

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, October 21, 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 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**  
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**6:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application:** the purpose of this public hearing is to receive oral or written comments from any interested party.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive oral or written comments from any interested party on the proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application. 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. No comments were received, either orally or written.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd. 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 October 21, 2013 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie.

**ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjust the October 21, 2013 Agenda with the following three (3) add-ons, and for these items to be Agenda Items #13, #14 and #15 respectively, and the following Agenda items to be numbered sequentially, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**1.(13.) Finance - Approval of Budget Amendment:** Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, is requesting Board approval.  
**(Bobbie Faircloth will be present to explain and answer any questions the**

Commissioners may have.)

2.(14.) **Public Transportation - Approval of NC Department of Transportation Contract for FY 13-14:** Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, is requesting Board approval of this annual contract.

(Charles Patton will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

3.(15.) **Proclamation - Approval and Adoption of Proclamation of Appreciation to the Concerned Citizens of the Lake Waccamaw Area, St. James Annual Festival:** Hattie Campbell, member of the St. James Waccamaw Siouan Festival, is requesting Board approval and adoption.

(Commissioner Byrd will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the October 07, 2013 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman McDowell opened the floor for public input, and requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, explain the procedure to be followed. Mr. Stephens orally read the Policy for Public Address to the Board in its entirety. The following spoke.

1. **Faye W. Gore, 823 Gore Lake Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following:
  - A. We have not been in thirty-seven (37) years to ask anything from the County Commissioners;
  - B. We come here tonight as a plead for County water to be provided to us;
  - C. I brought a sample of our water with me tonight;
  - D. The water has been tested at several of the houses, and the water is high in chlorine, high in sodium, and when people visit these houses, they can smell the water upon their entry;
  - E. We have to buy drinking water, cooking water and ice;
  - F. This water corrodes our faucets and burns up our ice makers;
  - G. We are asking that the County water be connected to us, and we have thirteen (13) people that are ready to hook on within .8 mile; **and**
  - H. Our wells are in excess of two hundred (200') feet deep and they are deep wells, but we still have problems.
  
2. **Pamela H. Sarris, 205 Country Village Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - A. I have rooted all my life to save animals;
  - B. In Columbus County, we have a problem with over population of strays;
  - C. Late last year, I took in eight (8) cats that had been dumped;
  - D. I fostered the cats and got them well, and vetted them as best as I could;
  - E. I sought help from rescue groups all across the state and other states to help me get these animals vetted, rescued and placed in a forever home;
  - F. As a last resort, I called Columbus County Animal Control, and spoke to several volunteers and workers;
  - G. They assured me that they had reduced the number of euthanizations and they would do their best for these animals not to be euthanized;
  - H. I made it known that these animals were not owner surrenders, and that they were strays;
  - I. I filled out a biography for each of the cats and we attached the biography to the Animal Control Form for each cat;
  - J. Several days later, I received a call from the United Kingdom, from a woman who sends money over here to help feed these animals, and help us with the vetting problem, and she told me that the paperwork had never made into the shelter; **and**
  - K. We got to have change at the Animal Control Shelter because this was unjustifiable.
  
3. **Janet Hinson, 219 East Clay Street, Whiteville, NC 28472:** requested that the following letter be made a part of the official minutes:

Columbus Humane Society, P.O. Box 742, Whiteville, NC 28472, 910-640-3700  
[www.columbushumanesociety.org](http://www.columbushumanesociety.org)

October 21, 2013  
 County Administrator  
 County Commissioners  
 Clerk to the County Commissioners

I have been with the Columbus Humane Society for over 13 years. I have known Rossie for all of those years.

We have had issues in the past and he explains his way out of it. Can it just be that we are telling the truth and he is not. We are for the good of the animal. Any Animal Officer working, that should be his first concern. How is it that over 8,000 people want him gone, and you want to keep him and believe him.

Ask yourself what is good for the county. Killing or Saving.....

Can it be good for the County to have outraged citizens time after time having concerns about Animal Control and not doing anything about the abuser.

It's time to finally step up to the plate. Do you believe 8,000 or 1?

Sincerely,  
 /s/ JANET HINSON  
 Columbus Humane Society

4. **Tracy Parker, 219 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431:** stated the following:
  - A. Two (2) weeks ago, I lost my husband to cancer;
  - B. The dogs we have, we rescued them together;
  - C. Since my husband is gone, I have no way of supporting these dogs;
  - D. Rossie had no problem in coming and getting the dogs;
  - E. I was told that maybe only two (2) of my thirteen (13) dogs would be put down because of their age;
  - F. I found out Saturday that all of my dogs were put down in two (2) days;
  - G. Rossie promised me that all of the dogs would not be put down;
  - H. If he did not have the room for the dogs, he could have left the dogs where they were;
  - I. He told me that he had eleven (11) empty cages; **and**
  - J. If he does not like dogs, he does not need to be in the position that he is in.
  
5. **Robert Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
  - A. I visit the Animal Control Shelter very often, and just about every time I go, the shelter is full;
  - B. I have known Rossie a long time, and in many situations, he has bent over backwards to keep the animals from being killed;
  - C. Rossie goes strictly by the book in his duties, and I think the laws that govern this operation need to be reviewed and maybe be revised;
  - D. If the Dog Pound is full, what choice does Rossie have;
  - E. If the Humane Society and the volunteers would move these animals faster, then Rossie would have more room for other animals; **and**
  - F. You need to look at the laws before you look at Rossie.
  
6. **Lynn Criswell, 333 Knollwood Drive, Hampstead, NC:** stated the following:
  - A. I assist in running a Facebook page for Columbus County's over population problem with animals;
  - B. We send dogs and cats to many places where they are wanted;
  - C. We have been paying for food and medication for the past year;
  - D. Since March of this year, we have only had 21 known dogs, and 0 known cats euthanized;
  - E. We did not know about these dogs;
  - F. I would like to call for some assistance from the Board to look into what happened and the operations at the shelter, documentation, I would like to not have animals tagged as unadoptable;

- G. I would like some assistance from the Board regarding space and whatever the shelter needs to house more animals; **and**
- H. I believe the County has the ability to become a leader.
7. **Brenda Connolly, 105 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601:** stated the following:
- A. I am here representing Puppy Love Rescue and we have been working with the Columbus County Animal Shelter for over a year;
- B. We have pulled close to 200 dogs from the shelter in that time;
- C. I would like to speak about two (2) dogs that came from the family that spoke earlier tonight, Sassy and Sammie;
- D. They are alive and well, healthy and are at the vet tonight, and they are safe;
- E. I am here tonight to ask that Columbus County make changes to the management of the Animal Control Shelter; **and**
- F. We will be watching, we will be respectful, but we will not be silent until some change is made.
8. **Christine Zois, Whiskers Animal Rescue, Myrtle Beach:** stated the following:
- A. I am here representing Whiskers Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, and we have been assisting Columbus County Animal Shelter in rescuing cats and dogs for several years;
- B. On occasion, I have had the opportunity to have conversations with Rossie Hayes;
- C. Last Thursday when we were at the Columbus County Animal Shelter doing paperwork, Mr. Rossie came and we had the occasion to chat, and he seem to be visibly upset because he had to euthanize some dogs;
- D. I asked how we could help the shelter to keep this from happening again; **and**
- E. The Columbus County Animal Shelter has the potential in becoming a leader as a no kill shelter in the State.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 6:59 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into the scheduled Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Contracting to Make an Economic Development Incentive Grant to National Spinning Company, Inc.:** the purpose of this public hearing is to receive oral or written comments and views from all interested persons.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman McDowell opened the Public Hearing, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral or written comments and views from all interested persons on contracting to make an Economic Development Incentive Grant to National Spinning Company, Incorporated. Chairman McDowell stated the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings had been orally read at the first public hearing and would still stand for this Public Hearing.

**COMMENTS:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 7:01 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:01 P.M.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Agenda Item #6: AGING - ACCEPTANCE of SENIOR CENTER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING ALLOCATION:**

Amanda Jernigan, Director of Aging, requested Board approval to accept a \$27,251

allocation, with a 25% County Match of \$9,084, equating to \$36,335.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve to accept the Senior Center General Purpose Funding of \$27,251 allocation, with a 25% County Match of \$9,084, equating to \$36,335, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following incentive grant with National Spinning.

**Project:** National Spinning  
**Investment:** \$686,776 minimum of 6 jobs  
**County Tax Rate:** 0.805

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Property Taxes Paid on Investment**</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Tax Year 1	\$5,529	85%	\$4,699.26
Tax Year 2	\$5,529	80%	\$4,422.84
Tax Year 3	\$5,529	75%	\$4,146.41
Tax Year 4	\$5,529	70%	\$3,869.98
Tax Year 5	\$5,529	70%	\$3,869.98
<b>Total over 5 year period:</b>	<b>\$27,643</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>\$21,008.48</b>

\*\*Hypothetical does not include depreciation of equipment, which will affect property taxes paid and incentives grant awarded.

This is only a proposal. All incentives must be approved by Columbus County Board of Commissioners. The requirement of creating a minimum number of jobs has been dropped, but the number created may influence the decision by the Commissioners.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Incentive Grant with National Spinning, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: SOCIAL SERVICES -MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:**

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following Monthly Administrative Update to the Board.

For Service Month September 2013

October 21, 2013

On September 4, 2013 our monthly agency staff meeting was held. There was a short presentation given by Dr. Pridgen of Whiteville Urgent Care on their services. He informed staff of their wellness/weight loss program.

On September 10th and 11th, 2013 I attended Child Welfare Training for Directors. This training dealt with CPS issues, legal services and the history of the Child Welfare Service and its requirements.

On September 12, 2013 at our Executive Directors Board Meeting, we were told the NCFast Team is continuing to work on system issues and the eight issues have been resolved. The State is moving forward with the training of staff to work in counties to help with the backlog of applications, re-certifications and reviews.

House Bill 392 will start in August of 2014, requiring drug testing. However, the State has to work on the details of how to carry it out first.

The Affordable Care Act will begin on October 1, 2013, although we don't have the applications or navigators in place. This means all new applications for medical insurance will be taken in NCFAST for applicants who have never been in the system.

On September 17, 2013 we began taking applications for energy assistance for Duke Energy Progress customers. We have assisted 99 customers and denied 5. We have spent around \$17,000.00 in almost three weeks.

On September 18, 2013 I met with Supervisors to give them updates on NCFAST and the Affordable Care Act. They were also given the opportunity to share any concerns or unit updates.

On September 28, 2013 I participated in a Family Summit at Southeastern Community College dealing with poverty and how it impacts our agency.

### Economic Services

<b>Food &amp; Nutrition</b>	Applications Taken: 405 Applications Approved: 353 Active Cases: 6,314 Benefits Issued: \$1,661,104.00 Participants Served: 13,142
<b>Adult Medicaid</b>	Applications Taken: 180 Individuals Receiving: 5,675 Cases Terminated: 53
<b>Family &amp; Children's Medicaid</b>	Applications Taken: 248 Individuals Receiving: 10,803 Applications Processed: 258
<b>Child Support</b>	Absent Parents Located: 93 Orders Enforced: 889 Active Cases: 4,538 Collections: \$439,557.87

### Human Services

<b>Adult Services (APS)</b>	APS Reports Accepted: 12 County Wards: 19 Adults Served via Guardianship: 15 Adults Served APS: 25 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 2,177 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$35,987.02
<b>Children's Protective Services (CPS)</b>	Reports Accepted: 40 Reports Screened Out: 8 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 45 Children Served: 100 Contacts with Families Monthly: 202 Assessments: 30
<b>Foster Care</b>	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 67 Children Placed Outside County: 11 Agency Adoptions: 3 Pending Adoptions: 3 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 14
<b>Work First Employment (TANF)</b>	Applications Taken: 56 Applications Approved: 44 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 697 Entered Employment: 4 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 4
<b>Program Integrity</b>	Collections for Fraud: \$5,971.00 New Referrals: 12 Cases Established: 7

<b>Day Care</b>	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 508 Children on the Waiting List: 269 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$178,624.65
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### HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Children's Protective Services/Intake/Investigation/Assessment

Children's Protective Services/In-Home Services

Children's Protective Services/Foster Care/Adoptions

Adult Services

Work First Employment

Child Day Care

Program Integrity

**Melinda H. Lane**, Program Manager

### Vacancies/Updates/News for September 2013

#### **Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continue to have a Social Worker on limited duty and a Social Worker that is currently on maternity leave due to giving birth on September 23rd to a little girl.

#### **In-Home Services:**

The In-Home Services Unit lost two staff members at the end of September, one who took a position with Bladen County Department of Social Services doing the same work and one who transferred to another Unit within Columbus County Department of Social Services.

#### **Foster Care/Adoptions:**

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit is currently collaborating with the Children's Home Society who is conducting a MAPP training class for prospective foster parents that began September 14th, 2013, at DSS, 9:00-4:00. This Unit will be having an Office Door-to-Door Trick or Treat event for the Foster Children on October 31, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

#### **Adult Services:**

None.

#### **Work First Employment:**

The Work First Employment Unit welcomes Donna Ward who transferred from another Unit within the agency.

#### **Child Day Care:**

None.

#### **Program Integrity:**

Applications for the Duke Energy Progress Assistance Program began on September 17th. In September ninety-nine applications were taken with five denials, a total of \$16,068.21. Applications continue to be taken on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, averaging 15 applications per day.

### **Economic Services Program Narrative**

Universal Intake and Triage Unit

Food and Nutrition Program

Adult and Family and Children's Medicaid

Work First Family Assistance/Cash/Medicaid Transportation & Supportive Services

Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program(CAP)

Child Support & Paralegal

Submitted by: Cyndi Hammonds

Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: **September 2013**

### News/Updates/Vacancies

#### **Universal Intake and Triage Unit**

The Universal Intake unit is the first point a client comes to when they come in to apply for

Medicaid or Food and Nutrition. These workers began trying to learn the programs of Food and Nutrition, Adult Medicaid and Family and Children's Medicaid however that was taking up too much time with the client so we broke it back down to clients that came in to apply for Adult Medicaid and Food and Nutrition and those that came in to apply for Family and Children's Medicaid and Food and Nutrition and the process is going much smoother. It is not as often that a client will need to apply for Family and Children's Medicaid, Adult Medicaid and Food and Nutrition at the same time; however there are times that they do and when that happens, we put the experts in those sections to help out thru the application process. We finally "soft launched" with the NC FAST system on September 11th. On this date, we could only enter those applications where the client has never been in the office before and made an application for anything. We had 5 applications for Medicaid that we could be entered between the dates of September 11th and September 30th; all other applications were entered in our old system. For the 1st three days, we had "On Site Support" and then they were sent on to the next counties that were "Soft Launching". The Triage Unit helped 766 walk-in clients for September.

### **Food and Nutrition Unit**

Food and Nutrition has been diligently working to get all of their cases converted into NC FAST and continue to work on their backlog of recertifications and applications. They have now been working in NC FAST for a year and it has changed and they still continue to have glitches within the system that prevents them from getting as many cases out as they used to in the old system. The State is working with counties now to help process and key their backlog of recertifications. When we are notified that they will help us, we will have to box up the files and send them to Raleigh for the team to work on them there. Food and Nutrition lost 2 workers in September; 1 transitioned to Services and the other to Child Support.

### **Family and Children's and Adult Medicaid**

Workers were blended in with each other on September 9th in the Redetermination departments. Just like the intake and processing units, this will help each "Team" prepare for the final stage of implementation of the universal worker. Each Team has "experts" from each program and can help the other team members when necessary. Right now, all Medicaid workers are slowly being trained on Food and Nutrition benefits only. When a client comes in to complete their recertification for Medicaid and Food and Nutrition, they see 2 workers now; when they transition to a universal worker, they will only see 1 worker and get both done. Often times before, we have heard the phrase of "I told my Food and Nutrition worker" but the Medicaid worker didn't get the same information and their case was terminated. A client seeing 1 worker for both programs will eliminate their case from being terminated for not providing what was needed. Medicaid has had training webinars on the Affordable Care Act that will be in effect on January 1, 2014, but will have to take applications for the program effective October 1. Family and Children's Medicaid lost a worker to Child Support. Both Family and Children's Medicaid and Adult Medicaid met their compliance time frames.

### **Work First Family Assistance/Cash//Medicaid Transportation & Supportive Services**

The State has suggested Work First be siloed from the universal worker right now; however they suggest at sometime later they will work them in the Universal Worker. The Intake worker is able to take the Medicaid Transportation application in the NC FAST system now and send that application to the Transportation Coordinator to finish the process. Transportation remains busy at trying to keep up with the overload of clients needing this service. While our interpreter is not busy interpreting in various departments, she helps out with Medicaid Transportation. Work First also met their compliance timeframes.

### **Child Support**

The 2013 Child Support Conference was held in August and Columbus County was awarded the "Award of Excellent Service" for the Deadbeat Parent Facebook Page that Sergeant Dawn Battle and Deputy Melanie Avant created. Once an Order for Arrest goes out on a Child Support client it becomes public knowledge. This face book page helps the department locate the parents that are not in compliance with paying their Child Support. Columbus County was the first to establish a Facebook Page and other counties have followed and created their own County page. The Child Support department prepared 403 cases for court and met all of their compliance rates for the month of September.

### **Paralegal**

Our paralegal completed 215 orders and 180 Certificates of Service (attachments to orders) in the month of September. She also reviewed 141 orders and 105 Certificates of Service (attachments to orders) that were completed by the Attorney.



Mr. McKenzie stated the following:

1. I really appreciate the Sheriff’s Department and what one (1) Sergeant and one (1) Deputy did in creating a Facebook page on dead beat parents which has gained a lot of recognition;
2. Everything is up and running from the Government shutdown, at least until January 15, 2014;
3. We continue to work with NCFAST, and hope to get two (2) onsite workers from Raleigh to help with NCFAST; **and**
4. We continue to cross train employees and I think we have found a workable solution.

**Discussion - Flex Time and Alternate Time:**

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Alternate Time is available to all employees of the Social Services Department;
2. The scheduled work hours for Alternate Time are 7:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday;
3. With the Alternate Time Schedule, the employee is off every Monday or every Friday;
4. Alternate Time and Flex Time are two (2) different schedules;
5. The scheduled work hours for Flex Time are 8:15 A.M. until 5:30 P.M.; **and**
6. The Regular Scheduled Work Hours are 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

After discussion of this subject, it was the general consensus of the Board for Algernon McKenzie, Social Service Director, and William S. Clark, County Manger, to take another look at this issue and report back to the Board.

**Agenda Item #9: HEALTH - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

**Clinical Stats:**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
New TB Cases	0 Active 2 Latent
HIV Cases	18 HIV 4 AIDS
*New Syphilis Cases*(RPR)	9
New Hepatitis B Cases	2
New Gonorrhea Cases	112
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	28
Chlamydia Cases	247
Non-gonoccal Urethritis (NGU)	45
Salmonella	7 Cases
Hepatitis C	5 Cases
Hepatitis A	3 Cases
Pertussis	1 Case

**Vital Records:**

# of Births: 428 (Total Births from Health Department Patients: 96)  
 # of Deaths: 556

**Environmental Health Stats:**

Encounters 3,239  
 Total Revenue: \$59,860.00

Environmental Health managed a “Boil Water Advisory” issued by Whiteville City Public Water System on May 11, 2012. All schools, day cares, restaurants and Columbus Regional Healthcare System were notified and given specific instructions on how to manage this issue.

SERVICES	MEDICAID	NON-MEDICAID
Adult Health	581	6,148

Child Health	1,119	1,535
Dental Health	5,029	148
Family Planning	3,136	4,915
Immunizations	2,901	3,474
Maternal Health	2,762	555
Other Services	120	205
Primary Care	384	558
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	2,207	9,157
TB Services	39	781
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19,278</b>	<b>27,476</b>

Colposcopy Services: 12 completed, 8 IUD's inserted

Seasonal Flu Vaccines given: 1,933

The University of Wisconsin released the 2012 County Health Rankings on March 2012. Columbus County was **again** ranked 100 out of North Carolina's 100 counties. This continues to be one of our many ongoing projects as our county cannot improve the data overnight or in a single year.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participated in numerous outreach activities this year. Included were many interviews with SCC President and the Columbus County Cooperative Extension Office, many area health fairs, and individual group educational sessions. The WIC staff has participated in monthly webinars and conference calls in preparation for their upcoming new computer software conversion. WIC saw an average of 2,244 participants per month with an annual amount of \$1,625,852 in revenue paid to Columbus County vendors in 2012. This is \$83,937 more than in 2011.

Columbus County Laboratory's regulatory policies and procedures are established according to CLIA and OSHA guidelines. In 2012, our lab completed 520 pregnancy tests, completed 971 blood glucose tests and 1,076 HIV tests. The total number of tests completed in our lab was 18,309.

Health Education/Health Promotion has continued to work with a grant awarded in collaboration with Columbus County Schools. This is our TEEN PEP Program. This is a Teen Pregnancy Prevention grant. This grant is taking place at West Columbus High School. We also continue with our second Teen Pregnancy Prevention grant, the TEEN TOP Program. We are working closely with the Dream Center in administrating this grant. This is the second year of this 3 year grant.

The Health Department completed collecting data for our Community Health Assessment that was due in December 2012. The top health concerns as stated by the public were chronic disease, drug/alcohol abuse and obesity.

#### **Home Health Stats:**

Total Visits for 2012: 28,134

Visits by Discipline:       Nurse - 17,683  
                                       PT - 2,785  
                                       SLP - 236  
                                       OT - 648  
                                       Aide - 6,827

Top 2 Diagnosis:            Diabetes and Hypertension  
                                       Congestive Heart Disease

Total Revenue for Home Health: \$2,695,037

#### **Columbus County Health Department was funded as follows - Revenues: \$5,682,348.16:**

Local Appropriations	21%
State	16%
Third party Payers	0%
Individual Self Pay	7%

Medicaid	19%
Medicare	31%
Federal (WIC)	6%

**The total budget for 2012: \$7,088,359.00**

**Grants received in2012:**

\$5,000	Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation for Dental Equipment
\$192,000	Each year for 3 years from NC Office of Minority Health
\$25,000	From Department of Health and Human Services for Diabetes Prevention
\$184,000	Each year for 5 years Community Transformation grant from CDC (this grant we share with 8 other counties in our region)

**COLUMBUS COUNTY HEALTH FACTS:**

Percent of children in poverty:	33%
Children with Medicaid:	9,204 / 13,330 total pop
# of pregnancies/1000 girls 15-17:	59.6
Medicaid enrolled children receiving preventive care:	50.8%
Child fatality ages 0-17:	9
Child abuse and neglect-	
Reported:	411
Substantiated cases:	202

**CHANGES DURING THE YEAR:**

January	Dr. Gloria Guan started as our new dentist.
April	We achieved National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Recognition status for Physician Practice Connections - Patient Centered Home Level 2 -Our Strategic National Stockpile Plan was audited - our score was 93.5 (highest in our region).
May	Dr. Henry Traylor became our new Medical Director.

**In Public Health, we are used to doing more with less. In this coming year, we will have to learn to do different with less!**

**Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - NCDOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Community Transportation Program Funding.

Commissioner Giles E. Byrd made a motion to approve the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Community Transportation Program Funding, with the adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

**Section 5311**

**FY 2015 RESOLUTION**

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Community Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd and seconded by Commissioner James E. Prevatte for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); **and**

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project ,prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the \*Chairman, of the Columbus County Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Commissioners duly held on the 21st day of October, 2013.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**  
Signature of Certifying Official

\*Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.

Subscribed and sworn to me: October 22,-2013

/s/ Debra J. Epps  
Notary Public \*  
68 Carucci Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472  
*Address* *Seal*

My commission expires (*date*) October 05, 2014.

**Agenda Item #11: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - ACCEPTANCE of GRANT:**

Edward E. Davis. Soil and Water Conservation Director, requested Board Approval to accept a \$19,000 Farmland Preservation Grant.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the acceptance of a \$19,000 Farmland Preservation Grant, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT/REPLACEMENT:**

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

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COMMITTEE	DISTRICT / EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee	EB	Glendale Young (Resigned)	09-06-2015	<b>HOLD</b>

**Agenda Item #13: (ADD-0N) - FINANCE - APPROVAL of BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, requested Board approval of the following Budget Amendment.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditures</b>	60-7111-810003	Principal on Bonds	935,500
	60-7111-820004	Interest on Bonds	(28,577)

	62-7113-810004	Principal on Debt	197,500
	62-7113-820005	Interest on Debt	(5,586)
<b>Revenues</b>	60-3713-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	906,923
	62-3715-499100	Retained Earnings Appropriated	191,914

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: (ADD-ON) - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of NC DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT for FY 13-14:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the FY 14 Community Transportation Program (Section 5311), Project Number: 14-CT-076, WBS Element Numbers: 36233.13.1 (Administration, and 36233.28.13.3 (Capital), in the amount of \$223,736.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the FY 14 Community Transportation Program (Section 5311), Project Number: 14-CT-076, WBS Element Numbers: 36233.13.1 (Administration, and 36233.28.13.3 (Capital), in the amount of \$223,736, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office and the Public Transportation Office for review.

**Agenda Item #15: (ADD-ON) - PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to the CONCERNED CITIZENS of the LAKE WACCAMAW AREA, ST. JAMES ANNUAL FESTIVAL:**

Hattie Campbell, member of the St. James Waccamaw Siouan Festival, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Appreciation to the Concerned Citizens of the Lake Waccamaw Area, St. James Annual Festival.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to the  
CONCERNED CITIZENS of the LAKE WACCAMAW AREA  
ST. JAMES ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

The Board of County Commissioners, at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2013, unanimously adopted the following Proclamation:

**BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WHEREAS**, the **St. James Annual Festival** of Columbus County has made life-long strides to improve the quality of life in their community and county; **and**

**WHEREAS**, members of the **St. James Annual Festival** have served on numerous boards, agencies, committees in their church, government and community functions; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the **Committee** is recognized County and State-wide for leadership in positive endeavors for the general welfare of all people; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the **Committee** has given unselfishly of their time and energies to help those in need or those with unfortunate situations in a most untiring and caring way.

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, that they do hereby recognize the true loyal and faithful service to their community and county and congratulate them on this special occasion.

**ADOPTED** unanimously on this the 21st day of October 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL- DISTRICT VII, Chairman

/s/ RICKY BULLARD - District VI, Vice Chairman

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Amon E. McKenzie - I  
James E. Prevatte - II  
Giles E. Byrd - III

P. Edwin Russ - IV  
Trent Burroughs - V

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Appreciation to the Concerned Citizens of the Lake Waccamaw Area, St. James Annual Festival, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 07, 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.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Water District respectively.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - DISCUSSION of WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss the need to appoint new members.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Water District respectively.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - REQUESTS for WATER on GORE LAKE ROAD and DEER LANE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss, and request possible approval of the extension of water mains to serve the residents on Gore Lake Road and Deer Lane.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, and II -**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following update on the Interconnection Project.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I and II.

**Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - UPDATE on HALLSBORO PROJECT:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following update on the Hallsboro Project.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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

At 8:05 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 Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendment:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-6120-549899	Fall Soccer League	7,225
Revenues	10-3612-486010	Fall Soccer Reg Fee	7,225

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

*Property Value* Amount: \$31.23

Cartrette, Roy Gene **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$34.73  
 Value: \$3,880.00 Year: 2013 Account: 03-03533 Bill#: 14559  
 Release value of 2007 17' Fisher. Moved to GA. Release Brunswick Fire(2.72)  
 release Whiteville Rescue(.78)

*Property Value* Amount: \$701.16

Powell, Jean C. **PROPERTY:** 88706 Total: \$1,006.26  
 Value: \$87,100.00 Year: 2013 Account: 03-03451 Bill#: 40532  
 Release value of dwelling. Burned in 2012 put in outbuildings. Release Nakina  
 Fire(69.68) release Columbus Rescue(17.42)

*Property Value* Amount: \$440.06

Smith, Fred & Anne **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$528.83  
 Value: \$3,094.00 Year: 2013 Account: 11-24820 Bill#: 99999  
 Release value of boat yrs 05-13. Foreclosure. Release Hallsboro Fire(33.52) release  
 Columbus Rescue(11.17) release late list(44.08)

*Property Value* Amount: \$8.05

Watkins, Geraldine Little **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$10.18  
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2013 Account: 04-04817 Bill#: 52724  
 Release value of boat. Sold with estate. Release Bolton Fire (1.00) release Columbus  
 Rescue(.20) release late list(.93)

*Refunds* Amount: \$0.00

Kimmerly, Patty J. **PROPERTY:** 24723 Total: \$218.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Account: 13-04451 Bill#: 30919  
 Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant and not liveable.

*User Fee* Amount: \$0.00

Blackman, James Gary & Patricia Ann **PROPERTY:** 6454 Total: \$218.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Account: 03-01350 Bill#: 10388  
 Release user fee. Store vacant.

*User Fee* Amount: \$0.00

Brown, Shelva **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$218.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Account: 03-03638 Bill#: 12205  
 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

*User Fee* Amount: \$0.00

Buffkin, Kenneth W. Jr. **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$218.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Account: 09-00942 Bill#: 12567  
 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2003

*User Fee* Amount: \$0.00

Buffkin, Michael Wayne **PROPERTY:** 29923 Total: \$218.00  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Account: 16-02827 Bill#: 12584  
 Release user fee. S/W burned in February.

*User Fee* Amount: \$0.00

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Cribb, Michael	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 09-05622	Bill#:	16571
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1-6-10			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Duncan, C W	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12875	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 07-03500	Bill#:	18301
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Faircloth, Ernest Edward & Teresa Godwin	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3342	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 01-06242	Bill#:	19768
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Floyd, C Neil & Virginia Hester	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19062	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 11-09060	Bill#:	20560
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gause, Virginia Porter & David L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 11693	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 06-13681	Bill#:	22209
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2/1/11			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ghent, Connie & John	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 2990	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 01-31794	Bill#:	22559
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, Christopher Glenn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90001	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 04-02111	Bill#:	23863
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hinson, Raymond	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 24324	Total:	\$54.48
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 13-19367	Bill#:	27512
Release portion of user fee. Home burned 9/24/13 can picked up 10/9/2013			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lane, Clark & Kara S.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 8771	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 04-04933	Bill#:	31440
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lennon, James Walter	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21557	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 12-15380	Bill#:	32055
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/2/2006			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Miller Trailer Park	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$45.33
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 13-02008	Bill#:	36303
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Moss, James O Jr. & Charles Darwin	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26891	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 14-03013	Bill#:	37241
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Patrick, Larry Ray (sr) & Deborah	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75699	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 04-00058	Bill#:	39387
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pope, James Morris	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75852	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 11-20722	Bill#:	40231
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Not complete.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Renfrow, Larry	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93613	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 11-04662	Bill#:	42231
Release user fee. No can. Uses a commercial hauler.			



<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, Leo Heirs & Sarah Lee	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 4940	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 01-85880	Bill#:	46041
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Soles, Liston & Mona Faye	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25566	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 13-37380	Bill#:	46549
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11/28/12			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Donna	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 15-01461	Bill#:	53984
Release user fee. M/H not set up.			

**Agenda Item #23:    COMMENTS:**

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

**B.    Board of Commissioners:**

1.    **Commissioner Burroughs:** I would like to thank Mr. Algernon McKenzie for the codes he provided to us.
2.    **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
  - A.    October is Cancer Awareness Month and I would like for everyone to wear pink in observance.
  - B.    Columbus County is the most giving county in the State through the Shriners;
  - C.    Our fish fry was very successful and I appreciate everyone who purchased a plate;
  - D.    We have twenty-eight (28) children in Columbus County that the Shriners are helping;
  - E.    We have given \$77,000 between the twenty-two (22) hospitals that we operate; **and**
  - F.    I appreciate your help.
3.    **Vice Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
  - A.    Illegal drugs and prescription pills are getting way out of hand in Columbus County;
  - B.    It is time to find a more effective way to prevent this from happening;
  - C.    This has no respect of social or financial standing; **and**
  - D.    I would like for Major Hatcher to suggest what could be done.

**Major Lewis Hatcher:** stated the following:

1.    We looked at possibly forming a Drug Task Force which would involve members from our office and other units of law enforcement;
  2.    The other departments don't have an officer to designate for that cause only;
  3.    We did establish the Drug Task Force and it survived for a little while;
  4.    We have five (5) drug detectives and that is their only job;
  5.    Having the manpower to devote to this task only is the broken link;
  6.    An increase in the budget for the purchase of the products by our undercover agents would be very helpful;
  7.    It takes 2-3 officers to do a controlled substance buy and you have to look at the safety aspect also;
  8.    Three (3) purchases of controlled substances from the same person will be termed as trafficking; **and**
  9.    An increase in the budget would be a good starting point.
4.    **Commissioner McKenzie:** Thank you Gail for working on that project. It appears that we might get a grant to help repair some of the private roads.
  5.    **Commissioner Byrd:** We need to work very hard to get these water districts to work in Columbus County.

6. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to invite everyone to the Yam Festival this weekend; **and**
  - B. We are going to have a Sweet Potato Auction, the Taste of Tabor and the Yam Festival Parade Saturday.
7. **Chairman McDowell:** I would like for Rossie Hayes, Animal Control Officer, Dr. Burroughs, Chairman of the Animal Control Advisory Council, and maybe Mr. Clark to get together and come up with some guidelines maybe that will address surrender dogs to allow a little more time.

**Rossie Hayes:** If the rescue groups could move the dogs faster, we would have more room

**Commissioner Byrd:** If this situation arises again, do not take any more dogs than you have room to keep.

**Dr. Burroughs:** According to the figures I have furnished relative to the euthanasia rate, it is less than 5%, and that speaks a lot for the good job that Rossie Hayes is doing at the Columbus County Animal Shelter.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #24: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:59 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman McDowell requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“The County Attorney advised the Board of Commissioners on the first issue involving the CHAF Program; and the second issue, the County Attorney advised the Board of Commissioners on a septic tank issue involving litigation”*.

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

**Agenda Item #25: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:00 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. 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, October 21, 2013**

**7:29 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 7:29 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 07, 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 October 07, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

**September 2013 Adjustments for Water District I**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACCT #</b>	<b>NAME ON ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ADJ AMT</b>	<b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b>
9/9/2013	600940.00 98	TONY SOLES	\$(12.00)	INCORRECT METER READING

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/4/2013	103520.00 93	CHARMIN BLACKWELL	\$125.00	BROKEN SETTER FEE
9/4/2013	103520.00 93	CHARMIN BLACKWELL	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/3/2013	204640.00 98	SUE BUTLER	\$8.00	POSTING ERROR
9/12/2013	104030.00 97	LARRY GODWIN	\$(120.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
9/16/2013	603190.00 93	SUZETTE BRADFORD	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/16/2013	100140.00 94	MICHAEL FOWLER	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - DISCUSSION of WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss the need to appoint new members. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. At the present time, the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission consists of five (5) members, one member from Water District I, II, III, IV, and an at-large member;
2. Based on Rodney Tart's recommendation in the Water Feasibility Study, this Commission needs to become very active in developing the Consolidated Business Plan with Infrastructure Master Planning;
3. There needs to be equal representation from each Commissioner's District on the Commission;
4. The members of this Commission need to be knowledgeable with a good business mind; **and**
5. This Commission needs to become active very soon so the Business Plan can be put into place.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion for one (1) member from each political district be appointed to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

After a brief discussion relative to a time table to be established for appointing the members to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, it was the general consensus of the Board to appoint the members by the last scheduled meeting in November, 2013.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I and II - UPDATE on INTERCONNECTION PROJECT:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following update on the Interconnection Project.

1. We are ahead of schedule;
2. The contractor has stated they will be through by the first of the year if the weather cooperates;
3. We plan to go past Camelot Village;
4. There is one (1) small project to be added
5. We plan to relocate a pump station in Water District V to this area;
6. We will not need the pump station on Highway 904 East and it will be re-located to Highway 701 and we will be able to save \$300,000, but it will cost to be moved;
7. The purpose of this move is to sustain the correct water pressure; **and**
8. We have located a piece of property for sale on Highway 701 which is owned by Thurman Hinson, at the cost of \$10,000, it is 50' deep x 50'.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Verbal agreement from owner to sell the land; **and**
2. The land is not clear land and will need to be cleaned off.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to purchase the property from Thurman Hinson, as recommended by Danny Fowler, at the cost of \$10,000, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

After discussion was conducted relative to the need for a solid purchase or an Option to Purchase the property at \$10,000 for up to six (6) months, with up-front money of \$100.00, Commissioner Russ amended his motion to authorize the Option to Purchase the property from Thurman Hinson at \$10,000 for up to six (6) months, with up-front money of \$100.00, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

**MOTION:**

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner Russ re-stated his original motion to purchase the property from Thurman Hinson, as recommended by Danny Fowler, at the cost of \$10,000, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 21, 2013  
7:29 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 7:29 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 07, 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 October 07, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

**September 2013 Adjustments for Water District II**

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/12/2013	141040.00 95	ROSALIND ALDERMAN	\$(168.00)	BILLING ERROR

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/9/2012	140421.00 98	EUGENE SPIVEY	\$(80.00)	INCORRECT METER READING
9/4/2013	132679.00 98	RENEE JOHNSON	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/16/2013	140380.00 98	MARIE LEWIS	\$(140.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
9/16/2013	141150.00 98	HENRY WILLIAMS	\$(55.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
9/16/2013	150060.00 98	BARBARA GORE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/16/2013	111640.00 86	SAMUEL HORNE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/16/2013	141231.00 98	JOHN LEE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/16/2013	111150.00 97	KAY BRYANT	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/27/2013	150060.00 98	BARBARA GORE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/26/2013	150060.00 98	BARBARA GORE	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - DISCUSSION of WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss the need to appoint new members. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. At the present time, the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission consists of five (5) members, one member from Water District I, II, III, IV, and an at-large member;
2. Based on Rodney Tart's recommendation in the Water Feasibility Study, this Commission needs to become very active in developing the Consolidated Business Plan with Infrastructure Master Planning;
3. There needs to be equal representation from each Commissioner's District on the Commission;
4. The members of this Commission need to be knowledgeable with a good business mind; **and**
5. This Commission needs to become active very soon so the Business Plan can be put into place.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion for one (1) member from each political district be appointed to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

After a brief discussion relative to a time table to be established for appointing the members

to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, it was the general consensus of the Board to appoint the members by the last scheduled meeting in November, 2013.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I and II - UPDATE on INTERCONNECTION PROJECT:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following update on the Interconnection Project.

1. We are ahead of schedule;
2. The contractor has stated they will be through by the first of the year if the weather cooperates;
3. We plan to go past Camelot Village;
4. There is one (1) small project to be added
5. We plan to relocate a pump station in Water District V to this area;
6. We will not need the pump station on Highway 904 East and it will be re-located to Highway 701 and we will be able to save \$300,000, but it will cost to be moved;
7. The purpose of this move is to sustain the correct water pressure; **and**
8. We have located a piece of property for sale on Highway 701 which is owned by Thurman Hinson, at the cost of \$10,000, it is 50' deep x 50'.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Verbal agreement from owner to sell the land; **and**
2. The land is not clear land and will need to be cleaned off.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to purchase the property from Thurman Hinson, as recommended by Danny Fowler, at the cost of \$10,000, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

After discussion was conducted relative to the need for a solid purchase or an Option to Purchase the property at \$10,000 for up to six (6) months, with up-front money of \$100.00, Commissioner Russ amended his motion to authorize the Option to Purchase the property from Thurman Hinson at \$10,000 for up to six (6) months, with up-front money of \$100.00, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

**MOTION:**

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner Russ re-stated his original motion to purchase the property from Thurman Hinson, as recommended by Danny Fowler, at the cost of \$10,000, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**



At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 21, 2013  
7:29 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 7:29 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 07, 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 October 07, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

**September 2013 Adjustments for Water District III**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/13/2013	330940.00 97	SAMUEL PARKER	\$(57.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/16/2013	350864.00 96	HARDY SHAW	\$50.00	METER TAMPERING FEE
9/18/2013	341185.00 98	BERTINA NORTON	\$(61.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK
9/12/2013	350470.00 98	JAMES GEORGE	\$(57.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - DISCUSSION of WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss the need to appoint new members. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. At the present time, the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission consists of five (5) members, one member from Water District I, II, III, IV, and an at-large member;
2. Based on Rodney Tart’s recommendation in the Water Feasibility Study, this Commission needs to become very active in developing the Consolidated Business Plan with Infrastructure Master Planning;
3. There needs to be equal representation from each Commissioner’s District on the Commission;
4. The members of this Commission need to be knowledgeable with a good business mind; **and**
5. This Commission needs to become active very soon so the Business Plan can be put into place.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion for one (1) member from each political district be appointed to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

After a brief discussion relative to a time table to be established for appointing the members to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, it was the general consensus of the Board to appoint the members by the last scheduled meeting in November, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman**

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

**Monday, October 21, 2013**

**7:29 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 7:29 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 07, 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 October 07, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

**DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2013**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/6/2013	410270.00.98	MONA HEWETT	(80.00)	CUSTOMER LEAK

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - DISCUSSION of WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss the need to appoint new members. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. At the present time, the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission consists of five (5) members, one member from Water District I, II, III, IV, and an at-large member;
2. Based on Rodney Tart's recommendation in the Water Feasibility Study, this Commission needs to become very active in developing the Consolidated Business Plan with Infrastructure Master Planning;
3. There needs to be equal representation from each Commissioner's District on the Commission;
4. The members of this Commission need to be knowledgeable with a good business mind; **and**
5. This Commission needs to become active very soon so the Business Plan can be put into place.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion for one (1) member from each political district be appointed to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

After a brief discussion relative to a time table to be established for appointing the members to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, it was the general consensus of the Board to appoint the members by the last scheduled meeting in November, 2013.

**Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - UPDATE on HALLSBORO PROJECT:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following update on the Hallsboro Project.

1. As of today, with the signups, and the signups in the year 2002, we have a total of fifty-two (52) signups, broken down as follows: 42 signups in 2002 and 10 recent signups; **and**
2. We need 125 signups to make this project feasible.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. There is a lot of confusion about where the lines are going in accordance with the map that has been presented;
2. The deadline for this is November 08, 2013;
3. Do we need a public meeting in that area for the citizens to get a better understanding;
4. We have \$1.1 million in grant money;
5. The 42 is not a concrete number;
6. We have not heard back from all of the 42 signups;
7. This number does not include the schools;

8. With the schools included, there will be 6 more signups; **and**
9. Mr. Clark, Commissioners Byrd and Russ will meet with Leo Greene on Wednesday, in the Hallsboro area, to clarify where the water lines will be running.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman**

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

**Monday, October 21, 2013**

**7:29 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 7:29 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 07, 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 October 07, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the SEPTEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

**DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2013**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
9/16/2013	709763.00.95	AMY LOVETT	50.00	METER TAMPERING

9/16/2013	709921.00.98	RONALD KIP RAY	50.00	METER TAMPERING
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Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the adjustments to the September, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - DISCUSSION of WATER and SEWER ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss the need to appoint new members. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

1. At the present time, the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission consists of five (5) members, one member from Water District I, II, III, IV, and an at-large member;
2. Based on Rodney Tart's recommendation in the Water Feasibility Study, this Commission needs to become very active in developing the Consolidated Business Plan with Infrastructure Master Planning;
3. There needs to be equal representation from each Commissioner's District on the Commission;
4. The members of this Commission need to be knowledgeable with a good business mind; **and**
5. This Commission needs to become active very soon so the Business Plan can be put into place.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion for one (1) member from each political district be appointed to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

After a brief discussion relative to a time table to be established for appointing the members to the Columbus County Water and Sewer Advisory Commission, it was the general consensus of the Board to appoint the members by the last scheduled meeting in November, 2013.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - REQUESTS for WATER on GORE LAKE ROAD and DEER LANE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, will discuss, and request possible approval of the extension of water mains to serve the residents on Gore Lake Road and Deer Lane.

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Do the figures equating to approximately \$200,000 include the engineering fees?;
2. The figures are suppose to include all the costs involved;
3. How long will it take to retire the debt?;
4. The fact that this will not affect doing away with eliminating the special taxes in Water Districts II and III;
5. What the criteria is for the number of signups per mile to make a project feasible;
6. The recommendation for the financing is to use the Water Fund Balance;
7. After all of the three (3) recommended loans are paid off, we will have \$1.7 million in the



Water Fund Balance, and after these two (2) projects are paid, we will have \$1.5 million in the Water Fund Balance; **and**

8. Water District V has a fund balance of \$193,000, which will be used, and \$7,000 will come from another district.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the extension of water mains to serve the residents on Gore Lake Road and Deer Lane, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

After additional discussion was conducted, Commissioner Russ made an amended motion to approve the extension of water mains to serve the residents on Gore Lake Road and Deer Lane, and the funds to be derived from the Water Fund Balance, with \$193,000 coming from Water District V and \$7,000 coming from another water district. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The amended motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:05 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**CHARLES T. McDOWELL Chairman**