

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 18, 2022

5:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Workshop with the USDA Rural Development Office.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Giles E. Byrd
 Chris Smith
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
 Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
 Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

Agenda Items #1:

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 5:00 P.M., Chairman Bullard called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: USDA AND THE FUTURE OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

USDA North Carolina Rural Development State Director Reginald Speight discussed the role of the USDA in the future of Columbus County.

Reginald Speight, USDA Rural Development State Director, stated the following:

- Good evening everyone, I am Reginald Speight, your USDA Rural Development Director and I bring you greetings on behalf of Mr. Tom Vilsack, the Secretary of Agriculture.
- I would like to introduce some staff who are here with me, Mr. Larry Sampson, who is our area Director, located in our Lumberton office, and Mr. Rob Kerns, our Public Information Officer, who is in our Raleigh Office.
- Thank you for indulging me this evening, I wanted to come and introduce myself as the new State Director for Rural Development.
- I'm new to Rural Development but I am not new to rural.
- I was born in Pitt County and raised in a little town there called Farmville, and from the name alone you can probably tell what I was doing growing up.
- I'm here this evening to discuss some of Rural Development's Programs and the Infrastructure Bill that was recently passed.
- I'm going to talk about how it works with Rural Development and discuss some things I'm hopeful we will be able to do here in Columbus County.
- You may have heard of the terms Persistent Poverty Counties or heard some discussion around it.
- That is a federal designation, and essentially the definition of a Persistent Poverty County is a county that has 20% or higher poverty rate for the last 30 years.
- That number is not rounded, if a county fell below that percentage point to 19.8% or 19.9%, then those counties were not counted and are not considered a Persistent Poverty County.
- As of 2010, there were 10 Persistent Poverty Counties in the state of North Carolina.
- With the new 2020 Census data, there are now 15 counties that are persistent poverty counties, and Columbus County is one of those counties.
- So, the reason I said you will be seeing more of me and more of Mr. Sampson is because part of our goal is to have some intentional effort in persistent poverty counties in the state of North Carolina.
- There are persistent poverty counties throughout the country and in those counties we are finding that there are some census tracts or areas that have not benefitted from rural development investments for the last 5 years.
- I did an overlay of all of the programs that we operate in Rural Development to see areas where we may not have had any investment for the last 5 years.
- I won't pretend to know your geography better than you, but when you start talking about areas like Whiteville, Boardman, Evergreen, Nakina and Hallsboro, there have been no investment of Rural Development dollars in those areas since 2016.
- Our purpose is to change that paradigm through the utilization of the programs that we have within Rural Development.
- I want to provide a quick overview of the portfolio that we operate and then I will tell you where the infrastructure bill and some of that revenue within the infrastructure bill fits within our portfolio.
- One of our first portfolios is our Rural Housing Services component and within that we have Single-Family Housing Development, where we can be the bank.

- So if an individual family, and each individual household would have to qualify, we can be the bank for those individuals who may be marginal and not credit worthy and unable to get a loan through a primary lender.
- We can be the bank for them.
- For those individuals who may be a high credit risk, we can do a Single Family Housing Guarantee, where we can guarantee 100% on the backend for the bank to help eliminate closing costs or down payments for those individuals.
- For individuals who may not be interested in buying or purchasing a new home, we have our single family rehab program, where we can go in, in a loan-grant combination, and we can do rehabilitation to a home, providing up to \$10,000 in grants and up to \$40,000 in loans.
- Within that same component with rural housing is the piece you may be most familiar with, which is our Community Programs.
- Our Community Programs is where we build schools, fire departments, police departments, police cars, fire trucks, town halls, community centers, hospitals and clinics.
- These are the types of things we can do with our Community Facilities Program.
- Then we have our Rural Business Cooperative Services Component.
- We do not replace the Small Business Administration, we don't help businesses get started, but if there is a business already established, and they're looking at refinancing some of their debt or expanding their footprint to serve more areas, there are offerings within our Rural Business Cooperative Service Program where we can assist with those things.
- Lastly, and where the infrastructure bill comes into play within Rural Development is our Rural Utilities Services component.
- You may have heard about our deployment of broadband, our water and wastewater projects, or telecom projects and other things we have done.
- We are certain that there will be additional revenue that we will be receiving as part of the infrastructure bill that will come to the Rural Utilities Services component.
- As you can well imagine, and you don't have to go too far, especially after this pandemic, to understand the importance of broadband.
- And, it's time for us to recognize the fact that broadband needs to be talked about as electricity.
- We don't talk about installing plumbing or electricity in a home, so, we need to start thinking about broadband in the same way as part of any new construction; understanding that it has to be affordable, reliable and have adequate speeds.
- Those are the things that we are going to be working on, that this administration is working on, and as I said you will hear more about additional revenue that is in the infrastructure bill.
- Of course, you're going to hear about bridges, roads, railways and other things that fall under the traditional understanding of infrastructure, but you're also going to hear about the necessity for clean water, clean water efforts and how it relates to health and health statistics in our community.
- You'll hear about education and health care; a lot of conversations about distance learning and telemedicine and that is within our portfolio, and broadband is essential for those things to happen.
- So, I just wanted to stop through, just for a moment, and I'm willing to entertain any questions Mr. Chairman, to introduce myself or reintroduce myself to some and to let you know that as you're moving forward with these conversations with broadband, telehealth, water-sewer, with community projects and single-family housing, please consider rural development to be a tool in your toolbox.
- Either from a municipality level or for an individual level from families that you're engaging with and you think we can be a resource for you and a partner in your efforts.
- If you're looking at some of the larger projects, like broadband, water or waste-water, and you're thinking that you want Rural Development to be at the table with you, talk to us early.
- Because there are engineering things, environmental things, architectural things, that we have to do, that once that train leaves the station, we may not be able to uncheck the box, to check our boxes, and dot the i's and cross the t's.
- So please let us know as early as you can in the process, so that we can have the chance to come to the table, and give us a right of refusal for those different projects and the things that you're doing.
- I appreciate and understand the role and responsibility of County Commissioners and City Council members and I thank you very much for what you do and for your service.
- That concludes my presentation for this evening but I certainly will entertain any questions.

Chairman Bullard, stated the following:

-Thank you Mr. Speight, we appreciate what you do to help Columbus County and as you can see, everyone is always looking for extra help for the community through the representation we have here tonight.

Commissioner McDowell, stated the following:

-Thank you for being here.

-I think you partially answered my question in your final comments when you mentioned "come early".

-My question was, with 15 persistent poverty counties, is there a formula used to try and assist all of those counties?

-If so, to what degree would it be?

-If not, if we were to have 5 major needs in Columbus County, would there be the possibility of having all those funded or is there going to be some type of quota or formula that's used to determine how much will be spent and where?

-So, all of the 15 counties will have an opportunity.

State Director Reginald Speight, stated the following:

-That's a great question Commissioner and let me know if I don't answer all of your questions.

-There is not a pecking order and there is not a priority ranking for the persistent poverty counties and the work that we're doing.

-As you can well imagine, and what I have already picked up by being in this room with you, is that not all persistent poverty counties are equal.

-Some are more ready and able to come to the table to partner with us and we are not going to slow our efforts or wait due to that fact.

-To answer your question specifically, if there is a way for you to participate in all 50 programs in USDA Rural Development, you could.

-Right at this moment, money is not a problem, for whatever reason now.

-With that being the case, there is also the opportunity for states that overproduce, and North Carolina is a higher producing state, on par with California or Texas.

-So we are a higher-producing state.

-I have no issue whatsoever, if we spend all the money in Columbus County, going back to the government and saying I need more money.

-So, whatever the issues are, whatever it is we need to talk about more in detail at any particular time, we're willing to have those conversations.

-As many projects that are feasible and affordable for Columbus County we will do them.

Chadbourn Councilmember Rashad Roberts, stated the following:

-We have 2 other councilmembers here, as well as our Manager/Finance Clerk Ms. Patricia Gerald.

-Thank you all for holding this event and thank you for taking the time to come here and speak.

-Don't let this room fool you, there are people in this county that are hurting.

-We might not qualify for all 50 programs but we're going to try.

-So, please, remember our names, remember our faces whenever a decision is being made, and I might need to talk with Mr. Sampson, no disrespect to you, whenever we reach out.

-Because we have a lot that is needed, when it comes to housing, infrastructure, broadband, not only in our towns but our ETJ as well.

-Once again thank you for coming here this evening.

State Director Reginald Speight, stated the following:

-Thank you Mr. Councilman.

-And, let me say once again, I'm very familiar with rural.

-Everything is a need and everything is a priority, I get that.

-I'm thankful that I've been placed in this position for this appointed time to understand that that's the case.

-I will be back, but Mr. Larry Sampson is an excellent person and an excellent resource to have here in this particular region.

-Larry has dabbled in pretty much every program that we have, but at the same time do not hesitate to call me.

-I know you have a good relationship with our Lumberton Office, but don't ever hesitate to call me.

-I'll be happy to come back at any time.

-I told people up the latter that my goal is to get to all 100 counties in the state of North Carolina.

-If there's ever anything we can do, please, as I said, use us as a tool in your toolbox because we have a lot of opportunities there but only if we can make it make sense for you.

-Because, as I said we have a loan/grant portfolio, so there are some programs that will require some local skin in the game, and there may be some opportunities out there that are 100% grant, because we've seen some of those things before.

-I will get those things in your space as quickly as I can, so that you can at least digest it to determine whether or not there's something worth your pursuing.

-Just know that you have an advocate and an ally in Rural Development.

County Manager Eddie Madden, stated the following:

-First I just want to acknowledge the Lumberton Office staff, Mr. Larry Sampson and I go way back, and I've worked on a number of projects with Larry and others out of that office and it's a fantastic group of people.

-A lot of your programs we've discussed have poverty-level criteria.

-My understanding of a lot of the Rural Development programs is there is area-wide criteria and then there's site specific criteria.

-You've mentioned a number of towns in Columbus County that meet your criteria.

-Does that mean that, regardless of the location, as long as the application is for the benefit of a project inside of Columbus County, that it would meet that criteria or do we have to be specific to the towns you mentioned.

State Director Reginald Speight, stated the following:

- We're still, and correct me if I'm wrong Larry, it's still going to be specific depending upon the program.
- In the overlay that I did before, typically persistent poverty counties that the county as a whole qualify, but we do still go by the address or specific sites or what have you.
- Some of these places may not meet criteria but areas around them may and then we can start looking at specific projects/programs.
- The easiest thing to get off the ground, would be something that we do in housing.
- Trying to do some things with individuals who want to purchase housing or housing rehab.
- Your larger projects, requiring the environmental, the architectural, the engineering type things, such as water or broadband, it takes a little bit more time.

County Manager Eddie Madden, stated the following:

- I know you mentioned a number of infrastructure projects that qualify and one was clean water
- How about storm water?
- Because it's a major concern for us here.

State Director Reginald Speight, stated the following:

- There are some conversations that we're having with the Secretary's Office, my colleagues throughout the country, and the territories are that persistent poverty counties are persistent poverty counties for a reason.
- They are the counties that can benefit from our programs the most, that can at least afford to come to the table to participate.
- We have to talk about some special rule-making or some special projects to get you to the starting line.
- And let's have those conversations, even if there is a set aside for persistent poverty counties, if we're serious, doing a set aside for persistent poverty counties only.
- That some of the different criteria or things set up for eligibility can be eliminated to get you to the table that can at least be a catalyst for something else for the county.
- Because water, waste-water, storm water, is something that, if that happens in the county, that changes things and I understand that.
- And that starts you on a track where you no longer need Rural Development and you don't qualify for us.
- That's what we want to do, get to that point, but sometimes there has to be special rule-making, so that those things can be eliminated, regardless of the median household income, regardless of the population, regardless of whether you're contiguous to another larger entity.
- That we can get some work done, that circumvents some of those rules with special rule-making; and that is some of the conversations we're having up the chain and we're having some traction.

County Manager Eddie Madden, stated the following:

- Finally, and I'll wrap up, you mentioned the key word "grant".
- I'm assuming and I know in years past with USDA, depending on availability of funding, you could have less grant and more loan, and then other times more grant and less loan.
- I'm hoping that more grant would be available during this round of funding than in years past.

State Director Reginald Speight, stated the following:

- It is my understanding that in this infrastructure bill there will be some robust grant opportunities available.

City Manager Darren Currie, stated the following:

- I'm Darren Currie, City Manager for the town of Whiteville.
- If there are loans available, what is the ballpark, and I know it depends on a lot of things, but what are some of the ballpark interest rates you're seeing right now?

Rural Development Area Director Larry Sampson, stated the following:

- I believe we're at 2.25%.
- I know that they are getting ready to increase that, and it will probably change with the next quarter, so after June 30th, but right now I believe we're still at 2.25%.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:30 P.M., Chairman Bullard adjourned the meeting.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 18, 2022

6:30 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Regular Session Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
 Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
 Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

Agenda Items #1:

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the Monday, April 18, 2022 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143.318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

Closed Session was removed from the agenda under Agenda Item #6.

Agenda Items #3 AND #4: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

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

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

- A. March 28, 2022 Joint Meeting with Whiteville City Schools
- B. March 29, 2022 Joint Meeting with Southeastern Community College
- C. March 29, 2022 Joint Meeting with Columbus County Schools
- D. April 4, 2022 Special Called Meeting
- E. April 4, 2022 Regular Session Meeting

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: APPROVAL of APRIL 18, 2022 AGENDA:

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Chairman Bullard stated there was an item that needed to be added to the agenda.

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to add an item to the agenda as Agenda Item #6A, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Bullard requested a motion to remove Closed Session from the agenda.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to remove Closed Session from the agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Bullard requested a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6A: LEGAL – APPROVAL of the ADDITION of THREE LAW FIRMS to COLUMBUS COUNTY’S LEGAL TEAM for REPRESENTATION in the NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION:

Amanda Prince, Staff Attorney/Clerk to the Board, requested Board Approval of the Addition of J. Harold Seagle (Seagle Law), A. Charles Ellis (Ward and Smith, P.A.), and H. Terry Hutchens (Hutchens Law Firm, LLP).



April 4, 2022

Amanda Prince
Columbus County Attorney
111 Washington Street
Whiteville, NC 28472

Re: **MDL 2804 – In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation:**
County of Columbus, North Carolina v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., Inc., et al.
Case No.: 1:18-op-45847-DAP (Judge Dan Aaron Polster)

Dear Ms. Prince,

In light of the national settlement approval by the distributor defendants and Johnson & Johnson in the MDL 2804 styled, *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, we are performing some due diligence, which includes review of the client contracts.

The client contract identifies the law firms working on your case. To comply with the North Carolina of Professional Conduct, please consider this full disclosure that three additional law firms have been, and are, working on your case:

J. Harold Seagle
Seagle Law
PO Box 15307
Asheville, NC 28813

A. Charles Ellis
Ward and Smith, P.A.
PO Box 8088
Asheville, NC 27835-8088




**NATIONAL
OPIOID LITIGATION**

Attorney Amanda Prince
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Re: Addendum to Contract

H. Terry Hutchens
Hutchens Law Firm, LLP
P.O. Box 2505
Fayetteville, N.C. 28302

The addition of Mr. Seagle, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Hutchens to the contract does not change the contract other than to add them to the representation.

Please acknowledge your consent by dating, signing, and returning this letter to my attention as soon as possible.

For your convenience, I am providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,



Aaron L. Harrah

ALH/dlc
Enclosure: SASE

I understand that J. Harold Seagle, Esq., H. Terry Hutchens, and A. Charles Ellis, Esq., are part of the County of Columbus, North Carolina's legal team and is working on the case. By signing below, I acknowledge my consent.

Date

Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney



levinlaw.com | baronandbudd.com | powellmajestro.com | mcughfuller.com | greeneketchum.com | hpcb.com | farrellfuller.com

MOTION:

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve the addition of the 3 law firms, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Bullard opened the floor for Public Comment.

Sherica Powell, 261 Fruit Ridge Rd, Whiteville, NC 28472 stated the following:

-I appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of this wonderful county.

- I am a member of Faith Believers Outreach in Tabor City.
- I travel to the sweet yam city to enjoy fellowship with the saints there.
- I have come a few weeks ago to this very same office soliciting your support for the community.
- I also am a Driver's Education Instructor for Columbus County.
- This is Spring Break Week and I've put together a week of events.
- The outpour from the Lord today didn't put a damper on my spirit, but yet on the event.
- The group of volunteers there, we still collaborated and stayed to continue this for the rest of the week.
- Mr. Al Leonard allowed me the use of the courthouse building and I appreciate it.
- My love of children is far more than that courthouse or Columbus County could ever hold, simply because of my only begotten son.
- He's seventeen and the streets will welcome these kids if they don't have anything to do.
- Once again, I'm soliciting your support, for these very same children, who may one day hold your seat.
- And one day, maybe you all will be my guest at the Senior Citizen Prom, where I am a very active board member for Columbus County Department of Aging and Adult Services.
- I appreciate the appointment from Commissioner McMillian.
- I serve well in Columbus County with the senior citizens.
- From my house to the schoolhouse on my job, I ride the dangerous roads, declaring the wages of sin is death and the gift of God is eternal life.
- If any of you all can support me with this week of events I would greatly appreciate it.
- My contact information is on the bottom of that flyer.
- Thank you.

Pauline Dennis, 130 Birdcage Estate, Chadbourn, NC 28431 stated the following:

- I'm here for our little community to discuss the road.
- Our road is so bad and we try to keep it up ourselves but it's mostly seniors or the disabled who live on our road.
- We actually lost two of our senior citizens and that has cut the money that we had to try and keep the road up.
- I talked to the residents of our little community and they were all willing to give up a little of their property if they had to if it meant that the road would be fixed.
- We have the trash truck and the postal service coming down that road, and if a resident gets sick, we have the rescue squad coming down that road.
- This year, I actually think we had 2 fire trucks to come.
- The road is so bad right now, full of really, really deep holes.
- I'm a widower and I know I can't do much and I brought my neighbor and she's a widower and on social security and we can't just continuously fix it.
- We've done our best.

Chairman Bullard: Is this the road, when you're leaving Chadbourn, on Old 74, on the right?

Ms. Dennis: Yes, sir.

Chairman Bullard: I think you would need to talk with the State, Mr. Drew Cox, if I'm not mistaken. They could tell you if you meet the requirements for the State to take that road over and maintain it for you. Maybe, if you can call the office tomorrow, they can give you Mr. Drew Cox's phone number.

Ms. Dennis: I did call the Department of Transportation, and they told us that they couldn't do the road. I did contact them, on several occasions.

Chairman Bullard: They are the ones you would need to contact so try contacting them again.

Agenda Item #8: EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – REGINA MARCELLINO:

County Manager Eddie Madden spotlighted Columbus County Deputy Register of Deeds, Ms. Regina Marcellino.

County Manager Eddie Madden stated the following:

- This evening, it's my honor, to recognize Ms. Regina Marcellino, as the employee spotlight person.
- She is unable to attend this evening and we will present the certificate to her at a later time.
- I did want to mention a few things the Register of Deeds, Ms. Bullock, provided to us as information regarding Ms. Marcellino.
- Regina was hired in the Columbus County Register of Deeds Office in 2009.
- For the last 12 years she has excelled at learning the ends and outs of the Register of Deeds Office.
- Not many people understand the constant change in laws that affect the Register of Deeds Office, so it takes a versatile person to be able to flow through those changes.
- Regina is just that person and shows enthusiasm for changes in law for procedures as to how things are done.
- Customer service is a huge part of the duties of the Register of Deeds.
- Regina goes out of her way, above and beyond the call of duty to assist customers, whether they are in person or on the phone.

-The duties of the Register of Deeds Office also includes, the day to day interaction with other Register of Deeds Offices throughout the state, the North Carolina Vital Records Office, as well as the North Carolina Secretary of State's Office.

-Regina displays professionalism when interacting with each of these respective offices.

-Regina Marcellino is an asset to the Columbus County Register of Deeds Office and we're grateful and anxious to present this certificate to her this evening for the Employee Spotlight.

-So please help me recognize Ms. Regina Marcellino; we will present this certificate to her in the coming days.

Agenda Item #9: PROCLAMATION – APPROVAL of PROCLAMATION in CELEBRATION of NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK:

Nick West, Assistant County Manager/Emergency Services Director requested Board approval.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Public Safety Communications Center, known as Columbus Central, plays a vital role in the protection of human life and property in our county; **and**

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; **and**

WHEREAS, while enduring long shifts and handling frequent life and death emergencies, Columbus Central Telecommunicators set high standards in performing their duties in a dedicated, diligent, and compassionate manner; **and**

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators serve as a vital link for our Law Enforcement Officers and Fire and EMS Personnel by constantly monitoring radio frequencies, and providing critical information to ensure their safety; **and**

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals efficiently coordinate emergency services to ensure the health and safety of our residents, visitors and travelers in our cities, towns, county, and on our highways, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus Central Telecommunicators are rarely visible to the public while performing an exceptional service that deserves praise and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 10 - 16, 2022, as National Telecommunicators Week and commend the devotion, contributions, and services of the Columbus County Telecommunicators.

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this the 18th day April, 2022.

Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**

/s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**

/s/ **CHARLES T. MCDOWELL**

/s/ **BOYD WORLEY, Board Attorney**

/s/ **LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

/s/ **JEROME MCMILLIAN, Vice Chairman**

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **BRENT WATTS**

/s/ **EDWIN H. MADDEN, Jr., Manager**

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Clerk to the Board**

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH:

County Manager Eddie Madden requested Board approval.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 315 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; **and**

WHEREAS, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; **and**

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Board of Commissioners and our County Manager, Columbus County is demonstrating how counties can thrive by forging partnerships with local leaders and municipalities to strengthen our ability to support our residents and local businesses; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County acknowledges the responsibilities we have to our citizens, and seek to administer quality programs and services to spur job growth, improve quality of life and increase economic competitiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to celebrate this occasion.

Adopted this the 18th day of April, 2022.

Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

/s/ CHRIS SMITH

/s/ LAVERN COLEMAN

/s/ CHARLES T. MCDOWELL

/s/ BOYD WORLEY, Board Attorney

/s/ LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk

/s/ JEROME MCMILLIAN, Vice Chairman

/s/ GILES E. BYRD

/s/ BRENT WATTS

/s/ EDWIN H. MADDEN, Jr., Manager

/s/AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Clerk
to the Board

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH PG (MULTI-16), LP:

Dr. Gary Lanier, EDC/Planning Director, requested Board approval.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of _____, (the "Effective Date") by and between COLUMBUS COUNTY, 127 W. Webster Street, Whiteville, NC 28472 (the "Indemnifier") and PG (MULTI-16), LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership registered to do business in the State of North Carolina, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, 2nd Fl., New York, New York 10020 (the "Indemnitee").

BACKGROUND:

1. The Indemnitee desires protection against any personal liability, claim, suit, action, loss or damage that may result from the Indemnitee's participation in the Activity.
2. The Indemnifier wishes to minimize any hardship the Indemnitee might suffer as the result of any personal liability, claim, suit, action, loss or damage that may result from the Indemnitee's participation in the Activity.

IN CONSIDERATION and as a condition of the Indemnifier and the Indemnitee entering into this Agreement and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which consideration is acknowledged, the Indemnifier and the Indemnitee agree as follows:

Definitions

1. The following definitions apply in the Agreement:
 - a. "Activity" means the following:
Any lawsuit or transaction involving the Building Reuse grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Pipeline Plastics.
 - b. "Expenses" means all costs incurred in the defense of any claim or action brought against the Indemnitee including attorneys' fees.
 - c. "Notice of Claim" means a notice that has been provided by the Indemnitee to the Indemnifier describing a claim or action that has or is being brought against the Indemnitee by a Third Party.

- d. “Notice of Indemnity” means a notice that has been provided by the Indemnitee to the Indemnifier describing an amount owing under this Agreement by the Indemnifier to the Indemnitee.
- e. “Parties” means both the Indemnitee and the Indemnifier.
- f. “Party” means either the Indemnitee or the Indemnifier.
- g. “Third Party” means any person other than the Indemnitee and the Indemnifier.

Indemnification

- 2. The Indemnifier will hold harmless and indemnify the Indemnitee against any and all claims and actions arising out of the participation of the Indemnitee in the Activity, including, without limitation, Expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any liability, suit, action, loss, or damage arising or resulting from the Indemnitee’s participation in the Activity, subject to the limits on indemnification described in the section titled Exceptions to Indemnification. Where prohibited by law, the above indemnification does not include indemnification of the Indemnitee against a claim caused by the negligence or fault of the Indemnitee, its agent or employee, or any Third Party under the control or supervision of the Indemnitee, other than the Indemnifier or its agent, employee or subcontractors.
- 3. In the case of a criminal proceeding, the Indemnitee will not be indemnified by the Indemnifier.

Exceptions to Indemnification

- 4. The Indemnitee will not be entitled to indemnification from the Indemnifier for any Expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts incurred as a result of the Indemnitee’s participation in the Activity where:
 - a. in the case of a civil claim, the Indemnitee did not act in good faith and in a reasonable manner;
 - b. the claim or action is of a criminal nature;
 - c. the actions or conduct of the Indemnitee constituted willful misconduct or was knowingly fraudulent or deliberately dishonest;
 - d. the Indemnitee will or has received payment under a valid and collectible insurance policy or under a valid or enforceable indemnity clause, bylaw or agreement, except where payment under this insurance policy, clause, bylaw or agreement is not sufficient to fully indemnify the Indemnitee in which case the Indemnifier will be responsible for any shortfall in payment received; or
 - e. an action or proceeding was initiated in whole or in part by the Indemnitee whether alone or along with one or more other claimants unless the action or proceeding has the written consent of the Indemnifier.

Notice of Claim

- 5. In the event of any claim or action, the Indemnitee will promptly provide the Indemnifier with written notice of the claim or action and will notify the Indemnifier within five (5) business days of the commencement of any legal proceeding relating to the claim or action. The Indemnitee will provide the Indemnifier with all available information known to the Indemnitee relating to the claim of action.

Authorization of Indemnification

- 6. In any case where the Indemnitee requires indemnification, the Indemnifier will make the determination of whether indemnification is appropriate having given consideration to the terms described in the Exceptions to Indemnification section. If the Indemnitee disagrees with the determination of the Indemnifier then the matter must be referred for review and determination to independent legal counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnitee. In all cases the Indemnifier will bear all costs of any independent determination.
- 7. The Indemnifier will bear the burden of proving that indemnification is not appropriate.
- 8. The termination of any claim or action by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent will not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a reasonable manner.

Assumption of Defense

- 9. On being notified of any impending action or claim, the Indemnifier may, at its own Expense, participate in the defense of any action or claim and may, alone or with any other indemnifying party, assume the defense against the action or claim using counsel that are reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnitee.
- 10. Once the Indemnifier has notified the Indemnitee of the intention to assume the defense, the Indemnifier will no longer be liable to the Indemnitee for any further legal or other Expenses subsequently incurred by the Indemnitee in relation to the defense of the claim. Once the Indemnifier provides notice to the Indemnitee that the defense of claim has been assumed by the Indemnifier, the Indemnitee may employ or continue to employ its own legal counsel. However, any fees or Expenses incurred by the Indemnitee

subsequent to the notice of assumption of defense by the Indemnifier will be the sole responsibility of the Indemnitee.

Failure to Defend

11. If the Indemnifier elects not to assume the defense against the claim or action then the Indemnitee may defend against any claim or action in any manner the Indemnitee deems appropriate. The Indemnifier will promptly reimburse the Indemnitee for Expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and any other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of the claim or action, subject to the limits on indemnification described in the section titled Exceptions to Indemnification.

Settlement and Consent of Indemnifier

12. The Indemnitee will not settle any claim or action without first obtaining the written consent of the Indemnifier. The Indemnifier will not be liable for any amounts paid in settlement of any claim or action where written consent of the Indemnifier was not first obtained. The Indemnifier will not unreasonably withhold consent to any settlement.

Settlement and Consent of Indemnitee

13. The Indemnifier will not settle any claim or action without first obtaining the written consent of the Indemnitee. The Indemnitee will not unreasonably withhold consent to any settlement.

Cooperation

14. The Indemnifier agrees to cooperate in good faith and use best efforts to ensure that the Indemnitee is indemnified and reimbursed for any and all Expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any claim or action resulting from the participation of the Indemnitee in the Activity.
15. The Indemnitee agrees to cooperate in good faith and provide any and all information within the Indemnitee's power as required for the defense of any claim or action and also to provide any and all information within the Indemnitee's power as required to help in a determination of indemnification as described under the Authorization of Indemnification section.

Expenses

16. No costs, charges or Expenses for which indemnity will be sought under this Agreement may be incurred without the Indemnifier's written consent. Any required consent must not be unreasonably withheld.
17. All reasonable Expenses incurred by the Indemnitee to enforce this Agreement, and all costs of defending any Third Party claims or actions brought against the Indemnitee under this Agreement, will be the sole responsibility of the Indemnifier subject to the limits on indemnification described in the section titled Exception to Indemnification.

Advances of Expenses

18. At the written request of the Indemnitee, the Indemnifier will advance to the Indemnitee any Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Indemnitee in defending any action brought against the Indemnitee. Where reasonable, and to minimize hardship to the Indemnitee, advance payments may be made prior to the disposition of any claim.
19. The Indemnitee agrees to repay to the Indemnifier any advance payment on Expenses where a determination is ultimately made that the Indemnitee's behavior is not entitled to indemnification for reasons described under the Exceptions to Indemnification.

Payment

20. All payments made by the Indemnifier to the Indemnitee will be made in full in immediately available funds within sixty (60) days of receipt of Notice of Indemnity from the Indemnitee and without deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment, or set-off.
21. Any Notice of Indemnity sent by the Indemnitee to the Indemnifier must be made in writing and contain a full listing of the items to be covered in the payment. Any payment made by the Indemnifier to the Indemnitee will contain a listing of items covered under the payment.

Enforcement

22. If any right or remedy claimed by the Indemnitee under this Agreement is denied or is not paid by the Indemnifier, or on its behalf, within sixty (60) days after a written Notice of Indemnity has been submitted by the Indemnitee to the Indemnifier, the Indemnitee may then bring suit against the Indemnifier to recover any unpaid amounts and, if successful in whole or in part, the Indemnitee will be entitled to be paid any and all costs related to resolving the claim.

23. Where a determination as described under Authorization of Indemnification concludes that the Indemnitee's behavior is not entitled to indemnification, this will not create a presumption that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this Agreement.

Insurance

24. The Indemnifier, at its sole discretion, will make the good faith determination whether or not it is reasonable for the Indemnifier to obtain liability insurance against its potential liability in protecting the Indemnitee under this Agreement. The Indemnifier will select an insurer with a reliable reputation and, among other considerations, will weigh the costs of obtaining this insurance coverage against the protection afforded by this coverage.

Duration

25. The rights and obligations of the Indemnitee and the Indemnifier under this Agreement will continue:
- a. so long as the Indemnitee is or will be subject to any possible claim or threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, arbitrational, administrative or investigative that results from the participation of the Indemnitee in the Activity; or
 - b. until terminated by an agreement in writing signed by both the Indemnitee and the Indemnifier.

Unlimited Indemnification

26. Under this Agreement, indemnification will be limited to \$200,000.

Full Release

27. Only payment and satisfaction in full of all amounts and charges payable under this Agreement and the due performance and observance of all terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement will release the Indemnifier and the Indemnitee of their obligations under this Agreement.

Further Action

28. No action or proceeding brought or instituted under this Agreement, and no recovery from that action or proceeding, will be a bar or defense to any further action or proceeding which may be brought under this Agreement by reason of any further failure in the performance and observance of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

Subrogation

29. In the event that any indemnity payment is made under this Agreement, the Indemnifier will be subrogated to the extent of this payment to all of the rights of recovery of the Indemnitee. The Indemnitee will take all action required and provide all information necessary to secure these rights and to fully enable the Indemnifier to take any action to enforce these rights in the recovery of the indemnity payment.

Amendments

30. This Agreement may only be amended, terminated or cancelled by an instrument in writing, signed by both the Indemnifier and the Indemnitee.

Assignment of Indemnifier's Rights and Obligations

31. The rights and obligations of the Indemnifier as existing under this Agreement may not be assigned, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Indemnitee.

Assignment of Indemnitee's Rights and Obligations

32. The rights and obligations of the Indemnitee as existing under this Agreement may not be assigned, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Indemnifier.

Joint and Several Liability

33. If two or more persons act as Indemnifier in this Agreement or if the Indemnifier is a partnership consisting of two or more partners, then the liability under this Agreement will be joint and several for each co-Indemnifier.

Notices

34. Any notices or deliveries required in the performance of this Agreement will be deemed completed when hand-delivered, delivered by agent, or seven (7) days after being placed in the post, postage prepaid, to the Parties to this Agreement at the addresses contained in this Agreement or as the Parties may later designate in writing.

Governing Law

35. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Jurisdiction

36. The courts of the State of North Carolina are to have jurisdiction to decide and settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

General Provisions

37. This Agreement contains all terms and conditions agreed to by the Indemnifier and the Indemnitee. Statements or representations which may have been made by either Party in the negotiation stages of this Agreement may in some way be inconsistent with this final written Agreement. All such statements are declared to be of no value to either Party. Only the written terms of this Agreement will bind the Parties.
38. Any failure of either Party to enforce any of the terms, covenants and conditions in this Agreement does not infer or permit a further waiver of that or any other right or benefit under this Agreement. A waiver by one Party of any right or benefit provided in this Agreement does not infer or permit a waiver of that right or benefit, nor does it infer or permit a waiver of any other right or benefit provided in this Agreement.
39. This Agreement will pass to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties' respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.
40. The clauses, paragraphs and subparagraphs contained in this Agreement are intended to be read and construed independently of each other. If any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid, this invalidity will not affect the operation of any other part of this Agreement.
41. All of the rights, remedies and benefits provided in this Agreement will be cumulative and will not be exclusive of any other such rights, remedies and benefits allowed by law or equity that the Parties may have now or may acquire in the future.
42. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
43. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which together will be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
44. Headings are inserted for the convenience of the Parties only and are not to be considered when interpreting this Agreement. Words in the singular mean and include the plural and vice versa. Words in the masculine gender mean and include the feminine gender and vice versa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

INDEMNIFIER
Columbus County

INDEMNIFITEE
PG (MULTI-16), LP

By: _____
Chairman Ricky Bullard
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
President

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: DSS MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Director, provided the Board with the monthly update.

**Monthly Administrative Update
For March 2022
April 18, 2022 Meeting**

March was National Social Work Appreciation Month. To celebrate the social work staff in our agency a luncheon was prepared and certifications of service in social work were presented to staff. The luncheon was sponsored by the social worker supervisors, social work program manager, and I. Hats off to our social work staff.

On March 10, 2022, I participated on the North Carolina Director's Association zoom meeting. During the meeting we received updates on Medicaid plans for Foster Children and Food & Nutrition. The state is continuing to work on the specialty Foster Care plan to ensure that children on foster care receive the proper services and coverage under Medicaid. This is an ongoing process.

We were informed that the state has requested an extension of the emergency Food & Nutrition Benefit payments, (\$95.00) that will end in April 2022. Therefore, these supplemental benefits could continue with USDA approval. If the extension is not approved families will continue to receive their regular benefits. We were also informed that families who are receiving TANF, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families will be getting an additional \$500.00 in the month of March for each child age 0 to 17 in the household. This payment is to assist families with the purchase of school supplies, clothes, etc. Funding for these additional payments are Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds.

On March 16, 2022, the child welfare supervisors, social work program manager and I participated in a focus group. This focus group was led by a member of the ACT Team and the purpose was to identify gaps and needs in services to families affected by opioids. This team is working with the county to develop a plan to use the funds that are coming to Columbus County via the Opioid Settlement.

On March 29, 2022, we met with our child welfare representative to conduct our monthly check-in and review our program improvement plan. The supervisors, program manager, and child welfare staff have worked hard and have completed the requirements of our continuous quality improvement plan.

During the month of March there were two child fatalities. Both were teenagers and the deaths were reported to the state as required.

We lost one adult ward in March and had one adult's competency restored.

Lastly, I participated in ten webinars, zoom meetings, and in person meetings.

March 2022

Human Services

Adult Services (APS)

APS Reports Accepted: 1

County Wards: 28

Number of Payee Cases: 17

Adults Served APS: 2

Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 748

Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$15,254.47

Children's Protective Services (CPS)

Reports Accepted: 21

Reports Screened out: 31

Families Receiving In-Home Services: 49

Children Served: 99

Contacts with Families Monthly: 711

Assessments: 12

Foster Care

Foster Children in Foster Homes: 124

Children Placed Outside County: 35

Agency Adoptions: 4

Pending Adoptions: 4

Total Foster Homes Licensed: 6

Total Children in Foster Care: 128

Work First Employment (TANF)

Applications Taken: 9

Applications Approved: 2

Individuals Receiving Benefits: 235

Entered Employments: 1

Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 0

Program Integrity

Collections for Fraud: \$970.90

New Referrals: 2

Cases Established: 9

Day Care

Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 397

Children on the Waiting List: 137

Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$171,505.00

March 2022

Economic Services

Food & Nutrition

Applications Taken: 146

Applications Approved: 125

Active Cases: 6,695

Benefits Issued: \$3,155,729.00

Participants Served: 13,213

Adult Medicaid

Applications Taken: 122

Cases Terminated: 26

Redeterminations: 361

Applications Processed: 139

Family & Children's Medicaid

Applications Taken: 142

Applications Processed: 170

Redeterminations: 586

Total Medicaid Cases: 14,821

Total Individuals Receiving: 22,517

Child Support

Absent Parents Located: 74

Orders Enforced: 903

Active Cases: 3,843

Collections: \$525,811.00

Respectfully submitted,

Algernon McKenzie

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager

Vacancies/Updates/News for March 2022

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to be very busy with referrals involving substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health issues, among other things. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) continues to make monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. This Supervisor recently met with staff from the Sheriff's Department along with the Program Manager and Director to discuss strategies to hopefully promote working together in a more positive manner. This Unit recently celebrated Social Work Month and will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to be short staffed due to a lateral transfer to another Unit, but interviews have been completed and a person has been recommended who will start in early April. Total contacts and children served continue to increase indicating more intensive involvement with current caseloads. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) continues to make monthly contacts to review agency data, policy

updates, and casework. This Unit recently celebrated Social Work Month and will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Foster Care/Permanency Planning:

The Foster Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to break county records for the largest amount of children in custody in Columbus County. However, with a change in judge and a new DSS attorney who has a goal of working on dealing with this increase, caseloads are slowing beginning to decrease. Drug abuse, sexual abuse, and severe neglect appear to be the biggest contributing factors, along with a lack of family support. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) continues to make monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. This Unit recently celebrated Social Work Month and will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to be fully staffed. Staff continue to work caseloads while assisting the other Child Welfare Units as needed, particularly in the areas of courtesy requests from other counties and assisting with supervising visits and transporting children in custody. This Unit is helping particularly in the area of making monthly contacts with the large amount of children in foster care. Foster Home Licensing continues to work on completing more licensures to help increase the number of foster home available for the large amount of foster children. A new MAPP training began the last week of March and hopefully a good group of foster parents will come out of this training. Increasing foster care rates are projected to cause a bigger financial burden on counties that already have difficulty finding appropriate placements for children, especially those with behavior issues. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) continues to make monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. This Unit recently celebrated Social Work Month and will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit currently has one vacancy, with a new hire coming into the other vacancy. This is the closest to being fully staffed this Unit has been in several months. The Supervisor continues to assist with making contacts with clients to assist her limited staff. This Unit continues to be busy in its day-to-day activities of contacts with the elderly and disabled and resource agencies. This can be a difficult population to work with at times because of their various needs, the lack of resources, and the adult's right to self-determination. A lack of appropriate placements for those adults with mental health issues also creates a huge burden on the county. This Unit recently celebrated Social Work Month.

Work First Employment:

This Unit continues to be fully staffed. Although this unit is open for in-person applications, telephone interviews continue for Work First applications, recertification's, short-term services and benefits. Certain necessary application documentation can be mailed to individuals that wish to apply and when received back the worker can conduct telephone interviews to complete that application. Some application information is also being provided for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency. Workers are encouraged to make telephone contacts with clients at least every two weeks to offer support and resources to clients. Transitioning back to regular application and case processing is now beginning after COVID-19 waivers end. This Unit recently celebrated Social Work Month.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit is now fully staffed. The Supervisor and staff continue to work the over and under payment report to ensure proper payment is being made to county daycare providers. 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. Day Care slots within local Day Cares are limited at this time. DSS staff continue to work with families to ensure their services stay in place while limiting contact to the telephone as much as possible. This Unit is continuing to work on its waiting list to determine the continued need for services, which is decreasing slowly. Hopefully this will give the Unit a better idea of where the need is and decrease the waiting list.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity now has a vacancy after the retirement of one of its staff. Interviews are scheduled. Office visits are limited and telephone contact is encouraged, but office visits are possible. Repayment agreements are being relaxed to help clients during this time. Staff are working to clean up a backlog, establishing cases and repayment agreements, all while assisting with the Energy Programs.

Energy Assistance

LIEAP and heating season ended March 31. CIP continues now with the cooling season which means helping with electricity needs. Applications continue to be available on EPASS where applicants can complete and submit applications on-line, but continue to be available in our lobby for pick up and completion. One in-house staff

person is currently processing applications and Program Integrity staff are assisting as needed. The one temporary staff person recently quit and there is discussion about getting another temporary staff person to assist, mainly due to the possible increase in Duke Energy Progress applications. Duke Energy Progress ended its moratorium March 31 and will now begin sending out disconnect notices. Customers received letters in March explaining this and encouraging customers to plan to talk with Duke about making a payment plan for past due balances to help alleviate disconnections. Many customers have paid very little, if anything, on their bills over the past several months leaving many with bills over \$1000. There is discussion by the state about the possibility of more supplemental payments and/or automatic approvals and more assistance from Duke Energy for its customers.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

LIHWAP continues for all counties. This program is a federally funded program that will provide emergency assistance to low-income households to prevent disconnection or provide assistance with the reconnection of drinking and wastewater services. It will be based on a priority list: Group 1 will consist of households that have had water services disconnected. Group 2 will consist of households that are in jeopardy of water services being disconnected unless action is taken to prevent the disconnect. Group 3 will consist of households that have current water service bills and need assistance to maintain service. We continue to work this program, assisting almost all applicants that submit applications for assistance. The majority of this allotment has been spent and there is discussion at the state level of more funding.

Economic Services Program Narrative

Family and Children's Medicaid; Adult Medicaid; Medicaid in Nursing Homes, Special Assistance (Rest Homes), Community Alternative Program (CAP); Medicaid Transportation; Food & Nutrition, Child Support and Housekeeping

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: March 2022

News/Updates/Vacancies

Food and Nutrition:

Results for our Audit with Food and Nutrition were found to be technical errors with no eligibility errors. With these Audits, there are no county chargebacks however USDA states if ONE error whether technical or eligibility is found, the county will have to complete a Corrective Action Plan. We are in the process of asking for a rebuttal on a few errors that were cited. The waiver for emergency allotments for households are being requested and approved on a monthly basis. The other waivers that have been put in place have been extended to June 30, 2022. The State has indicated they will notify counties 60 days prior to the termination of the Public Health Emergency. Once the PHE ends, the flexibility of the majority of waivers will end at the end of the month following the month in which the Public Health Emergency ends. The State has developed a Guidebook to help plan for the transition back to regular processes after the waivers end and is intended to assist counties in developing plans. There are currently 2 vacancies on this team with 1 new employee in training.

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

The Medicaid Team failed their Monthly Report Card for timeliness last month due to misinterpreted policy on applications that come from the Marketplace. We have asked for a waiver since all staff and all applications that were involved included those coming through the Marketplace. All staff has been retrained and we are back on a timelier processing schedule. We continue to follow waivers until the Public Health Emergency has ended. The Adult Team still has 2 vacancies with 1 new hire in the early stages of training. The Family & Children's Medicaid Team has 2 vacancies and 2 in the early stages of training. One vacancy has been filled and the new employee will begin in April.

Medicaid for Long Term Care, Medicaid Transportation and Housekeeping:

- This Team has a new Supervisor in the Long Term Care unit who was a former employee with experience in this department. ☺ This Team has 1 vacancy and 1 new hire with only 4 positions.
- Transportation continues to remain very busy with the cost of gas rising, a lot of those that receive Medicaid are eligible for transportation due to putting a financial strain on the family.
- Housekeeping continues to keep our building clean and we continue to have a vacancy on this team.

Child Support and Paralegal:

This Team continues to struggle to have applicants to choose from to interview for vacancies. With 3 court days, they prepared 197 cases for court and 196 orders were prepared by the paralegal. Workers are also struggling with getting cases to court and meeting timeframes due to 6 vacancies currently.

Agenda Item #13: FINANCE – ACCEPTANCE of MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

Jay Leatherman, Finance Director, provided the Board with the monthly finance report.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT March 31, 2022		Percent of Year Complete: 75.0 %			
FUND 10 - OPERATIONS		FY 21/22	ACTUAL YTD	BALANCE	% Expensed
<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
AD VALOREM TAXES	\$	33,747,267	\$ 28,862,794	\$ 4,884,473	85.53%
COURT	\$	90,000	\$ 59,651	\$ 30,349	66.28%
SALES TAX	\$	11,966,105	\$ 9,474,326	\$ 2,491,779	79.18%
NC JCPC PROGRAM - TEEN COURT	\$	71,977	\$ 45,925	\$ 26,052	63.81%
ELECTION FEES	\$	31,700	\$ 28,057	\$ 3,643	88.51%
COLLECTION FEES	\$	34,400	\$ 3,346	\$ 31,054	9.73%
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$	377,000	\$ 421,543	\$ (44,543)	111.82%
SHERIFF	\$	2,075,956	\$ 717,616	\$ 1,358,340	34.57%
DETENTION CENTER	\$	1,551,000	\$ 614,948	\$ 936,052	39.65%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$	56,101	\$ 34,258	\$ 21,843	61.06%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	22,500	\$ 10,239	\$ 12,261	45.51%
INSPECTION	\$	370,000	\$ 243,271	\$ 126,729	65.75%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	134,398	\$ 145,474	\$ (11,076)	108.24%
AIRPORT	\$	538,500	\$ 240,753	\$ 297,747	44.71%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	240,500	\$ 175,000	\$ 65,500	72.77%
PLANNING	\$	9,800	\$ 7,755	\$ 2,045	79.13%
SOIL CONSERVATION	\$	37,180	\$ 1,251	\$ 35,929	3.36%
DEPARTMENT OF AGING REVENUES	\$	2,060,658	\$ 1,050,677	\$ 1,009,981	50.99%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$	2,910,990	\$ 1,765,511	\$ 1,145,479	60.65%
SOCIAL SERVICE	\$	6,798,170	\$ 2,843,376	\$ 3,954,794	41.83%
VETERANS SERVICE	\$	2,000	\$ 2,109	\$ (109)	105.45%
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$	18,000	\$ 12,018	\$ 5,982	66.77%
LIBRARY	\$	171,000	\$ 104,697	\$ 66,303	61.23%
RECREATION	\$	24,500	\$ 9,435	\$ 15,065	38.51%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$	435,719	\$ 216,986	\$ 218,733	49.80%
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	\$	600,000	\$ (4,330)	\$ 604,330	-0.72%
AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS	\$	3,265,239	\$ -	\$ 3,265,239	0.00%
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	\$	104,201	\$ -	\$ 104,201	0.00%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$	67,744,861	\$ 47,086,686	\$ 20,658,175	69.51%

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT March 31, 2022		Percent of Year Complete: 75.0 %			
FUND 10 - OPERATIONS		FY 21/22	YTD	BALANCE	% EXPENSED
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
GOVERNING BODY	\$	342,490	\$ 229,461	\$ 113,029	67.00%
ADMINISTRATION	\$	487,497	\$ 375,851	\$ 111,646	77.10%
PERSONNEL	\$	167,583	\$ 96,371	\$ 71,212	57.51%
FINANCE	\$	593,661	\$ 479,020	\$ 114,641	80.69%
TAX DEPARTMENT	\$	1,936,057	\$ 1,368,775	\$ 567,282	70.70%
LEGAL DEPARTMENT	\$	226,006	\$ 272,597	\$ (46,591)	120.61%
NC JCPC PROGRAM - TEEN COURT	\$	71,977	\$ 56,397	\$ 15,580	78.35%
FACILITY SERVICES	\$	1,773,253	\$ 1,512,041	\$ 261,212	85.27%
ELECTIONS	\$	582,932	\$ 360,207	\$ 222,725	61.79%
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$	509,395	\$ 357,627	\$ 151,768	70.21%
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$	1,196,618	\$ 756,642	\$ 439,976	63.23%
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	\$	456,482	\$ 366,377	\$ 90,105	80.26%
CENTRAL GARAGE	\$	48,219	\$ 30,862	\$ 17,357	64.00%
PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WATER	\$	43,924	\$ 43,702	\$ 222	99.49%
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$	8,573,996	\$ 6,108,775	\$ 2,465,221	71.25%
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	\$	5,117,114	\$ 3,330,990	\$ 1,786,124	65.10%
EMS	\$	15,350	\$ 13,798	\$ 1,552	89.89%
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$	1,697,904	\$ 1,063,344	\$ 634,560	62.63%
FIRE MARSHALL	\$	174,521	\$ 118,931	\$ 55,590	68.15%
CORONER MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$	72,000	\$ 22,130	\$ 49,870	30.74%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	873,454	\$ 551,684	\$ 321,770	63.16%
AIRPORT	\$	615,728	\$ 274,252	\$ 341,476	44.54%
INSPECTIONS	\$	333,599	\$ 222,592	\$ 111,007	66.72%
PLANNING	\$	232,807	\$ 114,614	\$ 118,193	49.23%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,271,654	\$ 1,040,548	\$ 231,106	81.83%
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	\$ 525,472	\$ 251,805	\$ 273,667	47.92%
SOIL CONSERVATION	\$ 242,297	\$ 175,429	\$ 66,868	72.40%
DEPARTMENT OF AGING	\$ 2,858,635	\$ 1,911,680	\$ 946,955	66.87%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$ 5,488,421	\$ 2,921,671	\$ 2,566,750	53.23%
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	\$ 9,408,762	\$ 6,092,354	\$ 3,316,408	64.75%
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	\$ 1,916,891	\$ 1,878,093	\$ 38,798	97.98%
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	\$ 159,489	\$ 105,815	\$ 53,674	66.35%
EDUCATION	\$ 14,141,689	\$ 8,939,497	\$ 5,202,192	63.21%
LIBRARY	\$ 1,637,919	\$ 1,071,639	\$ 566,280	65.43%
RECREATION	\$ 589,194	\$ 323,564	\$ 265,630	54.92%
TRANSFER TO	\$ 2,683,534	\$ 1,721,596	\$ 961,938	64.15%
NON DEPARTMENTAL	\$ 678,337	\$ 674,621	\$ 3,716	99.45%
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 67,744,861	\$ 45,235,352	\$ 22,509,509	66.77%
Total Revenue over/(under) Expenditures	\$0	\$ 1,851,334		

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March 31, 2022**

Percent of Year Complete: 75.0 %

TAX REVALUATION FUND				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
REVALUATION FUND	\$ 20,000	\$15,000	\$ 5,000	75.00%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
REVALUATION FUND	\$ 20,000	\$0	\$ 20,000	0.00%

HUD SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
HUD SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE				
ANNUAL CONTRA EARNED	\$ 1,500,000	\$893,567	\$ 606,433	59.57%
OTHER REVENUES	\$ 223,350	\$ 130,594	\$ 92,756	58.47%
TOTAL HUD REVENUES	\$ 1,723,350	\$ 1,024,161	\$ 699,189	59.43%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
HUD Expenditures	\$ 1,723,350	\$ 1,182,403	\$ 540,947	68.61%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures	\$0	\$ (158,242)		

TRANSPORTATION				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
REVENUES	\$ 900,560	\$ 206,441	\$ 694,119	22.92%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
EXPENDITURES	\$ 900,560	\$ 277,104	\$ 623,456	30.77%

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
REVENUES	\$ 318,748	\$ 184,497	\$ 134,251	57.88%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
EXPENDITURES	\$ 318,748	\$ 108,916	\$ 209,832	34.17%

DEBT SERVICE				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
REVENUES	\$ 3,787,587	\$1,963,315	\$ 1,824,272	51.84%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,787,587	\$ 1,893,914	\$ 1,893,673	50.00%

WATER DISTRICTS I-V				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMBINED WATER DIST	\$ 3,691,009	\$ 2,356,129	\$ 1,334,880	63.83%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMBINED WATER DIST	\$ 3,691,009	\$ 1,497,281	\$ 2,193,728	40.57%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures	\$0	\$ 858,848		

SOLID WASTE				
	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>% Collected</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>YTD</u>
REVENUES	\$ 5,567,405	\$ 4,087,250	\$ 1,480,155	73.41%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,567,405	\$ 2,978,640	\$ 2,588,765	53.50%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures	\$0	\$ 1,108,610		

FIRE DEPARTMENTS	FY 21/22	YTD	BALANCE	% Collected
	BUDGET	TOTALS	REMAINING	YTD
REVENUES	\$ 2,057,942	\$1,838,242	\$ 219,700	89.32%
EXPENDITURES				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,799,633	\$1,646,983	\$ 152,650	91.52%
Special Appropriations	\$ 258,309	\$167,814	\$ 90,495	64.97%
	\$ 2,057,942	\$1,814,797	\$ 243,145	88.19%
AMBULANCE AND RESCUE	FY 21/22	YTD	BALANCE	% Collected
	BUDGET	TOTALS	REMAINING	YTD
REVENUES	\$ 976,618	\$852,629	\$ 123,989	87.30%
EXPENDITURES				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 751,618	\$ 593,060	\$ 158,558	78.90%
Special Appropriation	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 976,618	\$ 818,060	\$ 158,558	83.76%

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Percent of Year Complete: 75.0 %

CASH & INVESTMENTS

Cash:

General Fund - checking account	\$ 4,913,688
General Fund - NCCMT	\$ 16,211,554
Water Districts	9,214,973
Solid Waste	7,392,723
Total Cash Available	<u>\$ 37,732,938</u>

Investments:

BB&T Investments	5,745,740
BB&T Savings	5,020,995
First Community Bank - CD	338,459
Dana Investments	1,387,397
Multi Bank Securities	585,717
First Bank - CD	2,078,919
Total Investments	<u>\$ 15,157,227</u>

FUND BALANCE

General Fund:

Unavailable Fund Balance (per auditors)	\$ 7,223,150
Committed and Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 13,456,146
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 14,956,292
Unassigned fund balance as % of Gen. Fd. Expend.	24.7%
Water Districts Fund Balance	\$ 9,819,025
Solid Waste Fund Balance	\$ 8,402,887

MOTION:

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to accept the monthly Finance Report, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: FINANCE – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT LESO EQUIPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Jay Leatherman, Finance Director, requested Board Approval of the capital project ordinance.

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Ordinance amending appropriations to the Capital Project
Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the **Sheriff's Dept. – LESO Equipment Project** pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

		Original Budget
Project Appropriations		
94-4310-519001	Contracted Services	\$ 6,000
94-4310-526001	Departmental Supplies	20,000
94-4310-550000	Capital Outlay	10,000
94-4310-550010	Non-capital Outlay	10,500
94-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	6,000
94-4310-535110	M&R Bldg./Grounds	<u>6,000</u>
Total Appropriations		<u>\$58,500</u>
Source of Revenue		
94-3431-489058	Sale of CCSO LESO Equipment	<u>\$58,500</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$58,500</u>

Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget .

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

Section 5: All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.

Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

Section 8: This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

Capital Project amendment shall become effective on April 18, 2022.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of April, 2022


Ricky Ballard, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners


Amanda Prince, Clerk to the Board

MOTION:

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the capital project ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: FINANCE – ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Jay Leatherman, Finance Director, requested Board Approval of the capital project ordinance.

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Ordinance amending appropriations to the Capital Project
Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the **Entrepreneurship Center** pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

		Original Budget
Project Appropriations		
96-4926-550010	M&R Bldg./Grounds	\$50,000
Total Appropriations		<u>\$50,000</u>
Source of Revenue		
96-3835-432330	Golden Leaf Grant	\$50,000
Total Revenue		<u>\$50,000</u>

Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget .

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

Section 5: All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.

Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

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Capital Project amendment shall become effective on April 18, 2022.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of April, 2022


Ricky Ballard, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners


Amanda Prince, Clerk to the Board

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the capital project ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: FINANCE – COUNTY GARAGE CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Jay Leatherman, Finance Director, requested Board Approval of the capital project ordinance.

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Ordinance amending appropriations to the Capital Project
Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the **Sheriff's Dept. – LESO Equipment Project** pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

		Original Budget
Project Appropriations		
94-4310-519001	Contracted Services	\$ 6,000
94-4310-526001	Departmental Supplies	20,000
94-4310-550000	Capital Outlay	10,000
94-4310-550010	Non-capital Outlay	10,500
94-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	6,000
94-4310-535110	M&R Bldg./Grounds	<u>6,000</u>
Total Appropriations		<u>\$58,500</u>
Source of Revenue		
94-3431-489058	Sale of CCSO LESO Equipment	<u>\$58,500</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$58,500</u>

Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget .

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

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Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

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Capital Project amendment shall become effective on April 18, 2022.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of April, 2022


Ricky Bullard, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners


Amanda Prince, Clerk to the Board

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the capital project ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: EMERGENCY SERVICES – APPROVAL of BIDS for CONSTRUCTION of METAL BUILDING to HOUSE EMERGENCY VEHICLES and TRAILERS:

Nick West, Assistant County Manager/Emergency Services Director, requested Board Approval.



Date: April 13, 2022

To: Columbus County Board of Commissioners

From: Roy N. West, Assistant County Manager/ Emergency Services Director

Subject: Emergency Services Metal Building Construction Project

Through the assistance of NC State Representative Brenden Jones, Columbus County received an allocation of \$250,000 from the NC General Legislature for the construction of a county garage. As part of our planning process to ensure the county's critical emergency service resources are prepared and ready for service, a 100' X 60' metal building is planned to be constructed to house emergency services vehicles, trailers, and related equipment. This building will be also be utilized as a logistical warehouse with emergency backup power capabilities during natural disasters.

As part of the planning process, a needs assessment was conducted along with a review of potential site locations for the building. Ultimately it was decided the best location for the building would be in the fenced in area of the county's North Complex adjacent to the Public Utilities Department. This location provides several beneficial factors including security, loading dock access, and egress and storage for large shipping vehicles.

Bids were solicited for the various construction projects needs and below is the recommended budget for approval.

	Budget Item:	Construction Company	Quote:
1	Construction Site Prep	Prince Construction and Development	\$9,200.00
2	Concrete Pad and Ramp	Sutton Concrete	\$41,775.00
3	100' X 60' Metal Building	Viking Steel Structures	\$117,183.97
4	Electrical	Lennon's Electric Inc.	\$22,071.50
5	Generator/ Transfer Switch	Lennon's Electric Inc.	\$28,515.29
6	Heating/ Ventilation	Fairfax Heating and Cooling Inc.	\$12,900.00
7	Contingency (7.5%)		\$17,373.00
		Construction Project Budget:	\$249,018.76

Respectfully submitted,

Roy N. West

Assistant County Manager/ Emergency Services Director

Administrative Building
127 W. Webster St. • Whiteville, NC 28472

Proposed warehouse for Emergency Services to be built at 205 Lee Avenue

Building is to be a 60' X 100' insulated that will have (5) 14'x14' rollup bay doors in one side of the 100' wall facing building at 205 Lee Avenue. Building will also have a man entry door at each end of the building in the same wall as the roll up doors. Cement foundation will be 6" thick with sloped apron poured in front of the doors. Inside of the building will be wired with lights, plugs and (3) suspended cord reels in the ceiling, exit signs and emergency lighting as required by code, and also exterior mounted wall lights on all sides of the building. Heating for building will consist of (3) ceiling mounted vented gas heaters. Ventilation for heat removal during summer will consist of (2) electrical exhaust fans in one end of the building and (2) electrical louvers to be located in the opposite end of the building. Site work for the building will consist of removal of asphalt from the proposed location and fill dirt to be hauled in and grading prep for building pad. Attached are quotes for this project and local vendors were also contacted to supply quotes for this project if they could provide the service.

SITE PREP ESTIMATES

1. HERR CONSTRUCTION (WHITEVILLE) \$14,000.00
2. PRINCE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (WHITEVILLE) \$ 9,200.00
3. AXEL MCPHERSON CONSTRUCTION INC. (WHITEVILLE) \$12,400.00
4. TRIGON CORP (WHITEVILLE) \$ 19,071.45

POURING OF CONCRETE PAD AND RAMP

1. HERR CONSTRUCTION (WHITEVILLE) \$79,550.00
2. TRIGON CORP (WHITEVILLE) \$68,752.80
3. SUTTON CONCRETE INC. (LUMBERTON) \$41,775.00

ELECTRICAL FOR BUILDING

1. PENN ELECTRICAL INC. (WHITEVILLE) \$ 28,800.00
2. ASHLEY ELECTRICAL (WHITEVILLE) \$ 26,000.00
3. LENNONS ELECTRICAL (WHITEVILLE) \$ 22,071.50

HEATING AND AIR

1. FAIRFAX HEATING AND COOLING INC. (CHADBOURN) \$ 12,900.00
2. EW GREEN HEATING AND AIR (CHADBOURN) \$NEVER REPLIED WITH BID
3. PRIDGEN HEATING AND AIR (WHITEVILLE) \$ 10,778.00 (DID NOT BID SAME AMOUNT OF EQUIPEMENT AS OTHER CONTRACTORS.

BUILDING

1. HERR CONSTRUCTION (WHITEVILLE) RED IRON BUILDING NO BID SUBMITTED
2. CAINS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (CHADBOURN) RED IRON BUILDING \$ 251,768.00 (BID IS FOR BUILDING AND CONCRETE ONLY)
3. BOSS BUILDINGS (MOUNT AIRY, N.C.) SQUARE TUBE BUILDING \$ 117,403.65
4. VIKING STEEL STRUCTURES (MOUNT AIRY, N.C.) SQUARE TUBE BUILDING \$ 117,183.97
5. CONTACTED SCOTT GRAHAM CONSTRUCTION (NO BID SUBMITTED)
6. CONTACTED GRAKA BUILDERS OF WHITEVILLE (NO BID SUBMITTED)
7. CONTACTED BILL WORLEY AND SONS CONSTRUCTION (NO BID SUBMITTED)

HERR, INC.
 PO BOX 2345
 303 South Maulsby Street
 Whiteville, NC 28472
 Tel: (910) 640-2607

PROPOSAL

HERR Proposal No: M-220289-W rev2
 Estimator Name: Marc Cox
 Submittal Date: 3/24/2022



Addressed To: Shannon Blackman Columbus County Fire Marshall Office Whiteville, NC	Project Site: Site services at new county property in North Whiteville facility
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Scope of Work:

County is in process of constructing a 60ft x 100ft metal building (metal tubing structure).
 Scope includes mobilization of personnel and excavator
 Saw cut of existing asphalt and removal of existing asphalt in the new building footprint.
 Asphalt to be loaded, transported, and disposed. Site to be graded level with existing soil.
 Form, pour, and finish 60x100x 6" concrete slab with 1ft x1ft footer. Pour 12ft x 100ft x 6" slab on side of bid
 with roll up doors. Concrete to be 3,000 psi with fiber
 Revised

Unit	No.	Description	Unit Price	Amount
LS	1	Concrete services	\$79,550.00	\$79,550.00
LS	1	Site work	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL PRICE \$93,550.00

Exclusions / Assumptions:

Prices are valid for 30 days from date of this proposal
 County to obtain any required permits and utility locate.
 Any change to scope of work will require additional costs.

Acceptance:

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

10923 JAMES B. WHITE HIGHWAY SOUTH
 WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
 910-653-9120

DATE March 21, 2022
 Quotation # 567
 Customer ID COL. CO

Bill To:

Quotation valid until: August 15, 2022

Prepared by: MARK PRINCE

COLUMBUS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

701 NORTH

Description	AMOUNT
REVISED QUOTE FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2022	
TO FILL AN AREA 100 X 60 WITH BACKSLOPE AND 12' X 100' APRON. APPROX. 435 CY. FILL DIRT.	
GRADED AND COMPACTED. ALSO INCLUDES SAWING	
AND REMOVING APPROX. 8,000 SQ. FEET OF	
ASPHALT AND HAUL OF SITE	\$ 9,200.00
TOTAL	\$9,200.00

If you have any questions concerning this quotation, Contact MARK PRINCE AT 910-840-2299.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Site Prep Quotes

AXEL MCPHERSON CONSTRUCTION, INC.

PO BOX 1330

WHITEVILLE, NC 28472

License # 49534

Quote

Date	Proposal #
1/25/2022	995

Name / Address
COLUMBUS COUNTY , NORTH CAROLINA

PROJECT	OLD BB&T BUILDING PAD	
	Description	TOTAL
	PROVIDE LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING PAD APPROXIMATELY 110' X 70' - INCLUDING CUTTING AND REMOVING ASPHALT AND PROVIDING UP TO 280 CUBIC YARDS OF COMPACTED SOIL ON GRADE.	12,400.00
Not responsible for unless otherwise stated above: - Federal, State and local erosion control plans or permits. - Relocation of existing utilities, structures or landscaping. - Testing or payment of or procurement of permits and fees. - Soils and ground water conditions being unsuitable for construction, rock excavation, or any toxic or hazardous materials encountered on site. If conditions are deemed unsuitable corrective measures will be considered extra work and extra cost.		TOTAL 12,400.00

Authorized Signature _____

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Phone #

910-642-1883

Fax #

1-888-213-4218

E-mail

axelmcperson@gmail.com

Site Work

Columbus County EMS

Company Information

Name : Trigon of Whiteville corp.
Phone : 910-642-7761
Address : 115 W. Main st.

Contractor Name : John E. Thompson III
Email : trigoninc78@gmail.com

Client Information

Client Name : Shannon Blackman
Book Name : HomeTech Kitchen & Bath Cost Estimator
 HomeTech Handyman Maintenance & Repair Cost Estimator
 HomeTech Housebuilders Cost Estimator
 HomeTech Remodeling & Renovation Cost Estimator

Phone :
Address : 608 N. Thompson St.
State : NC
Email :
City : Whiteville
Country : USA
Zip/Postal : 28472

Phase Name: Default

Columbus County EMS - Project Details

Booktype	Section	Subsection	Specification	Quantity	Unit	Material	Lease	Other	Price
HTR	Site Preparation	Paving & Sidewalk Demolition	Remove Asphalt with machine	1	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,071.45	\$19,071.45

Book Type	Section	Subsection	Sp. description	Quantity	Unit	Material	Labor	Other	Total
Custom	Custom	Custom	Ramp to Doorways	40	QY	\$7,560.00	\$7,560.00	\$0.00	\$15,120.00
Custom	Custom	Custom	6"Concrete slab with 12" turn down	140	QY	\$26,460.00	\$26,460.00	\$0.00	\$52,920.00
HTH	Concrete	Concrete Footing	2 bars reinforcement	320	LF	\$501.12	\$211.68	\$0.00	\$712.80

Columbus County EMS - Cost Summary

Total	Material	Labor	Other	Total
	\$34,521.12	\$34,231.68	\$19,071.45	\$87,824.25

Columbus County EMS

Company Information

Name : Trigon of Whiteville corp.
Phone : 910-842-7761
Address : 115 W. Main st.

Contractor Name : John E. Thompson III
Email : trigoninc78@gmail.com

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Columbus County EMS - Cost Summary

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Concrete Quotes

SUTTON CONCRETE, INC.
 12308 NC Hwy 72 East
 Lumberton, NC 28358
 Jeff Sutton PHONE 910 733-6681

PROPOSAL

March 21, 2022

Shannon Blackman

Material, equipment, and labor for a 60' x 100' x 6" deep with 6" footing around exterior.

TOTAL \$34,500

12' x 100' x 6" deep ramp

TOTAL \$7,275

GRAND TOTAL \$41,775

NOTES

01. Price is based on bi-weekly draws.
02. Price is based on concrete being poured directly from chute.
03. Pad is to be within 1/10 on grade.
04. We do not accept responsibility for existing soil conditions. Any cost incurred due to encountering, handling or wasting hazardous waste soil or material, dewatering, undercut and required fill because of unacceptable soil to be extra. All costs associated with concealed conditions to be the responsibility of prime contractor/owner and is not a part of this proposal.
05. Concrete is to be placed by method of Somero Laser Screed where applicable

The above prices and specifications of this Proposal are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. All work to be performed under same terms and conditions as specified unless otherwise stipulated.

Contractor: _____ Subcontractor: **Sutton Concrete, Inc.**

Authorized Signature: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Penn Electric, Inc.
P.O. Box 36
Nakina, NC 28455
910-770-1395

Proposal

Date	Proposal #
3/17/2022	1322

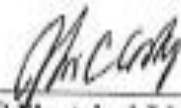
Customer
Columbus County Emergency Management

Job
New 60x100 Building

Description	Total
200-amp Service & Panel	
4 Outside wall packs on photocells	
15 High-bay LED fixtures	
12 120-volt 20-amp outlets	
3 120-volt cord reels	
EM and exit lights per code	
3 120-volt circuits for heaters	
2 Electric exhaust fans	
2 Electric louvers	
Material & Labor	28,800.00

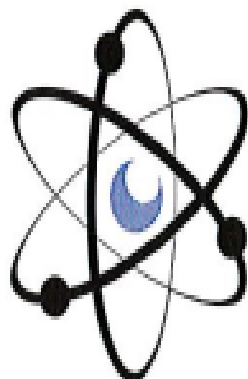
	Total \$28,800.00
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Proposal
Ashley Electric, Inc.
Electrical Engineers & Contractors
PO Box 308, 946 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, NC 28472
Tel: (910) 642-3057 / Fax: (910) 642-7727
email: ashleyelectric@bizec.rr.com

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: <p style="text-align: center;">Columbus County Emergency Services Att. Shannon Blackman</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">DATE</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">03/17/22</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">JOB NAME</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">100 x 60 Building</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">JOB LOCATION</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Old BB and T Campus</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">JOB LOCATION</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Whiteville NC</td> </tr> </table>	DATE	03/17/22	JOB NAME	100 x 60 Building	JOB LOCATION	Old BB and T Campus	JOB LOCATION	Whiteville NC
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JOB LOCATION	Whiteville NC								
<p><small>We hereby submit specifications</small></p> <p>Electrical proposal for new warehouse. Proposal includes: Electrical permit 200 amp single phase electrical service 15 LED High bay lights 4 LED Wall packs 12 Receptacles throughout warehouse 3 Cord reels Electrical to 3 Gas Heaters Electrical to 2 Exhaust Fans and Louvers</p>									
<p>We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor – complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: \$ 26,000.00</p> <p>Payment is to be made as follows: Standard A.I.A. billing unless specified otherwise below:</p> <p>All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra charges will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation insurance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Authorized Signature _____  NC Electrical License #409-U SC Electrical License #M2268</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within thirty (30) days.</p>									
<p>Acceptance of Proposal -</p> <p>The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Authorized Signature _____ Date of Acceptance _____</p>									

Electrical Quote

ESTIMATE



Columbus Co Emergency Services

840-1736

Lennons Electric Inc

2140 Smyrna Rd
Whiteville, NC 28472

Phone: (910) 640-7505

Email: lennelect@ec.rr.com

Fax: (910) 642-9036

Estimate #	000135
Date	03/21/2022
PO #	Warehouse

Description

Total

60 x 100 metal building	\$22,071.50
1-200 amp service	
4-wall packs	
15- high bay led lights (3 will be emergency type)	
12-120 volt receptacles	
3- 120 volt receptacles for cord reels (furnish 3- 20 amp cord reels \$250.00 ea)	
2-exit lights	
3-receptacles for heaters	
2-exhaust fan with 2- Louvers	

Subtotal	\$22,071.50
Total	\$22,071.50

Thanks for your business

PRIDGEN BROTHERS CONTRACTORS, INC.
PO BOX 39-720 DAVIS AVE.
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
PHONE: 910-642-8174
FAX: 910-642-3658
LICENSE # 9542

Date: 03/17/22

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TO: Columbus Co. Fire Marshall

FROM: Jerry Pridgen

REFERENCE: Storage Warehouse

I did a load calculation to keep the warehouse from getting below 55° in the Winter months and used 4 air changes per house for ventilation in the summer months. I priced this to use 1 center mounted exhaust fan in one of the 60' end walls and 2 motorized louvers in the opposite end wall with 2 hanging gas unit heaters mounted in opposite corners on each long wall. Venting the heaters will be through the side walls which is included. I did not included wall framing for the fans or louvers, gas piping for the heaters or wiring for the fans and louvers or heaters. I have also priced this using Electric Hanging Heaters in lieu of Gas. I will furnish the wall mounted line voltage thermostats but your Electrician will have to wire the heaters and fans through the thermostats.

Total price installed as stated above for Gas Heaters and Fan: \$10,778.00

Total price installed as stated above for Electric Heaters and Fan: \$11,129.00

Jerry Pridgen

Heating Quote

FAIRFAX HEATING & COOLING, INC

15345 Peacock Road • Chadbourn, North Carolina 28431
Phone: (910) 642-5274

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Date: 2-16-2022

CONTRACT AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO		WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT	
Name <u>Columbus County Eng Services</u>	Street _____	City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
City <u>Whiterville</u>	State _____	Date of Plans _____	Architect _____
State <u>NC</u> Zip <u>28472</u>	Date of Plans _____	Architect _____	
Telephone Number _____	Architect _____		

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary for the completion of the Contract Agreement.

To install 2. Exhaust fans with motorized louvers
3. suspended gas heaters - L.P gas 115 volts. spark igniter
with venting. (No Electrical) Permits to be paid
by owner if required. No gas piping

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, and the above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner for the sum of

Dollars (\$ 12900.⁰⁰)

Payments to be made as follows:

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature [Signature] 1.5.22

Note - This Contract agreement may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 45 days.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance: _____ Signature _____
Signature _____

Caines Construction Co.

8967 Peacock Rd.
 Chadbourn, NC 28431
 910-654-4020

NC Lic # 16068
 SC Lic # G114788

March 22, 2022

Columbus County
Whiteville, NC

Building Proposal**Building Proposal**

60' wide x 100' long x 18' high pre-engineered steel building. 1/12 roof slope.
 26 ga. Galvalume roof; 26 ga. _____ color walls; _____ color trim.
 20 lb. live & 140 mph wind loads for Whiteville N.C. 2018 NC code. " Exposure B"
 5 - 14' w. x 14' h. roll up door, standard lift with operators, sidewall locations.
 2 - 3' x 7' solid steel personnel door w/ lever lock.
 200' of contour gutter and mfg. numbers of downspouts.
 3" vinyl reinforced fiberglass insulation (roof and walls).
 60'w. x 100'l. x 6" thick concrete slab (3,000 psi), with grade beam foundation, wire mesh,
 rebar, vapor barrier, and anchor bolts. Machine trowel finish.
 12'w. x 100'l. x 6" thick concrete apron. Broom finish.

Permits and fees (if needed), by owner. Site work and fill, by owner. Builders risk insurance, by owner. Temp. electrical, by owner. Foundation drawings, by general.

Two Hundred, Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred, Seventy-Eight Dollars & 00/100
\$ 251,768.00

"Concerned Builders of Reliable Products"

	Boss Buildings P.O. Box 541, Mount Airy Support@bossbuildings.com (866) 888-2009	Sales: Kevin Harold P.O. Box 541, Mount Airy kevin.h@bossbuildings.com	Building Quote QTE-010120 Date 12/20/2021 Total \$117,403.65
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CUSTOMER DETAILS

Shannon Blackman Billing Address Shipping Address gsblackman@columbusco.org (910) 840-1736	Commercial Buildings - 60 x 100 x 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Roof Color: Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Trim Color: White <input type="checkbox"/> Sides/Ends Color: Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Wainscot Color: NA 
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Ready for Installation? _____ Jobsite Level? _____ Permit Required? _____ Inside City Limit? _____ Electricity Available? _____ Installation Surface? Concrete

Building Dimension 60'W x 100'L x 16'H	Roof Style Vertical	Gauge 14 Gauge	Wind/Snow Rating 140 MPH + 50 PSF Certified	Distance on Center 4 Feet
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60X100' Vertical Roof	1	\$53,350.00
16' Height	1	\$11,365.00
140 MPH + 50 PSF Certified	1	\$0.00
3/12' Roof Pitch	1	\$0.00
Front Wall Closed Vertical	1	\$5,350.00
Back Wall Closed Vertical	1	\$5,350.00
Left Closed Vertical	1	\$4,825.00
Right Closed Vertical	1	\$4,825.00
14x14ft Garage Door on Right	1	\$2,920.00
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14x14ft Garage Door on Right	1	\$2,920.00
14x14ft Garage Door on Right	1	\$2,920.00
36x80in Walk-in Door on Right	1	\$325.00
14x14ft Garage Door on Right	1	\$2,920.00
36x80in Walk-in Door on Right	1	\$325.00
36x80in Walk-in Door on Left	1	\$325.00
Full Insulation Type Double Bubble	1	\$17,340.00
Manufacturer Discount	1	\$8,000.00

NOTES Telescopic forklift would need to be provided for installation. \$8000 Discount expires 2/28	Sub Total: \$109,980.00 Sales Tax (6.75%): \$7,423.65 Additional Charges: \$0.00 Grand Total: \$117,403.65
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Quote Form

(877) 219-9946
 www.vikingsteelstructures.com
 sales@vikingsteelstructures.com



VIKING

STEEL STRUCTURES

Customer Information

Name Shannon Blackman
 Street _____ County Columbus
 City _____ State NC Zip 23059
 Phone 910 640 6613 Cell _____
 Email gsblackman@columbusco.org

Building Specialist Information

Quote Date 2/14/2021
 Name Seth Stanley
 Direct Line (910) 621-4240
 Email _____
 seth.s@vikingsteelstructures.com

Lot must be level no more than 3" off-level and clear of obstacles or unit may not be installed.

5% return trip fee if lot is unlevelled and unit cannot be installed

Note that frame is 1ft shorter than roof length

Building	Size	<u>60</u>	W	<u>100</u>	L	<u>16</u>	H	Colors	Roof	_____	Property	Surface Type	_____
	Style	<u>commercial</u>							Side(s)	_____		Lot ready?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Gauge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 GA.	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 GA.	End(s)	_____	Lot leveled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No						
	Certification	_____	Trim	_____	Electricity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No							

Item	Description	Qty	Price	Totals	
Base	Vertical Style Roof, 60x100(Base 60x100)	1	\$53,350.00	Sub-Total	\$115,168.50
certification	140 mph/ 30psf		included	Tax 6.75%	\$7,773.87
Height	16	1	\$11,365.00	Down	\$11,516.85
Sides	both sides enclosed (standard vertical)	1	\$9,650.00	10.00%	
ends	both ends enclosed (standard vertical)	2	\$10,700.00	Total	\$111,425.52
garage door	14x14 garage doors with chain hoist	5	\$12,600.00	equipment	\$0.00
garage door	header bars FRAME OUTS ONLY	9	\$2,000.00	Permit Fees	\$0.00
walk-in door	36x80 walk-in door	2	\$650.00	Frieght	\$0.00
12 guage	12 gauge upgrade	1	\$3,575.00	Sur-Charge	\$0.00
Insulation	double bubble price (had it size incorrect on spread sheet orginall)	1	\$17,340.00	Balance Due	\$111,425.52
	MANUFACUTRE LIMITED TIME SALE	1	-\$8,061.50	Office Use Only:	
	MANUFACTURE CAN/WILL PULL PERMIT FOR CUSTOMER			Draw	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	LEAD TIME IS 3-6 weeks			Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	site photo confirmation starts lead time			Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	VSS DISCOUNT			Notes/Reminders:	
	CONTRACT SHOWS 10%			<p>Customer must provide telescopic forklift on day of install</p>	
	DISCOUNT 5% - 5758.42				
	CARD PROCESSED 5% - 5,758.40 *				
	Manufacture may require 50% of remaining balance@ scheduling				
	All in Price				
	\$117,183.97				

Down-payment is based on sub-total

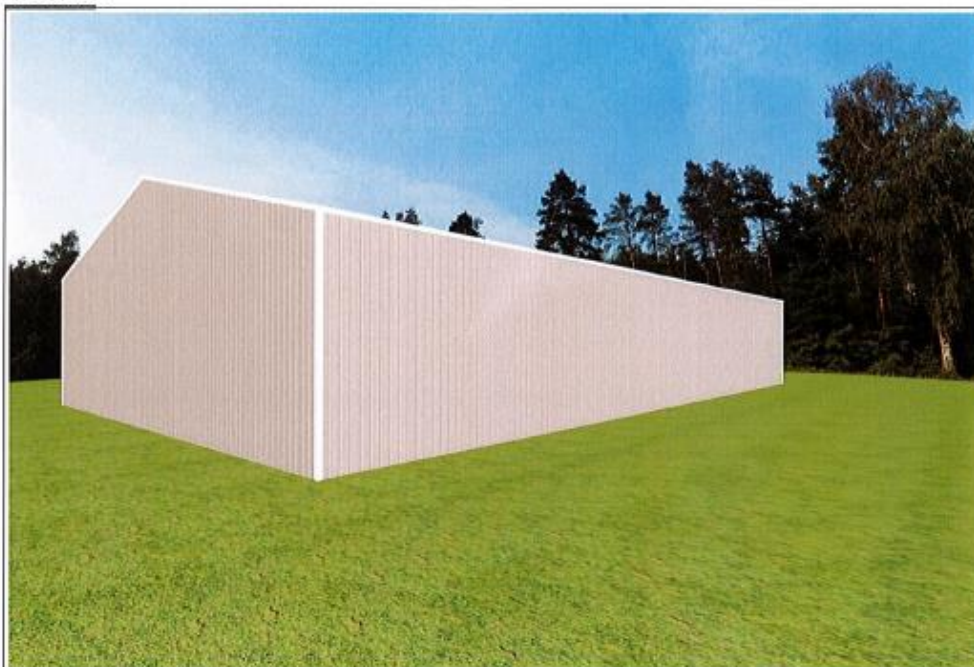


BUILDING VIEW



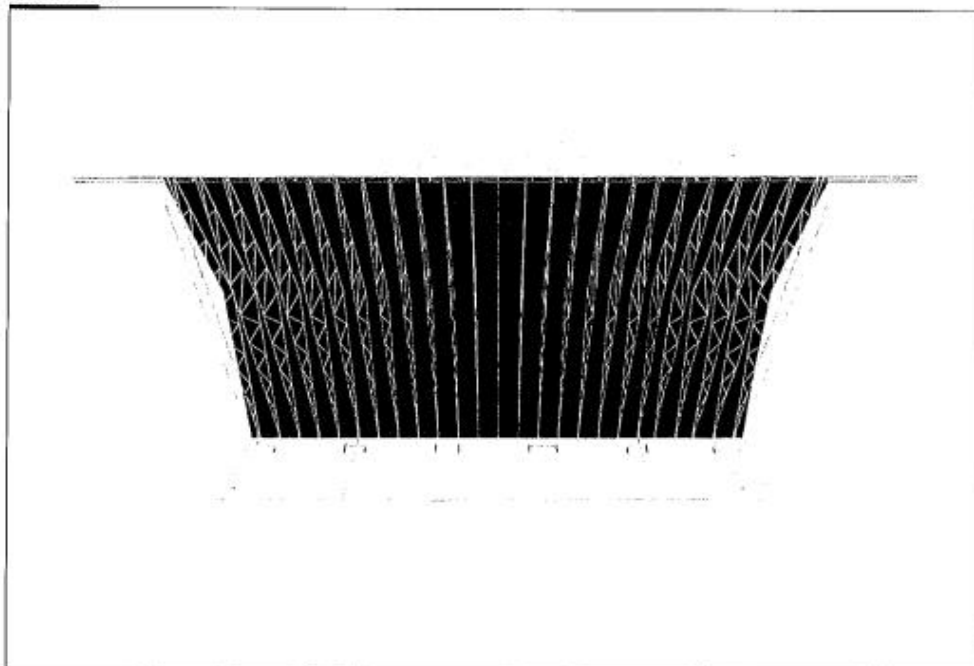
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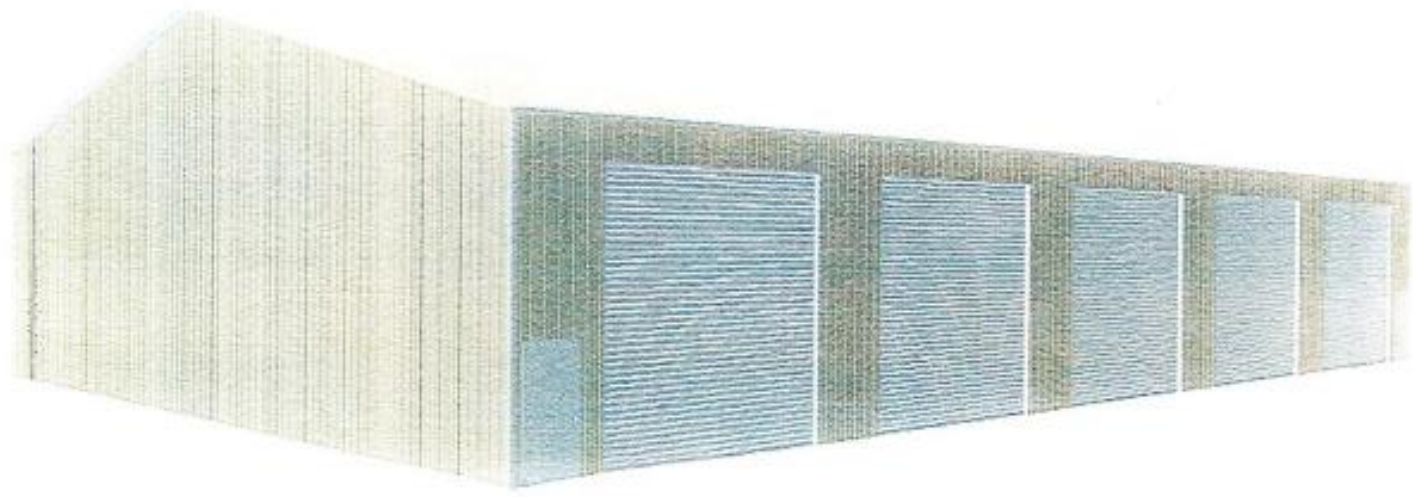


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BUILDING VIEW



VIEW IMAGE 5



60' W x 100' L x 16' H



Pebble Beige



Clay



Quaker Gray



Evergreen



Black



Rawhide



Pewter Gray



Slate Blue



White



Sandstone



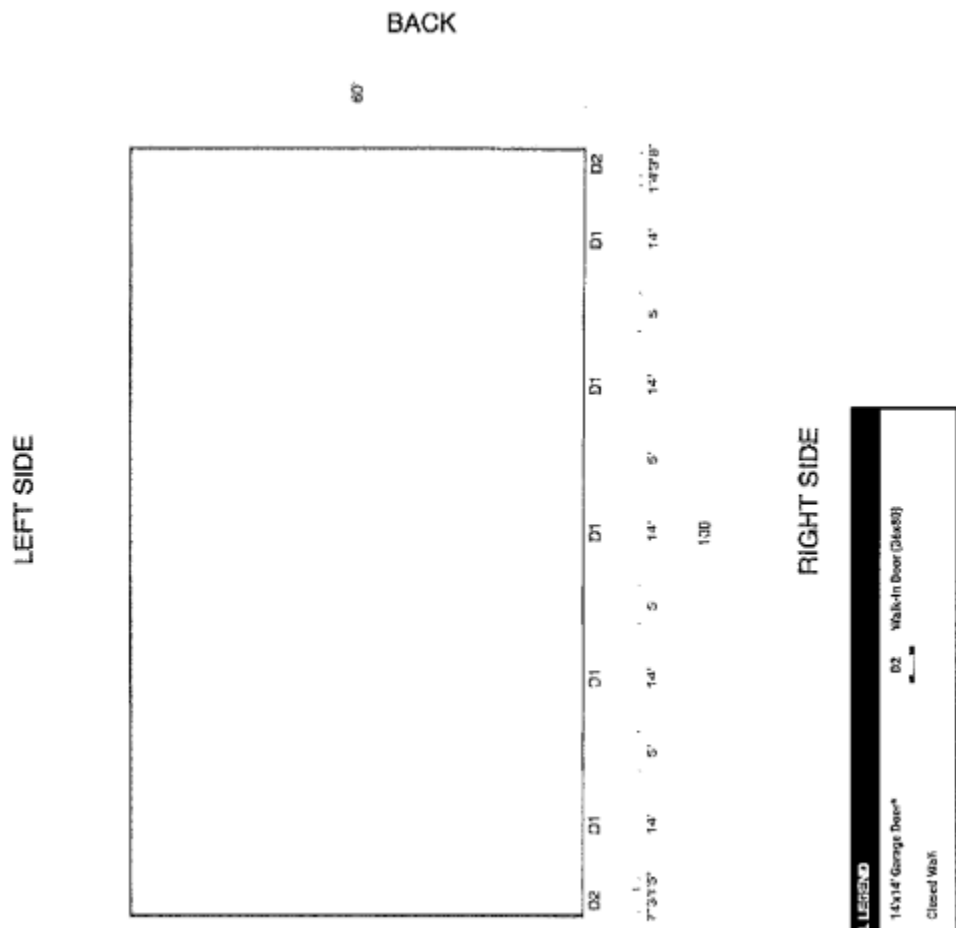
Earth Brown



Vintage Burgundy



Red



FRONT

Proposal
Ashley Electric, Inc.
Electrical Engineers & Contractors
PO Box 308, 946 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, NC 28472
Tel: (910) 642-3057 / Fax: (910) 642-7727
email: ashleyelectric@bizec.rr.com

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: Columbus County Emergency Services Att. Shannon Blackman	DATE 04/13/22
	JOB NAME 48 KW Diesel Generator
	JOB LOCATION Old BB and T Campus
	JOB LOCATION Whiteville NC

We hereby submit specifications
Electrical proposal for new generator.
Proposal includes:
 48kw diesel generator RD04833
 200 amp ATS RXSW200A3
 Generator Pad
 Electrical Permit
 Wiring from Generator to ATS
 Battery and Start Up.

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor – complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: **\$ 33,900.00**

Payment is to be made as follows: Standard A.I.A. billing unless specified otherwise below:

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra charges will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation insurance.

Authorized Signature _____
 NC Electrical License #409-U
 SC Electrical License #M2268

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within thirty (30) days.

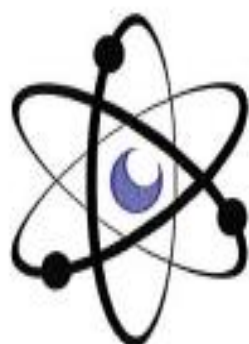
Acceptance of Proposal -

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Authorized Signature _____

Date of Acceptance _____

ESTIMATE



Columbus Co Emergency Services

840-1736

Lennons Electric Inc2140 Smyrna Rd
Whiteville, NC 28472

Phone: (910) 640-7505

Email: lennelect@ec.rr.com

Fax: (910) 642-9036

Estimate #	000142
Date	04/12/2022
PO #	Generator

Description	Total
48 KW diesel	\$22,000.00
(1) RD04833 48 KW (200) amps) diesel with a standard tank	
Transfer switch	\$1,002.61
(1) RXSW200A3 transfer switch with main breaker	
Shipping	\$495.00
Generator freight	
Wiring	\$3,245.00
Wiring, pad, battery and start up	
Permits	\$220.00
Columbus co permitting	

Subtotal	\$26,962.61
sales tax	\$1,552.68
Total	\$28,515.29

Thanks for your business

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the bids, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS:

Legend: EB = Entire Board
Listed Zone # = Individual Commissioner

Zone I:	Jerome McMillian	Zone V:	Brent Watts
Zone II:	Chris Smith	Zone VI:	Ricky Bullard
Zone III:	Giles E. Byrd	Zone VII:	Charles T. McDowell
Zone IV:	Lavern Coleman		

COMMITTEE	ZONE/EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control	IV	Jesse Stafford	04/20/2022	Reappoint
Tabor City Planning & Zoning Board M=Watts S=McDowell	EB	Hank Prince (ETJ)	04/01/2022	Appoint

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

At 7:22 P.M., Commissioner Smith 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 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2022

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: WATER DISTRICT IV – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR ARPA FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF LAKE WACCAMAW:

Jack Brarens, Project Engineer Assistant with The Wooten Company, requested Board Approval.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

- WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of drinking water distribution system improvements, and
- WHEREAS, Columbus County has need for and intends to construct a drinking water distribution system improvement project described as 2022 Emergency Water Distribution System Improvements, and
- WHEREAS, Columbus County intends to request State grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

That Columbus County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Columbus County to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Columbus County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Edwin Madden, County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the ___ day of _____, 2022 at the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting in Whiteville, NC.

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Title of Chief Executive Officer)

ARTICLE ICERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Finance Officer of Columbus County does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the _____ day of _____, 2022; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2022.

(Signature of Recording Officer)

(Title of Recording Officer)

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:23 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 Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:

Chairman Bullard opened the floor for comments. The following spoke:

A. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Watts** stated the following:
 - I don't have much to say tonight, but I wanted to give credit to Southeastern Community College on their President's Ball.
 - It was a very nice event, they did a great job, and they had a good show of support.
 - I encourage people to support it again.
 - I hope everyone had a good Easter.

2. **Commissioner Byrd** stated the following:
 - Tonight, with what we've experienced here with the jobs that we have available in Fair Bluff, and then when we get out in the public people say "Well, why aren't you all getting jobs?".
 - Well, this very issue right here hurts us because if a company can't fill 24 jobs, why is someone going to come here looking for 2-300?
 - People need to get better work ethics and go back to work.
 - I know the pandemic's been bad and caused a lot of problems but it's time to put that behind us.
 - It's time to go back out and get a job and support your family, and do the best you can.
 - That helps the county.
 - I wouldn't come here looking for someone if they couldn't even get 24.
 - Why would I come looking for more?
 - I have a question: Who's over the vehicles, Mr. Madden?

County Manager Eddie Madden: Mr. West.

Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

 - Mr. West, I was out at Jack Ellis' Machine Shop last week and we have a county truck sitting there, it has county stickers on it and it's been there for a long, long time.
 - It needs to come back in the inventory or if it's not worth fixing it needs to be sold or something.

County Manager Eddie Madden: We'll check into it.

3. **Vice Chairman McMillian** stated the following:
 - I hope everyone had a good Easter and I'm glad to see all who are here tonight.
 - I will be placing that on Facebook about Ply Gem.
 - I didn't know they were struggling trying to get workers there, so I will put that information out there.

4. **Commissioner Smith** stated the following:
 - I do have one thing, I was driving through town and downtown Whiteville is beautiful.
 - I would like to congratulate Mr. Currie, they've trimmed the sidewalks and it looks immaculate.
 - Looks like Charleston, South Carolina, I mean it really looks good.

5. **Commissioner McDowell** stated the following:
 - Mr. Chairman, I only have one thing.
 - I want to congratulate Mr. Speight and thank him for taking the time to come and make us aware of what we need to do to get grants.
 - Everything you read, talks about pandemic money, and I've said several times, we had a perfect storm, unfortunately, with the pandemic money coming in, as well as the opportunity to purchase a lot of property from Truist.
 - They were very community oriented.
 - So, it sounds to me that our challenge is to identify projects that we know we need, begin the paperwork, and get that stuff in to them as quickly as possible.
 - Five items were identified, five different ways to spend that money, and I was quite pleased that he mentioned Nakina, because certainly we could use more infrastructure, anyone could.
 - Because obviously, as everyone knows on this Board, and most of the public knows, that end of the county is going to grow substantially in the next few years.
 - This is a wonderful opportunity to plan for more waterlines.

6. **Commissioner Coleman** stated the following:
 - I'd like to thank the Sheriff and the county for what they did at the eastern end with the new Eastern Substation.
 - It has already given people a sense of pride.
 - I've already heard people talking about how proud they are of it.

-We've had several church groups and several individuals who have come in and toured since the opening.

-I appreciate you Sheriff for what you've done and I appreciate the county for helping us get it down there, I really do, and the rest of the folks down there appreciate it too.

-I think it's a big step forward for us.

7. **Chairman Bullard** stated the following:

-I'd like to say I hope everybody had a good Easter this weekend.

-I appreciate what everybody is doing.

-I'm hearing a lot of positive comments coming from different people about how pleased they are with everything that's going on in this County.

-And I thank everybody who's playing a part in making it happen, thank you for what you're doing.

-It means a lot to be a Commissioner and people are happy.

-It makes you feel good and very proud of the county that you live and serve in.

-It's good that there are open jobs in Columbus County because it lets you know there are opportunities for people.

-So there is a good side, it's not all bad.

-On the county's Facebook page, can we list businesses that have multiple openings?

-Can we get a category to start helping businesses in Columbus County if they call the county and they say we're looking for someone, and help them advertise it?

-Would that be possible?

-Thank everybody for what you're doing.

Commissioner Watts stated the following:

-I would like to ask Mr. McKenzie, back on this criteria, is your staff as strict as they can be?

-Because, if it's somebody that can work, and we can't fill jobs, I mean, I know we've got to do what the law says but they need to be strict and make sure somebody's able to work and not getting something they don't deserve.

Director Algernon McKenzie stated the following:

-There is criteria for the different programs we offer and we are audited on those items to make sure we follow that criteria.

-People are able to request extensions and particularly on the welfare benefits, like the TANF program, you have to meet certain criteria to get an extension, but like I said, we are audited on all of those programs, and we follow the guidelines the government has put in place.

-Some guidelines are stricter than others but all we can do is encourage folks to go to work; we even post things in our lounge area about jobs.

Commissioner Watts stated the following:

-You mentioned that some of the programs, they have to apply for jobs, do you have someone following up to make sure that they do apply for these jobs?

Director Algernon McKenzie stated the following:

-Yes, they're applications have to be signed off on.

B. **County Manager Eddie Madden** stated the following:

-I appreciate everyone's time this evening.

-We're in budget season and you all are aware of that; our staff certainly is.

-This year is a slightly different year for us because of the additional step we must take to submit our preliminary budget to the Local Government Commission (LGC).

-It has to be submitted to them by May 15th.

-We had hoped to present the budget at the May 16th meeting but because the deadline to the LGC is on the 15th, we've had to step up our formal presentation to you to May 12th at 5:00 P.M.

-So, we've called a special meeting for that presentation, at that stage it would be considered preliminary, and so the budget we would submit to the state would be preliminary and not final by any means.

-And certainly not vetted by this Board at that point, but because of that LGC requirement and the deadline they've given us, we've asked you all to come together with us on May 12th, so we could go through the presentation with you and get your approval to submit it in the preliminary format to the Local Government Commission.

-From there, and Mr. Leatherman help me please if I'm incorrect, the LGC will review the budget, and if they have any input, they will send it to us, prior to you holding your public hearings in June.

-So, from around the 15th of May to the 1st of June, we anticipate getting feedback from the Local Government Commission.

-That's why we're doing things a little bit out of the norm.

-Not because of anything we've asked for but certainly, the Local Government Commission has.

-So, we look forward to having you back on May 12th.

- I want to highlight the resolution you all approved on tonight for The Wooten Company to present an application on behalf of the Town of Lake Waccamaw.
- That is in accordance with the agreement that is in place with the County and the Town over the \$2.5 million dollars of state funds that are supposed to be set aside for the walking trail project at the Lake.
- As you know, we entered into an agreement with the town that we would submit an application on their behalf for grant funding and if awarded we will have met our obligation.
- Our project was \$2.5 million from the State.
- The application that we are submitting on their behalf is for \$4.9 million dollars.
- Since the Board approved that resolution this evening, the interconnect project that they requested, we are submitting it on their behalf.
- I just wanted to update the Board.
- The second floor renovations of this building are ongoing and drywall, for the most part, hung.
- There will be work that will continue thereafter for mudding, taping, sanding and so forth, but significant progress is being made there.
- I do want to point out the contributions being made by our staff.
- I want to thank Stuart Carroll and the maintenance staff for their work as most of this is being taken care of in house and we're saving considerable dollars in doing so.
- We appreciate their excellent work.
- In keeping with those renovations, we anticipate moving the Tax Office sometime in the middle of May, so just a few weeks from now, which is slightly ahead of schedule.
- This evening, as Commissioner McDowell pointed out, we did meet with the USDA State Director, Mr. Reginald Speight, to discuss funding opportunities for Columbus County, as well as all of our respective towns.
- He listed those in detail, Whiteville, Boardman, Evergreen, Nakina and I believe one other that I missed.
- We qualify for what's called their higher poverty rate category for persistent poverty.
- Not a category you want to be in but for funding purposes, you definitely want to be in.
- This opens the gateway for funding for capital projects, housing projects, rehab services for housing purposes, community facilities and business grants and loans.
- I will tell you from experience that these programs are very useful but they have historically had significant strings attached.
- The main one is on the rehabilitation program.
- So, in the past, these funds have only been available for owner occupied dwellings, and it is a challenge for staff and our consultants to identify properties that qualify under the program, because of that restriction.
- I'm very pleased that they were here this evening and we were able to communicate that to them, and hopefully as he indicated, there may be some flexibility in the offerings of some of these dollars to benefit not only owner-occupied dwellings but tenant occupied dwellings going forward.
- The Chairman and I participated in a Ribbon Cutting last week for the new mobile crisis unit operated by Coastal Horizons and Trillium.
- The unit will be manned by licensed professionals who will respond to calls for service for mental health as well as severe cases of addiction.
- The main benefit of this unit is that it is truly mobile.
- It will be accessible to the remote parts of our county, regardless of the location, and hopefully reduce the barriers that have been in place because of transportation limitations.
- Last Thursday, I met with the Brunswick Electric Board of Directors and I provided them an update of our progress over the past year.
- We discussed several ways to partner together on economic development projects, Dr. Lanier will be pleased to know that.
- I was very, very encouraged by their interest in us, and they have indicated that many opportunities will be made available through those discussions in the coming months, so we're very encouraged by that.
- The opioid task force will be meeting in the next few weeks to evaluate the process to delegate the settlement proceeds we will be receiving.
- We were made aware last week that the first installment will be made available to us in the Spring of 2022.
- They have not specified the date, but sometime this Spring, the first installment is \$302,095.00.
- I believe the second installment is due sometime this Summer, for a total in the first year approaching the \$1-million-dollar mark.
- The total amount to the county that we will receive is just over \$7 million dollars.
- So, our work is before us to make sure that these funds are spent in the appropriate manner and as expeditiously as we possibly can.
- I will be out of the office on Wednesday through Friday for a conference in Winston Salem.
- The conference is the North Carolina Airports Association Annual Conference.

-I will be checking email and responding to texts and phone calls, so feel free to reach out to me if you need me.

-At that meeting, I will be installed as the President-elect of the Association.

-I've been serving on this Board for almost 8 years and will be assuming the President's role for the North Carolina Airport Association in July.

-So, I just wanted to pass that along to you.

Commissioner McDowell stated the following:

-The Trillium mobile unit, is it only able to go out in the county or can it go anywhere, like the jail for example? When they have people who are arrested? And the Sherriff is shaking his head no, okay, I just thought that maybe that could be an asset.

County Manager Eddie Madden stated the following:

-There's a hotline you call to activate that service and we've just been introduced to having this capability, that we have not had before.

-It will have licensed professionals on board.

-What they have said to us is that if the demand is greater than what they anticipate they will add additional resources in the future.

-Maybe even a second mobile unit, but that remains to be seen.

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:44 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. These minutes were recorded and typed by LaToya Williams.

LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 18, 2022
7:22 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of acting as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:22 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

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RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 18, 2022

7:22 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of acting as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:22 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

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RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 18, 2022

7:22 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of acting as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:22 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

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RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 18, 2022

7:22 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of acting as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:22 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM #20: WATER DISTRICT IV – APPROVAL of RESOLUTION to APPLY for ARPA FUNDING on BEHALF of the TOWN of LAKE WACCAMAW:

Jack Brarens, Project Engineer Assistant with The Wooten Company, requested Board Approval.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of drinking water distribution system improvements, and

WHEREAS, Columbus County has need for and intends to construct a drinking water distribution system improvement project described as 2022 Emergency Water Distribution System Improvements, and

WHEREAS, Columbus County intends to request State grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

That Columbus County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Columbus County to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Columbus County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Edwin Madden, County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the ___ day of _____, 2022 at the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting in Whiteville, NC.

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Title of Chief Executive Officer)

ARTICLE ICERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Finance Officer of Columbus County does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the _____ day of _____, 2022; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2022.

(Signature of Recording Officer)

(Title of Recording Officer)

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 18, 2022
7:22 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of acting as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**
 Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**
 Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:22 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk

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