

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE WORKSHOP**

Monday, May 06, 2013

5:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a Land Use Regulation Ordinance Workshop.

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**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:

Robert Lewis, County Planner
Barry Gelezinsky, Chairman, Planning Board
Franklin Thurman, Planning Board
Marshall Nichols, Planning Board
Al Leonard, Planning Board

WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 5:00 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the May 06, 2013 Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance Workshop to order.

WORKSHOP MEETINGS DEFINED:

Chairman McDowell stated the following:

- First: the workshop meeting is to inform the Board and permit discussion - no final action is taken; and
Second: the procedures are less formal than at a regular meeting, but such meetings are part of the decision-making process, deliberations are going on, and therefore, they constitute "official meetings".

Chairman McDowell turned the floor over to Robert Lewis, Columbus County Planner.

DISCUSSION of the COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE:

Robert Lewis, County Planner, presented the following Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance for discussion.

COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE

Article I

INTRODUCTION

Section I. General Purpose. The following land use regulations are adopted for the purpose of promoting health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Columbus County, and to promote the peace and dignity of the county; the Columbus County Commissioners hereby establish certain criteria relating to certain land uses that diminish the quality of life for adjacent property owners and occupants. These uses by their very nature produce objectionable levels of noise, odors, vibrations, fumes, light, smoke, and other impacts upon the lands adjacent to them. These standards shall allow for the placement and growth of such uses with the appropriate approval and permitting,

while maintaining the health, safety, and general welfare standards of established residential and commercial uses in Columbus County.

Section II. Legal Authority. This ordinance is adopted under the general ordinance authority granted to counties by the General Assembly of North Carolina. (General Statutes 153A-121).

Section III. Territorial Coverage. Pursuant to N.C.G.S 153A-122, this ordinance shall apply to all areas of unincorporated Columbus County which are not within the extraterritorial planning jurisdiction of any municipalities. All municipalities, their respective corporate limits, and extra-territorial jurisdiction shall be exempted from the ordinance, unless they choose to adopt this ordinance or some form thereof.

ARTICLE II

ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICT(S)

Section I. General Use District (G-U)

The General Use District is established as a zoning district in which the principal use of land is for uses that are in harmony with residential and commercial development in Columbus County. Any use not discussed in Article III is a permitted use in the (G-U) district if it can be properly identified and determined to be a classified land use by the Planning Director. If a land use cannot be determined by the Planning Director or his designee, the use is not permitted, and a text amendment to this ordinance will be required before the use will be approved and permitted.

Section II. Bona Fide Farm Operations

Bona fide farm operations are exempt from this ordinance. Bona fide farm operations include growing crops, raising livestock and poultry, growing plants in a greenhouse or nursery, and tree farming. This exemption does not apply to commercial operations related to agricultural, such as selling fertilizer, meat packing facilities, or a commercial grain-dying operation.

ARTICLE III

CONDITIONAL LAND USES

Section I. Regulated Uses. Conditional use permits are only required for the land uses listed below.

- Asphalt Plants
- Electricity Generating Facilities
- Propane or Gasoline Bulk Storage
- Chipping Mills
- Explosive Manufacturing
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Chemical Storage Facilities
- Fuel Oil Bulk Storage Facilities
- Cement Mixing Facilities
- Junk, storage, or salvage yards
- Solar Farms
- Manufactured Home Parks (Three or more manufactured homes)
- RV Campgrounds
- Electronic Gaming Operations
- Wireless Communication Towers or other steel frame structures/towers
- Residential and Commercial Planned Unit Developments
- Firing Range (Indoor/Outdoor)
- Landfill (Demolition and Sanitary)
- Mining/Quarrying and or Extraction Operations
- Go-cart, motor cross, and race tracks.
- Intensive Poultry Farming
- Meat Packing Facilities

Section II. Definitions. The following definitions shall be used for the purposes of interpreting. Terms not defined, the common usage for the term shall prevail.

(To be Continued)

ARTICLE IV

CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL PROCESS

Section I. Procedure

Conditional Use Permits shall be granted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners as permitted by 153A-344. Conditional Uses may only be established by Columbus County Board of Commissioners approval.

The owner or owners of all property of all the property included in the petition of a Conditional Use Permit shall submit the required application and information to the Columbus County Planning Department at least three weeks prior to the Columbus County Planning Board meeting at which it is to be heard. Such application shall include all of the requirements pertaining to this Ordinance.

Applications shall include a site plan and be accompanied by a fee set according to the planning Department Fee Schedule.

The Planning Board shall review all requests for Special Use Permits within 90 days from submission to the Planning Department. However, this requirement is not intended to prevent the Planning Board from delaying action after review.

Section II. Planning Board Action

The Planning Director shall set and advertise a date and time for a public hearing before the Planning Board. Notice of a public hearing shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, said notice to be published the first time not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) days prior to the date fixed for said hearing. In addition to the newspaper advertisement, notice shall also be made by posting the property concerned, with a poster indicating the proposed change, the date, the location, and the time of the public hearing at least one week before the public hearing.

At the public hearing all interested persons shall be permitted to testify in sworn testimony. The applicant shall provide to the Planning Department a list of the names and addresses of all adjacent property owners. A notice of the public hearing shall be mailed, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, to each person on this list prior to the public hearing. The person mailing such notice shall certify that such notices have been mailed.

The Planning Board shall consider the application and comments at the public hearing and may grant or deny the Conditional Use Permit. In conducting the public hearing and considering the application, the Planning Board shall follow quasi-judicial procedures. A simple majority vote of the Planning Board is required to grant or deny a Conditional Use Permit. Vacant positions on the Board and members who are disqualified from voting on the matter shall not be considered "members of the Board" for calculation of the requisite majority.

No Planning Board member shall participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected persons' constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker. Impermissible conflicts include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. If an objection is raised to a member's participation and that member does not recuse himself/herself, the remaining members shall by majority vote rule on the objection.

If the Conditional Use Permit is granted, the Planning Board shall use as a guide, the specific conditions outlined in this Article for each use proposed. In addition, the Planning Board shall find:

- A. That the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety, if located according to the plan submitted and approved;
- B. That the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
- C. That the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and
- D. That the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted

and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Columbus County Land Use Plan.

Based on this set of criteria, the Planning Board shall then forward a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding the Conditional Use Permit.

Section III. Board of Commissioners Action

The Planning Director shall set and advertise a date and time for a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners. Notice of a public hearing shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, said notice to be published the first time not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) days prior to the date fixed for said hearing. In addition to the newspaper advertisement, notice shall also be made by posting the property concerned, with a poster indicating the proposed change, the date, the location, and the time of the public hearing at least one week before the public hearing.

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The Board of Commissioners shall consider the application and comments at the public hearing and may grant or deny the Conditional Use Permit. In conducting the public hearing and considering the application, the Board of Commissioners shall follow quasi-judicial procedures. A simple majority vote of the Board of Commissioners is required to grant or deny a Conditional Use Permit. Vacant positions on the Board and members who are disqualified from voting on the matter shall not be considered "members of the Board" for calculation of the requisite majority.

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- D. That the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Columbus County Land Use Plan.

In granting the Conditional Use Permit the Board of Commissioners may designate only those conditions, in addition to those stated herein, which, in its opinion, assure that the use in its proposed location will be harmonious with the area and with the spirit of this Ordinance and clearly in keeping with the public welfare. All such additional conditions shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which the Conditional Use Permit is granted, on the Conditional Use Permit itself, and on the approved plans submitted therewith. All specific conditions shall run with the land and shall be binding on the original applicants for the Conditional Use Permit, their heirs, successors and assigns.

Section IV. Denials and Appeals

If the Board of Commissioners denies the Conditional Use Permit, the Board shall enter the reason for their action in the minutes of the meeting at which the action is taken.

No appeal may be taken from the action of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners in granting or denying a Conditional Use Permit except through the Columbus County Superior Court within thirty (30) days or forever be barred.

Section V. Failure to Comply/Notification of Adjacent Property Owners

In the event of failure to comply with the plans approved by the Board of Commissioners, or with any other conditions imposed upon the Conditional Use Permit, the permit shall thereupon immediately become void and of no effect. No building permits for further construction or certificates of occupancy under this Conditional Use Permit shall be issued, and all completed structures shall be regarded as nonconforming uses subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. In such cases, owners of adjoining property shall be notified that the Conditional Use Permit is no longer in effect.

Section VI. Expiration of Conditional Use Permit

In any case where a Conditional Use Permit has not been exercised within the time limit set by the Board of Commissioners, or within one year if no specific time limit has been set, then without further action, the permit shall be null and void. "Exercised" as set forth in this section shall mean that binding contracts for the construction of the main building have been let; or in absence of contracts that the main building is under construction to a substantial degree; or that pre-requisite conditions involving substantial investment are contracted for, in substantial development; or completed (sewerage, drainage, etc.). When construction is not a part of the use, "exercised" shall mean that the use is in operation in compliance with the conditions set forth in the permit.

Section VII. Modifications of Plans

Where plans are required to be submitted and approved as part of the application for a Conditional Use Permit, the Board of Commissioners may authorize modifications of the original plans.

Section VIII. Supplemental Requirements for Conditional Uses

Specific Requirements By Use: A site plan must always be submitted with the application showing at least the following:

1. The shape and dimensions of the lot on which the proposed building(s) is to be erected;
2. The location of said lot with respect to adjacent rights-of-way;
3. The shape, dimensions, and location of all buildings, existing and proposed, and required setbacks;
4. The nature of the proposed use of the building or land, including the extent and location of the use;
5. The location and dimensions of off-street parking and loading space and means of ingress and egress;
6. The square feet and percentage of lot as built upon area if the lot is located in a Watershed;
7. The location and type of all required buffers;
8. Required Driveway Permits from the Department of Transportation;
9. A landscape plan that meets requirements of the Highway Corridor Overlay District, if applicable;
10. A Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan (if applicable) as submitted to the Land Quality Section, Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and,
11. Any other information, which the Planning Staff may deem necessary for consideration in enforcing all provisions of this Ordinance.

Also, the conditional use site plan shall indicate the location and dimensions of outdoor activity areas including outdoor storage, location and type of outdoor lighting, and areas of environmental concern such as flood plains, surface water, and drainage ways. Prior to approval of the site plan, the

Planning Staff may consult with other qualified personnel for assistance to determine if the application meets the requirements of this Ordinance.

Individual Conditional Uses may require more information, as given in this Section or elsewhere in this Ordinance. **In addition, the Planning Board or Board of Commissioners may require** other information as it deems necessary in order to determine if the proposal meets all requirements and will not endanger persons or property.

The Planning Board or Board of Commissioners may impose reasonable conditions (i.e. hours of operation) in addition to those given in this Section and elsewhere in this Ordinance. In order to do this, the Board must determine that additional conditions are necessary to protect the welfare and safety of the public and of property, or to meet the tests given elsewhere in this Section.

Section IX. Conditional Use Development Requirements
(To Be Continued)

ARTICLE V

OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

(To Be Continued)

ARTICLE VI

NONCONFORMING USES

After the effective date of this Ordinance, pre-existing lots or structures, or uses of lots or structures, which are prohibited under the regulations for the district in which located, shall be considered as nonconforming. Nonconforming lots, structures or uses may be continued, provided they conform to the provisions of this Article.

Section I. Continuance of Non-Conforming Buildings

The lawful use of a building existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance shall not be affected by this Ordinance, and such use may be extended throughout the building provided no structural alterations except those required by law, ordinance or ordered by the Planning Director to secure the safety of the building are made therein, but no such use shall be extended to occupy land outside such building. If such nonconforming building is removed or the nonconforming use of such building is discontinued for a continuous period of more than one hundred and eighty (180) days, every future use of such premises shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section II. Continuance of Non-Conforming Use of Land

The lawful use of "land" existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance, although such use does not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance, shall not be affected by this Ordinance provided, however, that no such nonconforming use shall be extended to occupy a greater area of land than occupied by such use at the time of the passage of this Ordinance. If such nonconforming use is discontinued for a continuous period of more than one hundred and eighty (180) days, every future use of said land shall be in conformity with the provision of this Ordinance.

Section III. Change of Use

Any use of land changed to a use specifically listed under Article III, Section will be required to receive appropriate approval discussed in Article IV, Section(s) II and III. Land uses not listed as conditional or cannot be identified by the Planning Director or his designee are prohibited by this Ordinance in the areas delineated by the official zoning map of Columbus County.

ARTICLE VII

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section I. Administration & Enforcement. The Planning Director of his/her designee shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

If the Planning Director shall determine that any of the provisions of this ordinance are being violated, they shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature

of the violation and ordering the action necessary to within ten (10) working days correct the violation. He may order the discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; the removal of illegal buildings or structures or of addition, alterations, or structural changes thereto; the discontinuance of any illegal work being done; and may take any other action authorized by this ordinance to insure compliance with, or to prevent violation of, its provisions.

Section II. Conflict with Other Laws. Wherever the provisions or application of this ordinance impose higher standards than are required in any other local ordinance or regulation, the provisions or application of this ordinance shall govern. Wherever the provisions of any other statute or local ordinance or regulation impose higher standards than are required by the provisions or application of this ordinance, the provisions of such other statute or local ordinance or regulation shall govern.

Section III. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of any article of this ordinance; or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made hereunder; or who shall continue to work upon any structure after having received written notice from the Ordinance Administrator to cease work, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor as provided by N.C.G.S. § 14-4 and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed twenty days. Each day such violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. Notice of violation shall be sufficient if directed to the owner, the agent of the owner, or the contractor and left at his known place of residence or place of business. In lieu of or in addition to the criminal penalties outlined above, each person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty, under N.C.G.S. 153A-123©, in the amount of \$200.00 per day. No penalty shall be assessed prior to notice to the violator. For every day a violator is in violation of this ordinance, it shall be considered a separate offense. If the violator does not pay such penalty within 30 days of notification of its assessment by written citation it and any subsequently accruing penalty may be recovered by the County in a civil action in the nature of a debt. Any contest of said penalty shall be by appropriate action taken in the General Court of Justice for Columbus County.

Section IV. Severability Clause. Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part hereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section V. Ordinance Amendments. This Ordinance may be amended by the Board of Commissioners following a public hearing on the proposed changes. The Board shall cause notice of the hearing to be published once a week for two successive calendar weeks. The notice shall be published the first time not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days before the date fixed for the hearing. In computing such period, the day of publication is not to be included but the day of the hearing shall be included.

Mr. Lewis stated the following:

1. The Planning Board has been working on the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance;
2. We wanted to discuss this document with the Board of Commissioners to make sure this is something that could be considered in the future;
3. This is a work in progress and we are continuing to work on this ordinance, and we would like input from the Board members;
4. This proposal would blanket zone the county and there are a list of uses in the ordinance that would require Commissioners' approval, and this would be a conditional use permit; **and**
5. The request would go before the Planning Board, and then the Planning Board would forward a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Commissioners would have final approval.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Commissioner McKenzie: Is this document inclusive of all possible scenarios, and where did you get this information from?

Robert Lewis: Most of this information was derived from Bladen and Scotland County.

Barry Gelezinsky: Please keep in mind, this is a proposed list. This is a work-in-progress. This list does not say that you can't do this. It states that you will need to come in and get a conditional use permit.

Commissioner McKenzie: I need to know if we can add to and take away.

Barry Gelezinsky: This is what this workshop is about, and that is receiving input from everyone

for consideration.

Commissioner Burroughs: After the adoption of this ordinance, if a scenario comes up that is not included, we can always amend the existing document.

Barry Gelezinsky: We can't cover every scenario that will ever happen in Columbus County, but if you have something on the books already, it will take lessor time to respond with an amendment.

Chairman McDowell: Does this include gentlemen's clubs?

Barry Gelezinsky: Columbus County has a stand-alone ordinance that covers that scenario but could possibly be included in this document if that is what the Board request.

Commissioner McKenzie: The places that are in operation now, will they be grandfathered in?

Robert Lewis: Yes.

Commissioner Burroughs: This document includes the scenarios of the existing operations closing and then re-opening and includes limitations on expansions.

Robert Lewis: This is definitely a work-in-progress. I need to do more research in some of the included areas, and I can provide the Commissioners with updates as they are made available. I will also conduct community meetings to inform the citizens of what we are proposing.

Barry Gelezinsky: One particular area of this document has entailed extensive discussion, and that area is on the Non-Conforming Uses, if an existing operation closes down, how long can the operation be closed before it loses its ability to be grandfathered in. At the present time, it is one hundred eighty (180) days. Is this a reasonable length of time?

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. A longer period of time being allowed - 1 ½ to 2 years;
2. Situation of owner passing away and the matter of settling the estate; **and**
3. The addition of a death clause or an estate clause, or the time to be determined by the Board of Commissioners.

Barry Gelezinsky: This is a protective ordinance and not a restrictive ordinance. This ordinance is meant to protect the people and the natural resources of the County. You need to find a happy median.

Vice Chairman Bullard: There are a lot of small businesses in the County that may close and later try to sell that business to a new owner, and if this restricts the business from re-opening, the property could lose its value as an established business.

Barry Gelezinsky: Would a year be acceptable?

Chairman McDowell: To me, it would be.

Commissioner Burroughs: There should be some definition included on commercial operation and bulk operation.

Vice Chairman Bullard: Chemical Storage Facilities need to be explained.

Commissioner McKenzie: I think there is a need to define each item that is listed under Regulated uses.

Robert Lewis: That is an area that I am doing research on.

Commissioner Byrd: What type of requirements will you be placing on solar farms? That is an area where we are experiencing growth in.

Robert Lewis: That is part of the information that I am working on. I will be providing that information in the definition section.

Barry Gelezinsky: Relative to the solar farms, this is not to prevent them from being established, this will require a possible buffer area where it is needed, and protect both parties involved.

Al Leonard: stated the following:

1. With the list of Regulated Uses, we were trying to give the County Commissioners a tool;
2. In recent years, we have had situations come up that are on the list, and you had no control over them;
3. This ordinance will give you a tool to where the adjoining property owners will receive a letter that states this is happening next door to you, we are going to get together and talk about it;
4. In our public hearing, we could state the appropriate conditions, or whatever the situation may be, but here is your chance to let the people know.
5. The only area that Robert is struggling with is the Green Swamp;
6. This would be a tool in the future to use; **and**
7. This list is not everything, it can be added to;

Commissioner Prevatte: This is planned growth.

Vice Chairman Bullard: Would this apply to the extra-territorial jurisdictions in the County? I don't think the town and cities have anything like this.

Al Leonard: I would say that most municipalities have conditional use permitting processes. If they

do have, they could agree to adopt an ordinance like this or join onto the County's.

Commissioner Byrd: On the list of Regulated Uses, the Chipping Mills could put a damper on Georgia Pacific opening back up. and we are trying very hard to get them back in Columbus County. This is good but we can zone ourselves out of a lot of growth and expansion that we need in Columbus County.

Barry Gelezinsky: I look at this from both sides of the fence. I have discussed this with individuals and industries, and it is my understanding that businesses coming to a place that has no rules, it makes them nervous. If something like this is in place, it is a benefit to everyone. We don't want to make this a burden for anyone. Reasonable rules are expected by most commercial activity, and will not be a big issue.

Commissioner McKenzie: This is a necessary tool that Columbus County needs.

Barry Gelezinsky: We don't want to create any barriers in the County for any businesses or industries. This will provide reasonable conditions to provide protection for the adjoining property owners as well as the natural resources of the County. We need to take this into consideration.

Vice Chairman Bullard: This is a good idea and a good document. I do think we need to clarify some areas. That is what we are meeting on.

Barry Gelezinsky: We will give you a chance to review this, and if there are any areas of concern, please contact Robert Lewis or myself for any discussion. We want to make it the best it can be.

Commissioner McKenzie: I think we need to proceed with this document.

Commissioner Burroughs: I want to thank you guys for all that you do and for all that you have done putting this document together.

Commissioner McKenzie: You have done a good job.

Commissioner Prevatte: We have got to start somewhere, and you have started well.

William S. Clark, County Manager: What about the sludge, Robert, in the Green Swamp, and the issues we have with Waste Management? Is that covered anywhere?

Robert Lewis: I researched that, and it is a sanitary spray. We are working on that.

Commissioner Byrd: Under Section II. Bona Fide Farm Operations, the sentence that reads as follows, "This exemption does not apply to commercial operations related to agricultural, such as selling fertilizer, meat packing facilities, or a commercial grain-drying operation", what do you mean by this?

Barry Gelezinsky: What this means is if the operation is for only your use, it would apply, but if the operation is set up for commercial purposes to sell, then it would not be exempt.

Commissioner Byrd: We need to guard against preventing existing businesses that have closed for any reason to reopen by placing restrictions on them which may discourage someone to reopen.

Barry Gelezinsky: There should be no problem with an existing business obtaining a Conditional Use Permit. The Board has the power, the tool is there for you to use in whatever manner you so choose.

Chairman McDowell: Regardless of what happens, if it does not fit this criteria, then it goes before the Board of County Commissioners. This gives us exactly what we are asking for anyway.

Vice Chairman Bullard: In a situation where a citizen is complaining of the location of a legitimate building due to the blockage of their existing view, who would handle situations like this?

Barry Gelezinsky: I think we are going broader than what our vision was. Our vision was to look at the very worst case scenarios that could happen. All of this is good discussion because it makes you think of the big picture. The intent of the ordinance is not to be restrictive. This ordinance is concentrating on protection.

William S. Clark, County Manager: There is a hoop to jump through that was not there before. We need to make everyone aware of that.

Al Leonard: Historically, we have addressed issues that arise by the approval and adoption of ordinances after we have been made aware of the issue. When these issues arise, it entails approximately one (1) year, or longer, to prepare, adopt and place the information on our books before any legal action can take place. There are things that are going to pop up, and by the time we spend a year working on them, they have proliferated. What this ordinance does, is give you the ability to address future issues as they come up in approximately one (1) month by amending the existing ordinance, if adopted and recorded. It will give you the ability to address the issue in a faster time frame.

Barry Gelezinsky: We are looking for your input. Your input is requested and wanted. We are also going to hold community meetings to receive input from the public. We want to hear about any concerns the public may have.

Vice Chairman Bullard: The State is controlling hog farms now, and I noticed it is not on the list. Is there any need to include hog farms in case the State changes their position on it.

Barry Gelezinsky: We have talked about what commercial operations are. It needs to be defined because it is not really clear right now. Is that something you want us to look into?

James Prevatte: I think you need to look into it.

Commissioner Burroughs: We need to be careful about the content volume because it could complicate the process. We need to get the basics included, on record, and then add to the document as needed.

Discussion was conducted relative to adding hog framing operations to the list of Regulated Uses as follows:

- Pros and cons of adding this item;
- Hog farms moratorium could be lifted by the State;
- If added, it would only be a tool to inform the nearby citizens;
- In lieu of specifying type of animal farm, use the verbiage of any type of large animal farming containing confinement; **and**
- Not complicating things for the farmer.

Barry Gelezinsky: We were interested in getting your input and the input from the public. We need to keep in mind what type of business would have a negative impact on the person next door, and would your actions impact my property value or my quality of life. Your guidelines should be public safety, and impact adjoining property owners' value.

Chairman McDowell: You have made a good point. Before we proceed with this much farther, we need input from the public before the final decisions are made.

Commissioner Burroughs: The Planning Board is heading for the right target. This is an educational process and an educational protection and not a restriction.

Barry Gelezinsky: I would propose to place hog farming on the list.

Chairman McDowell: Robert, how long do you think it will take before you can get the definitions that you are looking for and come up with second version.

Robert Lewis: Maybe two to three (2-3) months and conduct some community meetings over the summer.

Franklin Thurman: In the future, we want to make sure the things that are happening in Columbus County meet your approval.

WORKSHOP CLOSED:

At 5:51 P.M., Chairman McDowell declared the workshop to be closed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 06, 2013****6:30 P.M.**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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 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**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

6:30 P.M.**PUBLIC HEARING -**

Contracting to Make Economic Development Incentive Grant to Ply Gem Industries, Inc.: the purpose of the public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested parties.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell opened the Public Hearing, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested parties on contracting to make an Economic Development Incentive Grant to Ply Gem Industries, Incorporated. 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.

For informational purposes, Chairman McDowell stated the following. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners intends to consider entering into an Economic Development Incentive Contract with Ply Gem Industries, Incorporated. The County will make a one-time twenty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) dollars cash incentive grant pursuant to the County Economic Development Incentive Grant Policy. The investment proposed is \$15.5 million and involves the creation of at least one hundred (100) new jobs. The County will fund the payment from available revenues in the County General Fund in the current fiscal year. The Board of Commissioners believes this project will help stimulate the local economy by creating new jobs.

COMMENTS:

Chairman McDowell opened the floor for comments. No comments were received orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner P. Edwin Russ made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

6:33 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the May 06, 2013 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Kenwood Nexedge Radio System Workshop Minutes and the April 15, 2013 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs.

Commissioner Prevatte stated there was an error on Page 276 of the April 15, 2013 Kenwood Nexedge Radio System Workshop Minutes as follows: Stephen Smith should read as Stephen Shaw. Commissioner McKenzie stated on the bottom of Page 277, under his comments, the word letter should be little.

Vice Chairman Bullard amended his motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Kenwood Nexedge Radio System Workshop Minutes and the April 15, 2013 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with the stated corrections. Commissioner Burroughs amended his second. The amended motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman McDowell opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

Robert Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433: stated the following:

1. I have lived a long time, and have voted all my life and have never missed an opportunity to vote;
2. I have felt more comfortable over the last 2-3 years about my one vote counting as it should count than I ever have in my life time;
3. I have traveled wide and far over the United States, and have taken a lot of slack over the way voting is held in Columbus County;
4. I am not encountering that slack anymore with the Board and the employees that you have at the Board of Elections now;
5. I think they are doing a good job;
6. People will always try new ways to get around doing what they should be doing; **and**
7. The new twist that is going on, I hope the appropriate action will be taken.

Agenda Item #6: PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICE - PRESENTATION of CONCERNS:

Stephanie Miller, member of the Community Watch Committee, will present concerns of the community relative to the Probation/Parole Office. Ms. Miller stated the following:

1. I am representing the Running Meade, High Woods and Baldwin Woods neighborhoods;
2. I live on Woodfield Road in Running Meade and I have some grave concerns about the crimes increasing in our area especially since Fuller Royal got mugged to the point that I don't feel comfortable about strolling my children in the area without carrying some protection through the neighborhood;
3. I grew up in Whiteville, been back for four (4) years, my husband and I are raising our family here, and personally, I have a strong investment;
4. Professionally, I have to recruit physicians to this area and that is becoming very difficult to do due to the crime rate here being 2-3 times higher than the national rate;
5. I spoke to my neighbors and they had the same concerns about the crime rate as I had, and we decided to get together and do something;
6. We had a meeting at a home for discussion, then we had another meeting at the synagogue due to the size of the group, and we decided what can we do and what steps can we take;
7. The first step we took is to decide to develop some Community Watch Groups, implement those groups for the three (3) areas;
8. The third step was that we really don't like the location of the Probation and Parole Office being in our back yards;
9. Detectives told us there have been increased foot traffic in our neighborhoods since it was located there, and they are using this as a shortcut to get to where they are going;
10. We don't appreciate it, we don't like it, we did some investigating and found out that every sex offender in Columbus County has to go to that office which in turn violates everyone of their probations because there is a pre-school less than two hundred (200') feet, and there is a law that states they cannot be within three hundred (300') feet of a pre-school;
11. We done some more digging and discovered that the building is not even up to code;
12. It is a two (2) story building with no elevator, and it is not handicap accessible;
13. The more digging we did, the more we found out it is not a good fit;

14. We are really requesting the County to move the Parole/Probation Office to another location;
15. We understand the owner has invested a lot of money in upfitting the building, and we understand;
16. We are concerned about the safety of our families, our homes, and our children; **and**
17. We don't like it being there, and we would really like for you to consider moving the Probation/Parole Office.

Chairman McDowell requested that William S. Clark, County Manager, explain the details of this location. Mr. Clark replied stating the following:

1. This was moved because of the building of the new Courthouse Annex;
2. The two (2) Probation and Parole Offices that we had were housed in the old gray jail and the old white jail;
3. In order to build the new courthouse, we had to move these two (2) offices;
4. We needed four thousand (4,000 SF) square feet;
5. They wanted to be as close to the Courthouse as they could;
6. At that time, the only accessible building was that building;
7. They have been located there once before, back in the 1990's;
8. I hate it for all, and I live in that neighborhood, and I have concerns also;
9. It is temporary, and when we get the new Courthouse Annex built, and we renovate the old Courthouse, then the Probation/Parole is programmed to move to the location where the DA is located now;
10. That is why they are there, and it is temporary; **and**
11. Whatever the Board would like for us to do.

Chairman McDowell asked how long is the lease. Mr. Clark replied stating the lease is for four (4) years, and we have been in the building for one (1) year.

Vice Chairman Bullard asked if we violating the law with it being within two hundred (200') feet of a pre-school. Mike Stephens, County Attorney, replied stating the following:

1. The County is not violating the law;
2. Not all sex offenders have to be on the registry in North Carolina;
3. She is correct about the three hundred (300') feet limit on certain offenders and there are certain sections of Chapter 14, Section 7A which preclude certain sex offenders from being within the three hundred (300') feet radius of a day care center or school;
4. To solve that issue, the Probation/Parole Office could find out which individuals are on the sex offender list and be required to be on the registry and have them meet them somewhere else; **and**
5. That would solve that particular issue.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. The increase in muggings, breakins and thefts that have occurred since the office was located in the said building;
2. The residents not feeling safe in their own neighborhoods;
3. The availability of empty buildings to relocate the office to, that are not close to residential areas;
4. The additional cost to taxpayers to relocate the office;
5. The option of increasing police protection; **and**
6. The building not being up to code and the possibility of voiding the lease.

Chairman McDowell requested Ms. Miller to provide a list of the concerns to William S. Clark, County Manager, and Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, to see if we can come up with some alternatives.

Jerry Hall stated the following:

1. That building is about as non-conforming as you will find in Whiteville;
2. The building was non-conforming the day after it was built, but at that time, Whiteville did not have a strong enforcement code;
3. There are non-conforming setbacks, and it is questionable as to where it has sufficient parking space or not;
4. The building is not compliant with the American Disabilities Act;
5. The building is putting the County in a position of possible lawsuits if anyone gets hurt there;
6. The three hundred (300') feet rule is a state statute; **and**
7. This has put the whole neighbor in a bad situation.

Agenda Item #7: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL of FUNDING ALLOCATION, CERTIFICATION and MEMBERSHIP ROSTER for FY 2013-2014:

Julie Strickland, Chairperson of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, requested Board approval of the following funding allocation for FY 2013-2014:

Program Provider	DJJDP Funding	Local In-Kind Funding	Total
Columbus Teen Court	\$66,465	\$6,820	\$73,285
Youth and Family Counseling	\$69,324	\$13,628	\$82,952
Columbus JCPC	\$6,900		\$6,900
Safe Haven After School Tutoring	\$37,440	\$44,346	\$81,786
Unallocated Funds	\$18,788		\$18,788
TOTALS:	\$198,917	\$64,794	\$263,711

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the funding allocation for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for FY 2013-2014, in the amount of two hundred sixty-three thousand, seven hundred eleven and 00/100 (\$263,711.00) dollars for FY 2013-2014, the Certification Standards and the Membership Roster, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Certification Standards and the Membership Roster will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #8: PARKS and RECREATION - APPROVAL of a RESOLUTION to MAINTAIN and SUPPORT the CURRENT INTEGRITY and FUNDING for the PARKS and RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF):

Julie Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following A Resolution to Maintain and Support the Current Integrity and Funding for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF).

A RESOLUTION to MAINTAIN and SUPPORT the CURRENT INTEGRITY and FUNDING for the PARKS and RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF)

WHEREAS, North Carolina is known for its unique and scenic natural resources and opportunities for recreation with a long tradition of its citizens and visitors enjoying parks, mountains, rivers, greenways, beaches and more. Generations of residents and visitors have delighted in these landscapes and park facilities; **and**

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) was established with bi-partisan support on July 16, 1994 to fund improvements in the state's park system, to fund grants for local governments and to increase the public's access to the state's beaches and coastal waterways; **and**

WHEREAS, since its inception The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund has provided \$161 million via 722 grants to 370 local governments in 99 counties and has been matched with \$312 million of local and private dollars for the purchase of local park land, building and renovation of facilities and development of greenways and trails; **and**

WHEREAS, North Carolina's population has grown to make it the 10th most populous state in the nation with projections for the significant growth to continue in the coming decades, and more state and local parks are needed to meet the increased demands; **and**

WHEREAS, parks are identified as key contributors to North Carolina's tourism industry that generates nearly \$20 billion in annual economic impact; **and**

WHEREAS, parks in North Carolina are experiencing record visitation levels including over

14.25 million to state parks in both 2011 and 2012; **and**

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund has leveraged funds that allowed our State to acquire land for state parks and state natural areas and protected nearly 83,000 acres and made major additions to the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail; **and**

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund has funded capital improvement projects in the state parks such as visitor centers and exhibit halls which provide tremendous opportunities to educate students and all citizens about North Carolina's outstanding natural resources, and other capital projects including campgrounds, picnic areas, boating facilities, trails and swimming beaches; and local capital projects including construction of community centers, athletic fields and greenways; **and**

WHEREAS, the annual economic impact to local economies of all tourists visiting the state parks system was estimated at more than \$400 million in sales and income, as well as nearly 5,000 jobs according to a 2008 study; **and**

WHEREAS, a portion of The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund is designated for the Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program to improve access to beaches and coastal waterways by funding public boat ramps and public beaches' accesses; **and**

WHEREAS, access to parks, recreation facilities and open space provides cost-effective opportunities for citizens of all ages to participate in health and wellness activities thereby reducing costs associated with obesity, heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure; **and**

WHEREAS, research has documented that structured park and recreational opportunities in local communities can prevent crime and provide positive activities and directions for young people; **and**

WHEREAS, dedicated, recurring funding of the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund allows for structured and objective planning and efficient management of the system at both the state and local levels for today and future generations; **and**

WHEREAS, the success of The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is due to the dedicated funding source provided by a portion of the deed stamp tax, and is recognized nationally as a model for efficiency and accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does call on the members of the General Assembly to maintain dedicated revenues generated by seventy-five cents of the deed stamp tax for The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the members of the General Assembly representing the people of Columbus County and the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 6th day of May, 2013

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the A Resolution to Maintain and Support the Current Integrity and Funding for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF), seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: AGING - DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURAL CHANGES:

Susan Shipman presented the following departmental procedural changes as a result of our self audit. Ms. Shipman stated I check all of their billing for their documentation to make sure that we have proof of all of the billing before it goes out

Chairman McDowell asked if we had one hundred (100%) percent of the charts being checked. Ms. Shipman replied stating I check all the billing and the QA person does the rest.

Commissioner Prevatte referenced a letter in the Information Section bearing date of April 17, 2013, which states the department needed more diligent checking on the hours and funds spent. Ms. Shipman stated that particular program was not related to Medicaid.

Agenda Item #10: AIRPORT - BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT, NON PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT FUNDING, GRANT PROJECT 36237.53.10.1:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the Block Grant Agreement, Project #: 36237.53.10.1 (Partial Parallel Taxiway Construction/CA Phase Services) in the amount of five hundred twelve thousand, four hundred eleven and 00/100 (\$512,411.00) dollars, with ten (10%) percent match, by the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Grant in the amount of \$512,411 has been approved by the Department based on total estimated cost of \$569,345; **and**

WHEREAS, an amount equal to or grater then ten percent (10%) of the total estimated project cost has been appropriated by the Sponsor for this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE Chairman of the Sponsor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to the fulfillment of its obligation incurred under this Grant Agreement or any mutually agreed upon modification thereof.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd to approve the Block Grant Agreement, Project #: 36237.53.10.1 (Partial Parallel Taxiway Construction/CA Phase Services) in the amount of five hundred twelve thousand, four hundred eleven and 00/100 (\$512,411.00) dollars, with ten (10%) percent match, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be kept on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office for review.

Agenda Item #11: BEAVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - SIX (6) MONTH UPDATE:

John Deans, Chairman of the Beaver Management Committee, delivered the following six (6) month update to the Board.

1. First, I would like to thank the Commissioners for supporting the Beaver Management Pilot Program in Columbus County;
2. We have been successful, and we have removed over six hundred (600) beavers in the program;
3. Edward Davis and I have witnessed an improvement in the water flow in areas of the County;
4. We still have problems with beavers in Columbus County;
5. Columbus County BMAP Report for November 1, 2012 through April 15, 2013 is as follows:
 - I. Number of Private Agreements worked: 3
 - II. Number of NC DOT projects completed: 24
 - III. Number of Civil Projects completed: 1
 - IV. Number of total affected acres reclaimed from beaver depredation: 610,614
 - V. Number of beaver removed:
 1. Body-grip traps 147
 2. Foothold traps 3
 3. Neck snares 0
 4. Firearms 0
 - Total: 150**
 - VI. Number of dams removed:
 1. Explosives 16
 2. Hand tools 9
 3. High pressure water spray (new experimental device) 1
 - Total: 26**
 - VII. Number of additional aquatic species-of-concern removed:
 1. Nutria 1
 2. Muskrats 3

- VIII. Number of Technical Assistance/Outreach sessions 14
 IX. Educations presentations, lectures, and exhibits 5
 X. Total USDA/APHIS/WS personnel working Columbus County: 5
 (Jonathan White, Gregg Lee, Jordan Miller, Bo Benton, Butch Adams)
6. Columbus County Beaver Bounty Pilot Program (CCBBPP) Breakdown after April 22, 2013
 Collection is as follows:

DETAILS	AMOUNT
Meetings held for tag purchasing	13
Meetings held for tagged beaver tail collections	12
Number of participants (24 trapping on their own land)	50
Initial number of tags for Pilot Program	500
Additional number of tags for Pilot Program	300
Total number of tags for Pilot Program:	800
Unused tags returned before 60-day deadline	64
Unused tags returned after 60-day deadline	10
Tags issued over 60 days (cancelled)	111
Total tags returned or cancelled:	185
Total tags issued:	956
Total tagged beaver tails received:	621
Number of tags out	150
Tags Purchased (last meeting)	20
Tags requested above program limit	0
Beginning amount in program	\$15,000
Additional amount in program	\$9,000
Total amount in program:	\$24,000
Total tag deposits received:	\$1,912
Total in program:	\$25,912
Total of other expenses (licenses, tags and folders)	\$380.64
Total amount available minus expenses	\$25,531.36
Amount paid out for bounty	\$18,630
Deposits returned on tagged beaver tails collected	\$1,242
Deposits returned on tags returned before 60 day deadline	\$128
Total returned to participants:	\$20,000
Sub-total in program:	\$5,531.36
Total tag deposits cancelled:	\$242
Balance in program:	\$5,773.36
Potential bounty for tags that are out (includes tag deposit)	\$4,800
Account Balance:	\$973.36
Tags Available:	32.4

Other Expenses:

EXPENSE	COST
Fur dealer station licenses	\$120
Cost of tags (first order 500)	\$76.91
Folders and other office supplies	\$35.48
Flare alert LED work light	\$35.22
Cost of tags (second order 500)	\$77.55
Additional folders	\$35.48
Total for other expenses:	\$380.64

Beaver Tails Returned Per District as of: 5/3/13

District	Beavers Caught
I	10
II	181
III	113
IV	61
V	50
VI	135
VII	71
Total:	621

7. There have been approximately 1,000 beavers caught in the County;
8. We plan to end the tag purchasing on May 30, 2013; **and**
9. We would like for this program to be continued.

Edward Davis stated the following:

1. We have had outside trappers who have caught over 200 beavers; **and**
2. John Deans has caught 25.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Tweaking the Beaver Pilot Program;
2. Possibility of cutting the beaver tails in two pieces;
3. Putting the tags into the landowner's hands;
4. Possibility of requiring the whole beaver to be turned in and locating a fur buyer to purchase the hide; **and**
5. The timber companies in the Green Swamp hiring trappers to trap beavers.

Agenda Item #12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of a one-time twenty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) dollars Economic Development Incentive Grant for Ply Gem Industries. (The required Public Hearing was conducted on this date prior to the meeting.)

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the one-time twenty-five thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) dollars Economic Development Incentive Grant for Ply Gem Industries, seconded By Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: VETERANS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Sherri Blackmon, Veterans Director, delivered the following departmental update to the

Board.

1. We have a tremendous backlog;
2. The backlog is due to back in the 1990's, when the Gulf War started, they offered early retirement to their most seasoned workers within the Department of Veterans Affairs;
3. At the same time, there was a hiring freeze for several years and they were not replenishing their staff;
4. At the same time, North Carolina was the only state in the United States that the veteran population was actually growing;
5. This has snowballed from then on;
6. Then the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars occurred and at that time, the Vietnam Veterans decided to start filing their claims, and when the government decided that some actual illnesses that had been ignored for years were related to the massive exposure to Agent Orange, a multitude of claims started coming in and not a plentiful well-trained staff to process the claims;
7. In Columbus County, we did \$27,409,000.00 in benefits for veterans in the fiscal year 2012 and that is \$1,719,000.00 more than what we did in the previous fiscal year;
8. We are taking the blunt from a lot of angry veterans;
9. A newly filed claim, if everything is correct, the waiting time for benefits will be 15-18 months and could be up to three (3) years;
10. The Super Clinic in Wilmington has opened and is a 100,000 square foot facility, and they employ about 200 people;
11. We do have the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs Scholarships, and we were advised this morning that we have three (3) students that were awarded from Columbus County; **and**
12. These scholarships are full scholarships for four (4) years and they have eight (8) years to use it.

Agenda Item #14: TRAVEL AND TOURISM - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Jennifer Holcomb, Travel and Tourism Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board. (This item was tabled at the April 15, 2013 Meeting.)

1. In 2011, the economic impact of travel and tourism in Columbus County was \$46 million;
2. We are ranked 56th in the State of North Carolina;
3. I continue to serve on two (2) state boards that lobby for, advocate for, and protect and support the tourism industry;
4. I appreciate the support that you have given to the hydrilla problem at Lake Waccamaw;
5. Some of our partners in tourism have seen some economic growth, and they are the Carowoods RV Park is building a new pool, and Yogi Bear has completed a put put;
6. Events continue to increase and we had a new event in Tabor City and it was the Spring Festival with a very high attendance;
7. The North Carolina Museum of Forestry has a new gift shop;
8. Some of the projects we are working on are the hunting initiative and the farmers' managed deer program with concentration on the doe population;
9. Downtown Whiteville is working on a way-finding location project;
10. We have a billboard campaign which entails four locations as follows:
-701 into Whiteville;
-130, 904 and 130 traffic;
-410/701 area; **and**
-2 for 74/76;
11. We have a new visitors guide; **and**
12. We are soliciting for the Leadership Columbus Program.

Agenda Item #15: FIREWORKS - REQUEST for FIREWORKS DISPLAY and WAIVER of PERMIT FEE:

Cynthia S. Nelson, Executive Vice President, Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce, requested Board approval of a fireworks display on July 03, 2013 at South Columbus High School and the waiver of the permit fee.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the fireworks display on July 03, 2013 at South Columbus High School and the waiver of the permit fee, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: PROCLAMATION - MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
PROCLAMATION: Connie Price, Executive Assistant and Board Clerk, Eastpointe, is requesting Board approval and adoption of the following Mental Health Month Proclamation.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall physical health and emotional well-being and caring for your mind as well as your body is good for your overall health and vital for success in personal life, at work, and at school; **and**

WHEREAS, mental illness will strike nearly one (1) in four (4) adults and children in a given year, regardless of age, gender, race., ethnicity, religion or economic status; **and**

WHEREAS, mental health problems are as treatable as many physical illnesses, and people who have mental illnesses can recover and lead full, productive lives; **and**

WHEREAS, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people who have mental health disorders are not receiving the help they need; **and**

WHEREAS, the cost of untreated and mistreated mental illnesses and addictive disorders to American businesses, governments, and families has grown to \$100 billion annually; **and**

WHEREAS, community-based services that respond to individual and family needs are cost effective and beneficial to consumers and the community; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is engaged in helping people to achieve healthy minds and healthy lives; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has observed May as “**Mental Health Month**” to raise awareness and understanding of mental illness and mental health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2013 as

“MENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Columbus County to recognize the importance of mental, as well as physical health, and to commit our communities to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people who have mental illnesses.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 6th day of May, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 /s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman**
ATTESTED BY:
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Mental Health Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENTS//RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS TO BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT /EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIRE DATE	BOARD ACTION
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Comm. Motion: Commissioner Prevatte Second: Commissioner Byrd	EB	Kathryn Burch	03-19-2013	Charles Mercer

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

At 7:38 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting g** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each water district respectively.

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

At 7:39 P.M. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5120-512100	Salary and Wages	6,629
Revenues	10-3510-430027	NC State Grant Bioterrorism	6,629
Expenditures	10-6120-549896	Boomer Games	2,305
Revenues	10-3612-440065	Boomer Games	2,305
Expenditures	10-5192-519000	BCCP Professional Services	3,000
Revenues	10-3510-540050	Comp Breast Screening State	3,000
Expenditures	10-5174-512100	MCC Salaries	22,000
	10-5174-512700	MCC Salaries Longevity	1,000
	10-5174-518100	MCC FICA	3,000
	10-5174-518200	MCC Retirement	3,000
	10-5174-518300	MCC Insurance	5,000
	10-5174-531100	MCC Travel	1,000
	10-5174-532101	MCC Postage	1,000
Revenues	10-3520-433315	MCC Medicaid	36,000
Expenditures	69-7400-560000	Contracts, Grants, Subsidies and Alloc's	34,770
	69-7400-550050	E-Waste Recyclables	(10,850)
Revenues	69-3725-430135	NC-ENR Recycling Grant	23,920

B. Tax Releases and Refunds:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$32.48
Barnhill, Amanda Denise	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$39.40
Value: \$3,985.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-00038	Bill#: 99015
Release value of boat. Sold in 2011. Release Columbus Rescue(.80), release Water District II(2.79) Release late list(3.33)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$662.95
Blanchini, Michael	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$2,271.70
Value: \$9,390.00	Year: 06-12	Account: 03-02546	Bill#: 99999
Release value of 1998 Fleetwood mobile home. DBL Act#03-01575 Dean Tyson. Release Nakina Fire(65.79), release Columbus Rescue(16.44) release late list(74.52)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$342.30
Clewis, John Eric	PROPERTY: 6595	Total:	\$568.70
Value: \$47,100.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-03283	Bill#: 5255
Release portion of value. House torn down 2011. Release Columbus Rescue(8.40)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$6.60
Freeman, Marrell A.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$8.33
Value: \$810.00	Year: 2012	Account: 05-02649	Bill#: 11615
Release value of boat. Sold in 2011. Release Whiteville Rescue(.16) release Water District III(.89) release late list(.68)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$23.26
Mitchell, Joyce	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$386.36
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 09-12	Account: 01-02404	Bill#: 99999
Release value of M/H sold 10 yrs ago. Release Columbus Rescue(.57) release late list(2.39)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$5.35
Nance, Tony	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$7.21
Value: \$656.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-01216	Bill#: 27611
Release portion of value on boat. Listed to wrong person. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(.66), Release Columbus Rescue(.13) Release Water District II(.46) Release Late List(.61)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$90.90
Norris Vending	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$101.97
Value: \$2,975.00	Year: 03-06	Account: 09-22355	Bill#: 99999
Release value of business equipment. Business closed in 2000. Release Columbus Rescue(1.80) release late list(9.27)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$325.19
Patrick, George Alex	PROPERTY: 93619	Total:	\$357.11
Value: \$39,900.00	Year: 2012	Account: 04-02133	Bill#: 29279
Release portion of value. Change Occup code from Modular to DW/MH. Release Columbus Rescue(7.98), release Buckhead Fire (23.94)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$226.46
Stocks, Grover C.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$280.04
Value: \$2,864.00	Year: 06-12	Account: 07-02114	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Sold in 2005. Release Nakina Fire(22.49), release Columbus Rescue(5.63) release late list(25.46)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$544.42
Worley, William Michael	PROPERTY: 80333	Total:	\$1,038.86
Value: \$33,400.00	Year: 11-12	Account: 09-34527	Bill#: 99999
Release value of DW. Rebilled to Barry Worley Act#9-02424. Release Williams Fire(40.08), release Columbus Rescue(13.36)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$650.38
Patrick, George Alex	PROPERTY: 93619	Total:	\$714.22
Value: \$39,900.00	Year: 10-11	Account: 04-02133	Bill#: 99999
Refund portion of value. Change Occup code from Modular to DW/MH. Refund Columbus Rescue(15.96), refund Buckhead Fire (47.88)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Rattley, Motaleen Ward	PROPERTY: 77605	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 12-01238	Bill#: 31519
Refund user fee. Only has 1 can and charged for 2.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Blanton, Irene Smith	PROPERTY: 27533	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-02660	Bill#: 838

Release user fee. 2 locations vacant.

User Fee

Britt, Elmer S. & Carolyn Tyler
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-12
 PROPERTY: 16833
 Account: 09-01595

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$441.00
 Bill#: 99999

Release user fee. Building burned in the 80's.

User Fee

Brown, Pandora L.
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 27690
 Account: 15-03654

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 2235

Release user fee. Only 1 can

User Fee

Brown, Walter Lewis (II)
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 09-12
 PROPERTY: 63344
 Account: 01-29563

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$866.00
 Bill#: 99999

Release user fees. Yrs 2009-2012. No Liveable

User Fee

Enzor, Dwayne L.
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 29984
 Account: 16-00406

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 9375

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Enzor, Dwayne L.
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 84001
 Account: 16-00406

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 9376

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Enzor, Dwayne L.
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 17582
 Account: 10-03233

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 9374

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Enzor, Lawrence "Bill"
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 18301
 Account: 10-00358

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$131.00
 Bill#: 9413

Release user fee. Lots Vacant.

User Fee

Fields, Rodney
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-12
 PROPERTY: 00000
 Account: 12-07967

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$1,784.00
 Bill#: 99999

Release user fees. Only has 3 cans.

User Fee

Gardner, John W.
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 1776
 Account: 01-00710

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$131.00
 Bill#: 12003

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Hardie, William G. & Saundra G.
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 15998
 Account: 09-12660

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 15587

Release user fee.

User Fee

Lewis, L. Vernell
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 21621
 Account: 12-16420

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 22367

Release user fee. Can picked up 9/23/096 Vacant.

User Fee

Long, Leona P. (Heirs)
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 13403
 Account: 07-10840

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 22912

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Lumber River Post #204 of Amercian
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-12
 PROPERTY: 00000
 Account: 18-02230

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$395.00
 Bill#: 99999

Release user fee. No can at this bldg.

User Fee

MCCray, Buster & Ruth
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 13460
 Account: 07-11480

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 24409

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Melvin, Terry Wayne
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012
 PROPERTY: 75413
 Account: 09-00227

Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$218.00
 Bill#: 25944

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Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/17/11

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Milligan, James & Margie	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 26272
Account: 01-62264		

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Mise, Ernest & Virgie	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 15525	Bill#: 26445
Account: 09-03222		

Release user fee. No can at activity bldg.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Mise, Virgie Mae Stanley	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 16497	Bill#: 16497
Account: 09-21080		

Release user fee. Vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, Scottie Mack	Total:	\$1,615.82
Value: \$0.00 Year: 04-12	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 99999
Account: 13--04147		

Release user fee. M/H has never had a can.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Page, Rickie	Total:	\$656.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-12	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 99999
Account: 02-04935		

Release user fee. M/H in Hinson M/H Park uses a commercial hauler.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Renfrow, Larry	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 93613	Bill#: 32109
Account: 11-04662		

Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler. Camper in Last Chance RV Park

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Spivey, Pamela Ruth	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 37177
Account: 09-28368		

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/23/07

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Stanley, Aaron Mitchell	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 13703	Bill#: 37365
Account: 07-03627		

Release user fee. Home burned 2-20-12.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Watkins, Linda Kelly	Total:	\$441.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-12	PROPERTY: 88949	Bill#: 99999
Account: 15-03724		

Release user fees. Uses a commercial hauler in M/H Park .

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
White, Gracie Mae	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 77963	Bill#: 43325
Account: 03-29150		

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Wilson, David Devon(ETAL)	Total:	\$21.84
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 26036	Bill#: 44692
Account: 13-42259		

Release portion of user fee. Per town of Chadbourn. Vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Worley, Roy Dale (Sr)	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	PROPERTY: 13162	Bill#: 45124
Account: 7-05422		

Release user fee. No can at this address.

Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Heads:

1. **Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to apologize to the Beaver Management Program Committee members that are here;
 - b. We do have five (5) members who are here tonight and I would like to

recognize the following members: Bill Figiel, Jimmy Stanley, Charles Milligan, Lofton Cox, John Deans and Donna Register as an ex-officio member; **and**

- c. I would like to thank you for what you do.
- 2. **Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director:** stated the following:
 - a. I will give you a quick update on the radio system we have been working on;
 - b. We have been in contact with the Kenwood Nexedge Radio Company and have expressed our concerns on the issues we are having with the coverage areas in the County;
 - c. In working with them, they are going to perform a propagation study for us;
 - d. The Emergency Services, Addressing and GIS Departments are going to do a lot of leg work for them;
 - e. This study will tell us where the best areas are in the County for the tower sites;
 - f. The Communications Committee met last week and was discussing paging;
 - G. As you now know, the Kenwood system was not designed to be a paging system;
 - H. What we are working on is to go back and use our existing VHF radio system for a paging system in the County;
 - I. This will save the County a lot of money;
 - J. We will have two (2) systems; **and**
 - K. The Communications Committee met last week and they are in agreement with this.

B. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Commissioner Giles E. Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. We had a wonderful time in China and was treated with the utmost hospitality;
 - b. It is amazing what is going on in China with infrastructure and construction;
 - c. We feel we did accomplish what we went to do; **and**
 - d. Each Commissioner that went did pay their own way in totality.
- 2. **Chairman Charles T. McDowell:** stated the following:
 - a. It was emphasized that the Chinese people are strong people-to-people oriented;
 - b. The hospitality shown to us was unbelievable;
 - c. We made some enures with some strong influential people; **and**
 - d. Their decision making process is much shorter than ours.
- 3. **Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie:** Kip, relative to the Chadbourn water project, I have met with them, and they state that whenever you are ready, they are ready.
- 4. **Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard:** Kip, on the water connection, did you get the bids on this project? Kip replied stating, no sir, that was postponed until May 22, 2013, due to a situation with our advertising for minority participation.
- 5. **Commissioner Edwin P. Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to echo what has previously been stated about China;
 - b. The Chinese people are very saving and do not waste anything;
 - c. Relative to the Ethics Training, I would like to go ahead and do the training on May 15, 2013 with the live webinar;
 - d. I would like to remind everyone of the Senior Picnic which will be held on the Columbus County Fairgrounds on May 14, 2013, from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.; **and**
 - e. There will be an Aging Advisory Council Social for Mr. Ed Worley on May 21, 2013, at 2:00 P.M., with hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and all the trimmings.

- 6. **Commissioner Trent Burroughs:** I would like to welcome you guys back home and I am glad you had a safe trip.
- 7. **Commissioner James E. Prevatte:** Mr. Clark, the minutes state the Community Farmers Market Lease would be presented at this meeting, and it is not on the Agenda. Why is it not on the Agenda?
After a brief discussion was conducted, a determination was made that the Community Farmers Market Lease would be on the May 20, 2013 Agenda.

D. **County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** Mr. Chairman, I will not need Agenda Item #21.

Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

DELETED

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL, Chairman

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

Monday, May 06, 2013

7:38 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

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**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:38 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, May 06, 2013

7:38 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

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**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:38 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, May 06, 2013

7:38 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

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**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:38 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, May 06, 2013

7:38 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

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**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:38 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman

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

Monday, May 06, 2013

7:38 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

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**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:38 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 15, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**).

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the April 15, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:39 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman