we sell at cost provided the client has a current prescription from their doctor. This has to be updated yearly. In order to help the seniors stay healthy and active we have an exercise program at each of the 7 locations, we provide trips, and activities for the seniors also, such as the Prom, Senior Day at the Fair, and a Senior Picnic every May. We provide socialization at each of the 7 locations through informative programs regarding health issues, scam alerts, crafts, etc. We have started a new exercise class at Whiteville called Geri-Fit which we hope to expand to all of the other sites. It costs \$5,000 to get two people trained which was accomplished through the Evidence Based/Health Promotion Grant. We have a staff consisting of 23 Full Time Employees, 7 Site Managers at 20 hours per week, 2 contract workers, 3 employees provided part time through United Way, 6 volunteers and approximately 48 Certified Nursing Assistants.

The following is a breakdown of some of the services we have provided since July 1, 2019 to our clients at the Department of Aging:

MINOR HOME REPAIR (HCCBG money only)

1 Refrigerator, 1 air conditioning unit, 1 ramp, 1 washing machine for a total of \$3,936.00.

ENSURE PROGRAM

392 clients have purchased \$63,603.00 of Ensure, Ensure Regular, and Glucerna.

CONGREGATE MEALS

Bolton has served 3,216 meals to 33 seniors at their location.

Bug Hill has served 2,392 meals to 39 seniors at their location.

Chadbourn has served 5,033 meals to 54 seniors at their location.

East Columbus has served 3,977 meals to 54 seniors at their location.

Fair Bluff has served 3,038 meals to 29 seniors at their location.

Tabor City has served 2,850 meals to 29 seniors at their location.

Whiteville has served 6,062 meals to 149 seniors at their location.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Bolton has served 2,016 meals to the 6 clients on the program with one volunteer doing the delivery.

Chadbourn has served 2,193 meals to the 9 clients on the program with two volunteers doing the delivery.

Tabor City has served 1,936 meals to the 6 clients on the program with the Site Manager doing the delivery.

Whiteville has served 4,441 meals to the 19 clients on the programs with two volunteers doing the delivery.

IN-HOME SERVICES

CAP – CASE MANAGEMENT

We have served 135 clients a total of 13,076 units.

CAP – IN HOME SERVICES

We have served 24 clients for a total of 26,807 hours.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

We have served 29 clients for a total of 11,608 hours.

HOME AND COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT

Level II – We have served 14 clients for a total of 6,764 hours.

Level III – We have served 20 clients for a total of 7,764 hours.

FAMILY CAREGIVER

We have served 6 clients with In-Home Services for a total of 484 hours. We also have helped 18 clients with Incontinence Supplies, 11 clients with Liquid Nutritional Supplements, and 16 clients with the Personal Emergency Response Systems.

We also have the Prescription Drug Program that is provided by one (1) Contract Employee and one Volunteer. We have assisted 830 Medicare residents and saved Columbus County residents \$1,296,444.00 under the SHIP Program. Also, under the Medication Assistance, 332 low income or uninsured citizens a savings of \$583,146.15 in free or low cost medication.

Presented by Kristie Massey, Director of Aging
07/29/2020

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the Aging Departmental Update, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: AGING - AGREEMENT for the PROVISION of COUNTY-BASED AGING SERVICES in ALLOCATION of \$64,039:

Kristie Massey, Department of Aging Director, requested Board approval of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services, in the amount of \$64,039.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services in the allocation of \$64,039, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #10: AIRPORT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, delivered the following Airport Departmental Update.

1. I hope that everyone is feeling well.
2. We were having a great year at the Airport prior to COVID-19 arriving and triggering a public health and economic crisis.
3. For the first few months following the COVID-19 pandemic announcement, we were incredibly busy as people from the Northeast, traveled through the Airport heading south, mainly to the state of Florida.
4. Traffic slowed down dramatically once Florida became known on one of the major "Hotspots". I think I can safely say "We all saw that coming". However, it is still a rare day that we do not have planes coming from or on their way to Florida.
5. We were well aware from the onset that the Airport staff is close to the top of the list when it comes to possible exposure to "the Virus". Therefore, we have been vigilant in following the CDC enhanced cleaning protocols and safety guidelines.
6. Multiple surfaces have been disinfected numerous times daily by me and the rest of the staff in attempts to keep our customers and ourselves COVID free.
7. We are social distancing, wearing masks and doing our very best to try to help stop the spread of this novel deadly virus. It is an ongoing battle. As it has been said "We are all in this together". Hopefully, we will all come through it together.
8. On a brighter note, I am very happy to report that Columbus County Airport has installed an 80 KW generator. This generator will allow us to operate the fuel farm as well as supply electricity to the terminal building in case of a power outage.
9. This is a tremendous asset to the Airport and it is a valuable asset to the Citizens of Columbus County most especially "if" or should I say "When" we suffer the ill effects of a hurricane, ice storm or other weather related event. It allows us to not only be open but to be ready for business following one of these crisis. I sleep better at night just knowing that is on site and is ready to go when it is needed.
10. I am also happy to report that Columbus County Airport applied for and received a \$30,000.00 CARES Act Grant for Columbus County.
11. Ongoing projects at the Airport include: perimeter fencing, land purchase to extend the safety area on Runway 6 as well as design work for a taxiway and a 3 unit corporate hangar.
12. We continue to plan for and to work toward making progress for a better tomorrow.

13. I am very proud of what has been accomplished at the Airport and I look forward to continuing to work with you to make Columbus County Airport the very best that it can be.
14. On behalf of myself and the staff at Columbus County Airport, I sincerely thank you for all your support.
15. Be safe and stay well.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to accept the Airport Departmental Update, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: AIRPORT - GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT 36237.53.14.1:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the Grant Agreement entitled State Aid to Airports Block Grant between the N.C. Department of Transportation, an Agency of the State of North Carolina and Columbus County, in the amount of \$269,610, with a match of \$29,957.00 which has been budgeted, for Project Number: 36237.53.14.1.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement entitled State Aid to Airports Block Grant between the N.C. Department of Transportation, an Agency of the State of North Carolina and Columbus County, in the amount of \$269,610, with a match of \$29,957.00 which has been budgeted, for Project Number: 36237.53.14.1, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. This document will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #12: EMERGENCY SERVICES - EMERGENCY SHELTER at OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, will deliver the following information on establishing an emergency shelter at Old Dock Elementary School.

After lengthy discussion was conducted relative to the cost of \$50,000.00, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to authorize Mike Stephens, County Manager, to get a firm price to move a generator to Old Dock Elementary School for an emergency shelter, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: EMERGENCY SERVICES - HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT for EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of the Health Professional Contract between Columbus County and Joseph Dell'Aria, MD.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Health Professional Contract between Columbus County and Joseph Dell'Aria, MD, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "C", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, and kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #14: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following Monthly Administrative Update for July 2020.

Columbus County DSS continues to participate in the Covid-19 planning calls during each week at 9am.

On July 23, 2020 I participated in an online training on sheltering during Covid-19. This training focused on the new guidelines and preparing for operating shelters during this hurricane season while dealing with a pandemic. It was sponsored by DHHS and the American Red Cross.

During the month of July, I participated in conference calls with our Child Welfare and Economic Services Representative from the state. They discussed policy changes and program updates, since they are unable to make face-to-face visits at this time.

We have received our Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) Funds for this fiscal year 2020-2021. Applications are now available on-line to be downloaded, completed and turned in at our office. We

are concerned that we may not be able to alleviate some families' crisis due to their extremely high utility bills.

Court sessions for Child Support and Child Welfare Services are now being held at Hallsboro Middle School site in Hallsboro, NC.

We are beginning to explore the use of conference calls and other types of technology in order to hold some of meeting that we are required to conduct since face-to-face meetings are difficult at this time.

Lastly, our office continues to remain closed to the public with limited access to our foyer to pick up and return applications for various programs. The public has been very receptive to or new way of doing business and providing services during these past few months.

Washing hands, wearing mask, and social distancing continue to be stressed to employees during work hours.

**July 2020
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 16 County Wards: 24 Number of Payee Cases: 16 Adults Served APS: 2 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,285 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$18,548.81
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 29 Reports Screened out: 23 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 52 Children Served: 94 Contacts with Families Monthly: 524 Assessments: 24
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 68 Children Placed Outside County: 11 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 2 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 4 Total Children in Foster Care: 70
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 16 Applications Approved: 11 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 231 Entered Employments: 1 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 0
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$2,119.00 New Referrals: 12 Cases Established: 4
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 356 Children on the Waiting List: 393 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$159,538.00

**July 2020
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 144 Applications Approved: 132 Active Cases: 5,934 Benefits Issued: \$2,360,109.00 Participants Served: 12,011

Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 95 Cases Terminated: 14 Redeterminations: 271 Applications Processed: 122
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 132 Applications Processed: 128 Redeterminations: 655 Total Medicaid Cases: 13,780 Total Individuals Receiving: 19,606
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 58 Orders Enforced: 1,213 Active Cases: 3,655 Collections: \$563,921.48

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: **July 2020**

News/Updates/Vacancies

Food and Nutrition:

The State resubmitted the denied waiver for interviews for applications and recertifications to USDA and was approved for July and August which means if there is nothing questionable on the application; we do not have to call the client for an interview. We also received waivers for clients that have class H and I Controlled Substance Felons for the initial application. Usually these clients would have to meet with a mental health counselor for an assessment and bring proof of meeting before they could receive benefits; they are now automatically put on and are required to meet with a counselor at their first recertification. The public continues to pick up paper applications from the foyer and submit them either thru the mail or are putting them in the drop box outside of the office. We are still receiving applications on line also. The State automatically extended all of our FNS certification periods for July also. Workers continue to react to changes and purge files that was so badly needed. Waivers and request to extend certification periods will be requested and granted on a monthly basis from USDA for FNS. This Team is fully staffed.

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

Medicaid continues to work under all the waivers we have received and we have received notification that the Public Health Emergency for their waivers has been extended for 90 days, to late October 2020. We continue to receive applications for both Medicaid programs by mail and online. This Team has 2 worker vacancies and 2 in training due to the promotion of an Adult Medicaid worker to the Family & Children's Medicaid Supervisor vacancy.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Child Support began court for a larger audience at Hallsboro Elementary School during July. Court had a few "bumps" but as we continue to hold court there, things will be worked out. We continue to have a temporary retired Judge until September 2020. Our paralegal prepared 233 orders from court and reviewed 31 that were prepared by the Attorney. She also had to prepare Notices of Hearings for cases that had to be continued for 4 prior court dates and to inform defendants and their attorneys of the new location of Child Support Court. Using this larger facility has helped us put a "dent" in getting caught up with the prior court dates that were not held due to COVID-19. This team has 2 agents and 1 clerical vacancies.

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

Work First Cash received a new waiver to forgo the interview for their applications and recertifications thru August 31, 2020.

Our Interpreter is helping with Transportation and the Energy programs while a new worker is being trained for the billing part of transportation.

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. A drop box is also available for them to drop any information back off to us or they can mail it in.

This drop box is checked throughout the day and mail/applications are passed on.

Housekeeping and Maintenance continue to keep our building sanitized and cleaned throughout the day.

Medicaid Transportation remains slower than usual.

This team is fully staffed with 1 still in training in Transportation.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for July 2020

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to have one vacancy. This position was posted in-house with no applicants and then posted outside the agency with one qualified applicant that did not respond when called for an interview. It will be re-advertised. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts and to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Referrals continue to be up with an increase in screened-in assessments. The amount of open cases is increasing again and staff are working diligently, although short-staffed, to initiate cases in a timely manner, assess for risk and needs, put services in place, and close in a timely manner.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to have one vacancy. This position was posted in-house with no applicants and then posted outside of the agency. One qualified applicant interviewed and has been recommended for hire. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts, although short-staffed, and to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. The amount of cases is again increasing.

Foster Care:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts and to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. DHHS does continue to make some allowances for cases that are stable and with parent visitation by allowing the use of FaceTime, video chats, etc., although more face-to-face visits are now being conducted. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. This Unit continues to participate in some "virtual court," but more in-court cases are beginning to be conducted.

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. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts and to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. The Foster Home Licensing worker continues to begin to move forward slowly with getting more foster homes licensed since COVID-19 has also affected getting all of the required parts of the licensure packet completed. They are conducting one-on-one time for those that might be interested in completing Deciding Together, instead of the MAPP classes.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts and to provide needed services to the elderly and disabled while utilizing precautions due to COVID-19. Referrals continue to show an increase. Regular updates continue to be provided from the stated regarding guidance and information as things evolve.

Work First Employment:

This Unit continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 continues to make an impact on how this Unit conducts day to day business. Telephone interviews for Work First applications, recertification's, short-term services and benefits continue to be allowed. 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. Workers are encouraged to make weekly telephone contacts with clients to ensure they are meeting the

components of their mutual responsibility agreements.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 continues to make an impact on how this Unit conducts day to day business. 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 continues to limit office visits, encouraging telephone contact. Repayment agreements are being relaxed to help clients during this time. A third position was approved and interviewed for earlier in the year and the recent recommendation will bring a new Program Integrity worker into the Unit in August. Hopefully this will help with ensuring timeliness of case establishment and with energy assistance.

Although electric companies have relaxed disconnections and the Governor continues to order 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 have been notified that electric companies will soon begin to require that customers pay all past due and late charges or disconnections may become a problem in the near future. Many customers have paid nothing on their bills since the Governor ordered that public utilities not be disconnected in March-April, which means many customers have bills for over \$1000. This is a huge concern that has been voiced to DHHS because with the limits set by DHHS counties will not be able to get applicants out of their crisis and if they can they will not be able to assist in the winter months with heating assistance due to limits being met now. We continue to provide applications and information for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency and conducting telephone interviews to help determine eligibility.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the July, 2020 Monthly Administrative Update, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION - ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECTS FOR \$906,314.75:

Edward E. Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, requested Board acceptance and approval of the following Grant Project Ordinance, Watershed Restoration Project, County of Columbus.

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Chapter 159, Section 13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Watershed Restoration Project described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement between this unit and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Section 2. The officers of the unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

19-3453-432007	Watershed Restoration Project Grant	\$906,314.75
	TOTAL:	\$906,314.75

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

19-4531-559043	Watershed Restoration Project Grant Expenditures	\$906,314.75
	TOTAL:	\$906,314.75

Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain with the Grant Project Fund sufficient detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Disbursements will be electronically wired to Columbus County as request for payments are submitted to the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Section 7. Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

(SEAL)

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Grant Project Ordinance, Watershed Restoration Project, County of Columbus, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16. PLANNING - AGREEMENT WITH N-FOCUS, INCORPORATED:

Samantha Alsop, Planning Director, requested Board approval of the Agreement with N-Focus, Incorporated, in the amount of \$27,972.88, for Code Enforcement functions, with additional benefits.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Agreement with N-Focus, Incorporated, in the amount of \$27,972.88, for Code Enforcement functions, with additional benefits, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "D", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #17: PLANNING - AMENDMENT TO COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE:

Samantha Alsop, Planning Director, requested the establishment of September 08, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for Public Hearing, for an amendment to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to establish September 08, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing, for an amendment to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: Appointments / Re-Appointments / Replacements to Boards, Commissions and Authorities:

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	V	R.C. Soles, Jr.	06/30/2020	William Winslow Phipps
Housing Advisory Committee	I III	Richard Peacock David Solomon	06/30/2020 06/30/2020	Sherica Powell HOLD
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority Motion: Prevatte Second: McDowell	EB	Carl Meares, Jr.	06/30/2018 ???	Steve Smith

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Community Advisory Committee (Joint and/or Nursing Home)	EB	Karen Dawsey	04/04/2020	Re-Appoint
	EB	Robert Adams	07/16/2020	“
	EB	Zelma Biddle	?	”
	EB	Linda Young	?	“
	EB	Deborah Spivey	04/02/2019	”
	EB	Michael J. Creen	07/16/2019	“
	EB	Joleen Fowler Lewis	06/03/2020	”
	EB	Peggy Gerald	06/03/2020	“
	EB	Anita Adams	06/03/2020	”
	EB	Millie Freeman	06/03/2020	“
Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees	IV	Pickett Council	06/30/2022	HOLD
Southeastern Economic Development Commission	II	Ricky James Benton	04/01/2020	HOLD
Water and Sewer Advisory Commission	I	Thaddus Williams	06/02/2020	William Barnhill
	II	Chris Smith	06/02/2020	HOLD
	III	Margaret Gordon	06/02/2020	HOLD

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

At 7:03 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 20, 2020 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 #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT II - TOWN of CERRO GORDO EMERGENCY WATER INTERCONNECTION with WATER DISTRICT II:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval of the emergency interconnection as requested by the Town of Cerro Gordo as an emergency/back-up connection.

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

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

At 7:05 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 Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: PUBLIC INPUT (by TELEPHONE, E-MAIL or LETTER).

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

Agenda Item #22: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5161-549100	Family Planning Dues and Subscriptions	170
	10-5161-531100	Family Planning Travel	300
	10-5161-550010	Family Planning Non -Capital Outlay	4,200
	10-5167-531100	Maternal Health Travel	6,480
	10-5167-550000	Maternal Health Capital Outlay	37,000
	10-5167-550010	Maternal Health Non-Capital Outlay	11,133
	10-5171-550010	Dental Non-Capital Outlay	10,502
	10-5112-550010	Coop Non-Capital Outlay	8,811
Revenues	10-3510-441004	Coop Local Fees	78,596
Expenditures	17-4213-512100	COVID-19 Salaries	22,315
	17-4213-512700	COVID-19 Longevity	1,000
	17-4213-518100	COVID-19 FICA	7,000
Revenues	17-3581-430172	COVID-19 Grant	30,315
Expenditures	10-5171-550000	Dental Capital Outlay	7,905
Revenues	10-3991-499115	Various Fund Balance	7,905
Expenditures	10-5170-526007	WIC Misc Support C/S	13,926
Revenues	10-3510-430055	WIC	13,926
Expenditures	10-4960-550000	Capital Outlay	20,851
Revenues	10-3991-499115	Various Fund Balance	20,851
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	11,073
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenues	11,073
Expenditures	20-4350-5523920	Personal Protective Equipment	10,000
	20-4350-526001	Departmental Supplies	70,040
	20-4350-526000	Office Supplies	10,000
Revenues	20-3318-430172	COVID-19 CARES Act Revenue	90,040
Expenditures	50-4970-526004	COVID-19 Supplies	44,246
Revenue	50-3497-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	44,246
Expenditures	50-4970-526004	COVID-19 Supplies	54,723
Revenue	50-3497-423035	CARES Act	54,723

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Property Value Amount: \$89.33
 Bass, James Hunter **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$112.92
 Value: \$11,097.00 Year: 2019 Account: 16-00242 Bill#: 85837
 Release value of boat. Sold in 2018. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(11.10) release

Columbus Rescue(2.22) release late list(10.27)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$326.83
District Number Three	PROPERTY: 95986	Total:	\$359.31
Value: \$5,800.00	Year: 13-19	Account: 11-05629	Bill#: 99999

Release value. School property. Release Hallsboro Fire(24.36) release Columbus Rescue(8.12)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$757.90
Horne, R C	PROPERTY: 76499	Total:	\$842.64
Value: \$190,800.00	Year: 2019	Account: 13-20208	Bill#: 6229

Release portion of value should be taxed exempt. Release Klondyke Fire(65.91) release Columbus Rescue(18.83)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$247.58
Simmons, Marzell	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,404.60
Value: \$6,984.00	Year: 10-14	Account: 06-02621	Bill#: 99999

Release value house condemned. Release Yam City Fire(30.50) release Columbus Rescue(6.10) release late list(28.42)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$3,905.67
Stephens, Darryl & Terry Lynn	PROPERTY: 90494	Total:	\$6,242.61
Value: \$66,300.00	Year: 10-18	Account: 03-05119	Bill#: 99999

Release value Uncollectible, burned & both deceased. Release Brunswick Fire(367.78) release Whiteville Rescue(105.68)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$30.43
Ward, Rebecca Lacklear	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$37.63
Value: \$1,880.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 03-05364	Bill#: 99999

Release value of boat. Salvaged. Release Old Dock Fire(3.02) Release Columbus Rescue(.76) release late list(3.42)

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$211.14
Honeycutt, Nicholas Chase	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$211.14
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-08805	Bill#: 99999

Refund billing on Plate EKE9060. Sold Vehicle after paying. Refund portion to Mr. Honeycutt(128.58)refund portion back to Columbus County Tax Office to clear out account(82.56)

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Simmons, Wilbur Ray	PROPERTY: 9362	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 04-14320	Bill#: 99999

Refund 2 user fees. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hoffman, Timothy	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$2,800.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 09-03259	Bill#: 5859

Release user fees. Commercial Hauler.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Homer Alton	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-01946	Bill#: 31999

Release user fee. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Whaley, Loriann	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 03-04649	Bill#: 99999

Release user fees. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Gregory	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 12-29188	Bill#: 99999

Release user fee used for storage.

Agenda Item #23: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners; and

1. Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

- We need to give our school systems additional money for the needed cleaning procedures;

- We need to give our school systems disinfecting machines to help them provide the needed disinfecting procedures;
 - The County Manager needs to look at the school systems to see how we can be of help in these procedures;
 - I am receiving a few complaints from the Emergency Management Services that certain areas are not responding appropriately; **and**
 - The Sheriff's Department performed a huge drug bust in Columbus County.
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I need your help with illegal dumping of trash in Columbus County; **and**
 - I encourage the citizens of the County to report strange vehicles being in their neighborhood so we can get control of this illegal dumping.
 3. **Commissioner McDowell:** I am requesting that everyone be very mindful of the school children who are waiting for the school buses in the mornings.
 4. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
 - The public roads in Columbus County are not being mowed enough;
 - We need to reach out to our state and local representatives and request their help with locating grants for our County water system, on the state and federal levels, inclusive of Rabon in Brunswick County and Congressman Rouzer; **and**

MOTION:

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion for a letter to be prepared and mailed to our state and federal levels. and request their help with locating grants for our County water system, inclusive of Rabon in Brunswick County and Congressman Rouzer, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

5. We need to take the dollars for the additional four (4) positions for the Sheriff's Department, in the budget, and allow the Sheriff to give the 2.5% pay increase to all of the employees, and Mike has stated that it could be done.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion take the dollars for the additional four (4) positions for the Sheriff's Department, in the budget, and allow the Sheriff to give the 2.5% pay increase to all of the employees, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Vice Chairman McMillian and Commissioner Bullard; **and**
NAYS: Chairman Russ, Commissioners Burroughs, Byrd, McDowell and Prevatte.

The motion fails on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - If we supply the school systems with additional cleaning supplies and equipment, we need to also supply the worker to do this additional work;
 - We have been receiving multiple complaints regarding drainage problems throughout the County;
 - I met with Drew Cox, Ken Clark and Barry Gelesinsky with the NC Department of Transportation relative to the roadside ditches constantly being full of water, and we discovered the problem that exists is the fallout ditches need to be cleaned out and allow the water to have a place to drain;
 - The State will not allow their employees to clean out fallout ditches; **and**
 - The landowners need to get together and open up the fallout ditches to allow the water somewhere to go.
 6. **Commissioner Burroughs:** We all have the same mind set to help the schools.
 7. **Chairman Russ:** stated that it has been brought to my attention that another Board member is doing business with Columbus County in addition to Commissioners Russ and Byrd.
- C. County Manager (**Michael H. Stephens**): stated the following:

1. Pursuit to the directions by the Board previously relative to paying bills for the two (2) helicopters at the Sheriff's Department, I have received two (2) bills for maintenance and repair on these helicopters;
2. One(1) bill totals \$2,177.00, and one (1) bill totals \$5,500.00 which equates to \$7,677.00;
and
3. I need approval of the Board to pay these bills.

After lengthy discussion was conducted, Commissioner Bullard made a motion to pay the two (2) aircraft bills, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Russ, Vice Chairman McMillian and Commissioner Bullard; **and**
NAYS: Commissioners Burroughs, Byrd, McDowell and Prevatte.

The motion fails on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

At 7:49 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) Property Acquisition, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM #23A: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

No action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Russ requested Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *"The County Commissioners discussed the acquisition of real property with the County Manager. No official action was taken."*

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

Agenda Item 24: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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, August 17, 2020
7:03 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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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, August 17, 2020
7:03 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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II -TOWN of CERRO GORDO EMERGENCY WATER INTERCONNECTION with WATER DISTRICT II:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval of the emergency interconnection as requested.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the emergency interconnection with the Town of Cerro Gordo, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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, August 17, 2020
7:03 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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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, August 17, 2020
7:03 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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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, August 17, 2020

7:03 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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman