

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, December 17, 2012****8:00 A.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**8:00 A.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Monarch's Application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 TTAP (Targeted Transportation Assistance Program) Grant:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow for citizens to express any concerns and share comments concerning this application.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 8:00 A.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for citizens to express any concerns and share comments concerning Monarch's application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 TTAP (Targeted Transportation Assistance Program) Grant. Chairman McDowell requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

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

1. **Michael Lee, Program Manager for Monarch:** stated the following:
  - A. Our total request is for twenty-four (24) months through the fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$191,111.00;
  - B. Monarch's expenses for transportation are estimated at \$149,750, annually;
  - C. The total County funding is approximately \$98,436.00, and we receive County funding for transportation, and it is restricted just for transportation in the amount of \$65,436.00; **and**
  - D. We would appreciate a letter of support from the Board on this matter.
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** What is the money that you receive from the M.C.O. used for, and is any of it used for transportation?  
**Michael Lee:** The money we receive from the M.C.O. is used for services and none of it is used for transportation.  
**Commissioner Prevatte:** What makes an agency eligible for these funds, and why was the Columbus County Department of Aging not qualified to apply for these funds?  
**Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director:** An agency that provides human services is eligible for this grant. The reason the Department of Aging was not eligible is due to a Local Co-Ordinated Plan that was put together that did not include nutrition.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 8:08 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**8:08 A.M.**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 8:08 A.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the December 17, 2012 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

**Agenda Item #4: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman McDowell opened the floor for public input. No public input was received either orally or written.

**Agenda Item #5: LETTER of SUPPORT - APPROVAL of LETTER of SUPPORT for MONARCH:**

Michael Lee, Program Manager for Monarch, requested Board approval of the following Letter of Support for Monarch's application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 TTAP (Targeted Transportation Assistance Program) Grant.

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Mr. Blake A. Martin  
Monarch  
350 Pee Dee Avenue, Suite A  
Albemarle, North Carolina 28001

**IN RE: Letter of Support for the NC DOT 5310 TTAP Grant**

Dear Mr. Martin::

At your request, a public hearing was duly called for advertised for December 17, 2012, at 8:00 A.M., and conducted at the scheduled date and time.

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners supports your efforts in the application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 TTAP Grant.

Sincerely,  
/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**  
**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Monarch's application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 TTAP (Targeted Transportation Assistance Program) Grant, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:  
**AYES:** Chairman McDowell, Vice Chairman Bullard, Commissioners Byrd, Burroughs, Russ and McKenzie; **and**  
**NAYS:** Commissioner Prevatte.

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

**Agenda Item #6: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:12 A.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**