

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, January 06, 2014****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 three (3) Public Hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first 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**

**Health and Wellness Addendum to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive questions and comments from all interested citizens.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ opened the Public Hearing, and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive questions and comments from all interested parties on the Health and Wellness Addendum to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Chairman Russ requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety. Chairman Russ stated the reading of this policy would stand for the upcoming two (2) Public Hearings.

**COMMENTS:**

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

1. **Kimberly Smith, Columbus County Health Director:** stated the following:
  - A. I am here to speak in support of the adoption of the Health and Wellness Addendum to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan;
  - B. It will assist the Health Department in planning for health-related programs for our county;
  - C. It will also be a big help in applying for grants; **and**
  - D. I would also like to take this time to thank Wes from Holland Consulting who helped us with this addendum.
  
2. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
  - A. This will help us in planning for land development to make sure we include recreational opportunities around neighborhoods that people want;
  - B. This plan is oriented towards that level of detail; **and**
  - C. I think Wes did a really good job.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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 P. Edwin Russ called the January 06, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

**ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:**

Chairman Russ stated the Agenda needed to be adjusted as follows:

- 1. Add a Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel; **and**
- 2. Move Agenda Items #7 and #8 after Agenda Item #12 due to time frame of the pertinent scheduled Public Hearings.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjust the Agenda as stated by Chairman Russ, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:**

Chairman Russ presented the following Retirement Plaque to Karen Thurman for her many years of employment with the Columbus County Department of Social Services.

**PRESENTED TO**

**KAREN THURMAN**

**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION**

**FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY**

**TO**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**8-28-1989 - 12-20-2013**

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Ms. Thurman stated the following:

- 1. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to work with the citizens of Columbus County;
- 2. It has been joy, work and stress;
- 3. I have enjoyed it all and God has blessed me in doing this; **and**
- 4. I thank you.

**Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the December 02, 2013 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

- 1. **Tommy Morgan Reeves, 1725 Chair Factory Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following:
  - A. I have come here tonight to see why Nakina Fire and Rescue personnel has not received a paycheck in a long time;

- B. I would like to know where the taxpayers' dollars are going to, and why they have not been paid; **and**
  - C. I would like for someone to give me some answers.
2. **Teresa Lynn Reeves, 5571 Seven Creeks Highway, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following concerns:
- Have not seen any defensive measures take place for the Nakina Fire and Rescue;
  - Have not seen any payroll dollars in a long time but have delivered the needed labor for the department to remain in a functional state;
  - Politics should play no role in what this department does;
  - Why none of the personnel has been paid; **and**
  - We need for the Board to help us financially by releasing the money the department is due.

**Discussion:****Commissioner McDowell:**

- 20-25 meetings have been held in the past year;
- We did the best we could to work out a plan for both sides and many efforts have been made;
- When a plan was worked out, one side or the other would not agree to the plan;
- It is not the Board's responsibility to govern a volunteer organization;
- The attorney has contacted the School of Government numerous times over the past year to find a solution to this problem, and the problem is that, we, as a governing board, has no control over telling you how to do your job, or even to do your job;
- You, and the other volunteers, have the responsibility of governing your organization;
- Unfortunately, there are two (2) groups that say they are the governing body, and the matter is pending in Court; there is basically nothing we can do as far as choosing a side; **and**
- There may be a mutual thing that can be done.

**Commissioner Prevatte:**

- In accordance with the attorney and the Finance Office, it is my understanding that the check was mailed and it was returned because the US Postal Service did not know who to give it to;
- Now, we are bound by the Court, through litigation, because we don't know who to give it to;
- They have stopped us from doing anything; **and**
- I want to pay you because you deserve it.

**Commissioner Bullard:**

- I understand where this department is coming from; **and**
- Is there any way possible for this department to get paid?

**Mike Stephens, County Attorney:** Yes, there is. It is a simple process of the two (2) attorneys sitting down and signing an agreement, not saying who is the right board, it is just an agreement where the two (2) attorneys will say okay County we will release of any responsibility of paying payroll taxes, paying payroll penalties, and it is not your responsibility to mail out checks individually. If they sat down and form an agreement, we could funnel the money to wherever those two (2) parties designate. It is that simple.

**Commissioner Byrd:**

- We are responsible for making sure the citizens in that district have the services they need;
- We are the ones that levied the taxes, we are the ones that collect the taxes, and we are the ones that will go after the citizens that don't pay those taxes;
- This Board does not need to force one side or the other;
- It is evident that the two (2) boards are not willing to cooperate, and it is evident that the judge will make the decision and we will all have to abide by the decision;
- I personally feel like, by the fact we are holding their funds, that we are forcing one side or the other to give in;
- I think this Board should release enough to at least pay the salaries to their accountant;
- We are wrong in not doing anything;
- We need to look at the citizens in that district;
- I am for coming up with a minimum figure for payroll and, in some way, release that money to Jim Mauldin and allow him to be responsible to dispense the money in the applicable manner.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for the Board to come up with a minimum figure for outstanding payroll for the Nakina Fire and Rescue Department personnel, and release that money to Jim Mauldin, the accountant for the department, and allow him to dispense the money in the applicable manner, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a **Substitute Motion** to ask Mr. Stephens to contact the two (2) attorneys and ask them to accept no recognition of whoever the administration is, but allow us to pay the personnel the outstanding payroll amount, and release us from the obligations of the payroll taxes and any other applicable deductions, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs.

**Mike Stephens:** I agree that these people need to be paid, but my job is to protect this Board and Columbus County. If this results in a law suit being filed against Columbus County, I want it on the record that I do **not** recommend it, but I will agree to whatever the Board wants to do and I will do it.

A **roll-call vote** was taken with the following results:

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

The **substitute motion** passes on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

3. **Debbie Ward, 890 Walter Ward Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following concerns:
- The existing Board is recognized by the North Carolina EMS and Rescue Association, the North Carolina Firemen Association and the Office of the State Fire Marshal;
  - We have twenty-seven (27) people that is due payroll money, and they will not get their W-2's
  - We are behind in paying state taxes and unemployment;
  - We have been cleared of all allegations that were made; **and**
  - You are holding the taxpayers' money for our personnel's payroll.

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

At 7:00 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2011 NC Catalyst Grant Amendment:** the purpose of this Public hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Russ opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties on the 2011 NC Catalyst Grant Amendment.

**COOMMENTS:**

Chairman Russ asked if anyone present would like to make comments. The following spoke.

**Sarah Zinn, The Wooten Company:** stated the following:

1. I am the project coordinator;
2. The reason we are here tonight is we are doing a project amendment;
3. We are changing what was originally described in the application by adding some new people and taking some people off;
4. We are moving about \$200,000 from Relocation into the Rehabilitation line item which will allow us to address people who are having their houses reconstructed which means they will be torn down and then built back on the same site;
5. In addition, we are going to be adding a new rehabilitation site and we are also adding four

- (4) new clearances;
6. Originally, there were seven (7) clearances that were listed in the program application;
  7. We are going to amend the project by adding four (4) more clearances, we are going to attempt to clear four houses, we are going to have five (5) emergency repairs, will have two (2) reconstruction units, and one (1) rehabilitation unit; **and**
  8. The only thing that is not changing is the park.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT (continued):**

4. **Amy M. Barnes, 411 E. Institute Street, Chadbourn, NC:** stated the following concerns:
  - It is tough to do what we do;
  - It would be nice to have more support from this Board;
  - At the present time, we are doing what we do out of the kindness of our hearts;
  - We will not receive our W-2 Forms;
  - It appears like we have been shut out;
  - The State recognizes the existing Board and Brady Watts as the Chief; **and**
  - We just want the money that is due us.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:

- Although it appears that we do not care, we do and we have went to great lengths to find a solution to this matter; **and**
- We are bound by our obligation to the citizens and we have to abide by the law.

**Commissioner Byrd:** We need to ask our attorney to contact Raleigh to see what they are accepting as the bona fide board.

**Mike Stephens:** I am familiar with the documents Ms. Barnes is referencing and I have seen them. All the other board has to do is to submit a roster to Raleigh. That judge, in this matter, will make the final decision as who is the rightful board.

**Commissioner McDowell:** we offered mediation last July, and they turned us down.

5. **Betty W. Long, 1484 Ramsey Ford Road, Nakina, NC:** stated the following concerns:
  - I have been a member of the Nakina Fire and Rescue Department for forty (40) years and I am a charter member;
  - We are more busy now that we have ever been in the past forty (40) years;
  - The meeting that was held by the other side was not done legally;
  - We voted for all of you Commissioners;
  - They are not running calls, they are not doing checkoffs of the equipment, and they have to do training;
  - There needs to be some consideration of the ones that are doing the work; **and**
  - I don't understand why the personnel at Nakina Fire and Rescue Department is not getting their pay.
6. **Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC:** stated the following:
  1. We experienced a bad calamity at our house due to a fire;
  2. We had a lot of damage but everybody got out okay.
  3. I would like to thank the people of this County for all of their help during this situation;
  4. I would like for all the people in this County to know how much I appreciate them; **and**
  5. The Sheriff is resigning and I have a neighbor who is Lewis Hatcher and you will

never find a finer person than he is.

**Agenda Item #9: RESOLUTION - LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH, JANUARY, 2014:**

Rhonda Dutton, CEOE, Whiteville City Schools, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Local School Board Member Recognition Month, January 2014 Resolution.

**RESOLUTION  
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH  
January 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, recognizes the importance of public education in our community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, appreciates the vital role played by those individuals who, as local school board members, establish policies to ensure an efficient, effective school system; **and**

**WHEREAS**, school board members serve as a voice that enables our community to preserve local management and control of our public schools; **and**

**WHEREAS**, school board members are charged with representing our local education interests to state and federal government and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws; **and**

**WHEREAS**, school board members selflessly devote their knowledge, time, and talents as advocates for our school children;

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners recognizes and salutes the members of the Whiteville City School Board by proclaiming the month of January, as **Local School Board Recognition Month**.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution, Local School Board Member Recognition Month, January, 2014, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: AUDIT PRESENTATION - FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested the Board to accept the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Audit. Brandy Turbeville, Thompson, Price, Scott , Adams and Company, PA, delivered the following presentation of the audit Results for Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2013.

December 9, 2013

To the Board of Commissioners  
Columbus County  
Whiteville, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Columbus County for the year ended June 30, 2013. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and OMB Circular A-133 (if applicable), as well as certain information related to the planned scope

and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 30, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Columbus County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in the notes to the financial statements, the County changed accounting policies related to financial statement reporting by adopting GASB 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, and Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities in the year ending June 30, 2013. We noted no transactions entered into by Columbus County during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no significant estimate(s) or assumptions noted during the audit.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. There are no such disclosures identified.

#### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representation**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 9, 2013 .

#### **Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion:" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

**Other Auditing Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Columbus County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

The balance sheet accounts need a thorough review. Balances need to be monitored more closely throughout the year to ensure that accounts are properly adjusted.

**Other Matters**

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Commissioners and management of Columbus County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ **Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Co., P.A.**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**            **2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant Amendment:** the purpose of this Public hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Russ opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interest parties on the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant Amendment.

**COMMENTS:**

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

**Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company:** stated the following:

1. I am the project coordinator;
2. All the hard work has been done, we have held a Housing Advisory Commission Meeting, and selected additional applicants;
3. This Public Hearing is to notify you of our intentions to move money from the existing budget to the proposed budget;
4. We will be moving money from a relocation line item to rehabilitation assistance;
5. With the Community Development Block Grant, they are also offering an infrastructure grant for 2013; **and**
6. We met with County staff and would like to present that at a public hearing at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded



by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: AIRPORT GRANT 36244.18.5.1 - APPROVAL of AMENDMENT (ADDITIONAL FUNDING) and BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval to accept additional funding of \$1,075,500 with a local match of \$119,500, and appropriation of an additional local match (Budget Amendment).

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept additional funding of \$1,075,500, with a local match of \$119,500, for Airport Grant 36244.18.5.1, and approval of the following Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. As of this date, the Grant Agreement and Resolution for the additional funding has not been presented to the Board for approval.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4530-557010	Improvements	66,864
	51-4531-524000	Construction Cost	1,142,364
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3991-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	66,864
	51-3455-437000	Local Match	66,864
	51-3455-432097	Airport Improvement Grant 36244.18.5.1 (Additional Funds)	1,075,500

**Agenda Item #12: PLANNING - APPROVAL of HEALTH and WELLNESS ADDENDUM to the COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN:**

Gary Lanier, Columbus County Planner, requested Board approval of the Health and Wellness Addendum to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M., on this day, prior to the meeting.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Health and Wellness Addendum to the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office and the office of the County Planner, for review.

**Agenda Item #7: CATALYST GRANT (2011 NC) AMENDMENT - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT:**

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested the Board to approve the amendment to the NC Catalyst Community Development Grant # 11-C-2369 by approval of the following Amended Grant Project Ordinance. The required Public Hearing was conducted at 7:00 P.M., on this date.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
NC CATALYST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**AMENDED GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby **amended**:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Community Development Project described in the work statement contained in Grant Agreement 11-C-2369 between Columbus County and the North Carolina Department of Commerce. This project is more familiarly known as the Columbus County.

Section 2. The officers of the unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the budget contained herein.

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

Community Development Block Grant	\$500,000
County Funds	<u>50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>

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

Parks/Playgrounds	\$140,000
Clearance Activities	70,000
Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Dwellings	290,000
Administration	<u>50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>

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

Section 6. Funds will be requisitioned from the State after submission of documentation to the County. Disbursement of funds will be made by the County upon actual receipt of CDBG funds from the State. Compliance with all federal and state procurement regulations is required.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this Town.

Section 9. Copies of this **Amended** Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2014.

/s/ P. Edwin Russ, Chairman

Attested By:

/s/ June B. Hall

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

**Agenda Item #8: SCATTERED SITE HOUSING GRANT (2011) AMENDMENT - APPROVAL of AMENDMENT:**

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested the Board to approve the amendment to the Scattered Site Housing Grant #11-C-2307, by approval of the following **Amended** Grant Project Ordinance, and the adoption of the following Amendment Resolution.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY FY2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROJECT**

**AMENDED GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby **amended**:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Community Development Project described in the work statement contained in Grant Agreement 11-C-2307 between the Columbus County and the North Carolina Department of Commerce. This project is more familiarly known as the Columbus County 2011 Scattered Site Housing Project.

Section 2. The officers of the unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the budget contained herein.

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

Community Development Block Grant	<u>\$400,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

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

Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Dwellings	\$360,000
Administration	<u>50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

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

Section 6. Funds will be requisitioned from the State after submission of documentation to the County. Disbursement of funds will be made by the County upon actual receipt of CDBG funds from the State. Compliance with all federal and state procurement regulations is required.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this Town.

Section 9. Copies of this **Amended** Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2014.

/s/ P. Edwin Russ, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners  
Attested By:  
/s/ June B. Hall  
Clerk to Board of Commissioners

### **COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 11 SCATTERED SITE HOUSING CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

This Resolution authorizes an amendment to the Columbus County FY 11 Scattered Site Housing Community Development Program.

Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, That:

**WHEREAS**, the County is participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to amend the approved project activities and budgets and certifies that a public hearing, in accordance with the North Carolina CDBG Program Regulations, as conducted on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7:30 P.M., to discuss the proposed amendment; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the County certifies that regulations relating to environmental review conditions have been followed; Environmental Review Documents have been reviewed to determine any changes to the original finding of no significant impact on the environment and no adverse impacts were discovered and the original FONSI is still valid.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, hereby authorizes an amendment to the FY 11 Community Development Program; the Chairman is directed to act on behalf of the County in executing amendment documentation as

the Chief Elected Official under the provisions of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program Regulations (4 NCAC 19L).

**ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**  
**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, County Clerk**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the **Amended** Grant Project Ordinance, and the adoption of Amendment Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: LIBRARY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Morris Pridgen, Library Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

This report will point out the county library's history, overview of services, locations, and notable library group's contributions.

### **COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FACTS**

**Mission Statement:** Columbus County Library System is committed to providing modern library resources and services necessary to satisfy the evolving informational needs and recreational pursuits of the citizens of the community. Columbus County Public Library System will provide excellent service that will support our patrons with life long learning, enjoyment of reading, and enhance the quality of life within the county.

**History:** Public Library services began in Columbus County in 1921 when the city of Whiteville formed the Whiteville Library Association. Columbus County Library developed from a bookmobile service, which began in 1946. Whiteville City Library and Columbus County Library shared quarters until 1958. The two libraries merged in 1978 to become Columbus County Library System. In 1986 the library moved into its current headquarters building.

**Services:** Columbus County Library is a full service library. Library service is provided to the county through the headquarters library in Whiteville and five branch libraries. Homebound services are available to provide special library assistance to elderly and disabled citizens in homes, senior centers and nursing care facilities. The Library Bookmobile provides services to areas not served by a fixed site library. The Children's Librarian provides children's services to day care centers and Head start programs.

**Overview of All Services:** Adult & Children's Reference Services, e-Books, Magazines, Newspapers, Videos, MP3 books-on-tape, Children's Story Time, Summer Reading Program, Word Processors, Public Access Internet, Computer Lab, Typewriters, Inter- Library Loan, Homebound Service, Bookmobile, Local History, Genealogy, Copier & Fax Services.

### **Columbus County Public Library Locations and Hours of Operation**

Carolyn T. High Memorial  
407 North Powell Boulevard  
Whiteville, NC 28472-3198  
Hours: M-Th: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. F: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sat: 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Chadbourn Community Library  
Branch Head: Shenna Milliken  
301 North Wilson Street  
Chadbourn, NC 28431-1839  
Hours: M-Th: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. F: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fair Bluff Community Library  
Branch Head: Theresa Fountain  
PO Box 428

315 Railroad Street  
 Fair Bluff, NC 28439-0428  
 Hours: M-Th: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. F: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Rube McCray Memorial Library  
 Branch Head: Kim Holmes  
 301 Fleming Drive  
 Hours: M-Th: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. F: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

East Columbus Branch Library  
 Branch Head: Robin Creech  
 P.O. Box 27  
 103 Church Rd.  
 Riegelwood, NC 28456  
 Hours: M-Th: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. F: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tabor City Public Library  
 Branch Head: Patricia Strickland  
 1 East Fifth Street  
 Tabor City, NC 28463  
 Hours: M-Th: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. F: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Columbus County Public Libraries' Annual Statistics**

Libraries Circulation	Grand Total	187,619
TOTAL COMPUTER USERS		64,497
TOTAL REFERENCE QUESTIONS		37,170
TOTAL DOOR COUNT		112,170
*OUTREACH SERVICES		1,003

\*Library services provided to Columbus County residents, who are unable to access the main library, bookmobile or branches for their library materials. Bookmobile and children staff personally selects and delivers materials for these patrons to enjoy. This includes both children daycares and nursing homes.

### **NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

(THESE ARE SOME OF THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THESE GROUPS PROVIDE)

- WiFi is available at 5 of the 6 libraries. East Columbus Library is pending.
- FAIR BLUFF LIBRARY BOARD remodeled Fair Bluff Library and installed new carpeting.
- CHADBOURN LIBRARY BOARD replaced carpet at Chadbourn Community Library.
- LAKE WACCAMAW LIBRARY BOARD is planning on painting and replacing the carpet.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

- Promoted the Library System during National Library Week by offering free library tours, free wifi classes and e-tablet classes, and offering a themed story program with a guest reader.
- Sponsored a uniform exchange for city and county school students.
- Sponsored an adult book reading club during the summer of 2013.
- Collaborated with Whiteville City Schools and offered a lunch program during our children's Summer Reading Program.
- Collaborate with AARP and offer free tax preparation to all Columbus County citizens.
- We are in the process of signing up patrons for Internet classes, e-Book Tablet classes, and resume-writing classes.

### **Agenda Item #14: GOVERNING BODY - AMENDMENT TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 WATER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval to amend the September 16, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, due to an

error.

WATER DISTRICT	PAGE#	PRESENT READING	AMENDED READING
I	587	<p><b><u>Present Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and II, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>	<p><b><u>Amended Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and III, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>
II	586	<p><b><u>Present Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and II, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>	<p><b><u>Amended Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and III, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>
III	484	<p><b><u>Present Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and II, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>	<p><b><u>Amended Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and III, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>
IV	553	<p><b><u>Present Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and II, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>	<p><b><u>Amended Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and III, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>
V	554	<p><b><u>Present Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and II, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time. 2. ....</p>	<p><b><u>Amended Reading:</u></b> <b><u>MOTION:</u></b> ..... 1. Beginning in July, 2014 year, we would look at reducing the tax in Water Districts II and III, based on the recommendation that comes from Administration at that time</p>

seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: APPOINTMENTS//RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS TO BOARDS:**

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT /EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	V	Susan Shipman	12/05/2013	Phil Cox
Aging Advisory Council (Region O) Cape Fear COG	EB	Betty Holcomb <b>(Resigned)</b>	06/30/2015	<b>HOLD</b>
Board of Health (Columbus County)	EB	Dr. Thomas R. Kirby <b>(At Large)</b>	12-31-2013	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee	EB	Donna Watson <b>(Resigned)</b>	01-17-2016	<b>HOLD</b>
Water and Sewer Advisory Commission	II III IV V VI VII	<b>NOTE:</b> See existing Water and Sewer Advisory Commission for present membership which is by Water District, not political district.	<b>Bylaws need to be amended or replaced.</b>	<b>Andy Inman HOLD HOLD Ned Hughes HOLD HOLD</b>

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

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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

December 02, 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 NOVEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the November, 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 - APPROVAL of PAYMENT PLAN for WATER HOOKUP FEE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee.

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 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner McDowell 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
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-5161-512100	FP Salaries	(796)
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3510-430031	Family Planning Grant	(796)
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-5197-512100	Health Promotions Salaries	6,789
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3510-430049	Health Promotion State	6,789

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$598.59		
Baxley Carolyn Williamson			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23307	Total: \$672.49
Value: \$36,950.00	Year: 12-13	Account: 12-04336	Bill#: 99999	
Release value dwelling through Discovery Run. Error in Rebill. Release Evergreen Fire(59.12), release Columbus Rescue(14.78)				
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$18.52		
Caines, Elton Jerome & Sharon			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29969	Total: \$22.89
Value: \$2,300.00	Year: 2013	Account: 16-02640	Bill#: 13478	
Release value of land. Deed does not exist. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(2.30) release Columbus Rescue(.46) release Water II(1.61)				
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$458.85		
Cox Kyle Ashley			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 11048	Total: \$527.25
Value: \$94,500.00	Year: 2013	Account: 06-02009	Bill#: 16276	
Release value of land. Should have been in land use. Release Yam City(57.00) release Columbus Rescue(11.40)				
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$883.08		
Cox, Kyle A.			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$997.96
Value: \$277,200.00	Year: 2013	Account: 07-01916	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of land. Should have been in land use. Release Yam City (92.94) release Columbus Rescue(21.94)				
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$265.84		
Farmer Frankie Leanora			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$1,401.65
Value: \$8,816.00	Year: 09-13	Account: 07-03967	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of S/W value. Years 2009-2013. Release Nakina Fire(26.15) release Columbus Rescue(6.54) release late list(19.12)				
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$630.25		
Howard, Charles L			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 87328	Total: \$1,841.64
Value: \$6,900.00	Year: 09-13	Account: 12-01753	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of S/W DBL Act# 12-02258. Release North Whiteville(23.30) release Columbus Rescue(15.50) release Water II (54.26) release late list(34.33)				
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$1,600.65		
Suggs, Roger Ray & Pam F.			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 86371	Total: \$1,797.55
Value: \$40,900.00	Year: 10-13	Account: 07-05748	Bill#: 99999	
Release portion of value on D/W. Moved off. Release Nakina Fire(157.52) release Columbus Rescue(39.38)				
<i>Refunds</i>	Amount:	\$0.00		
Davis, Corene Graham			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 1128	Total: \$131.00



Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-00997	Bill#: 17178
Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can paid in error.			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Gore, Kenneth & Elderee		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13122	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 07-06640	Bill#: 99999
Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/20/12			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Adams, Charles T.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10043	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 06-00025	Bill#: 7545
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Allgood, Mary Ann S.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$109.16
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-51808	Bill#: 56491
Release portion of user fee. Can placed Nov 2013.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Baker, William David		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 76466	Total: \$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-04002	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. No can for 2012 or 2013.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Best, Hubert L. (Jr.) & Crystal Frink		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20636	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 12-03341	Bill#: 10151
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/16/11			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bethea, Eva		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$642.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 08-13	Account: 10-02159	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Only 1 can. M/H vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Blackwell, Edith B.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29869	Total: \$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 16-03724	Bill#: 10500
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bowen, Elton J. & Carolyn S.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 513	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-06183	Bill#: 11066
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/27/09			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bright, James Allen & Mildred R.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 11-03820	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. 2 cans vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Caison, Martin & Wanda		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12728	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 07-01380	Bill#: 13521
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Cartrette, Clyde K.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 06-04491	Bill#: 14346
Release user fees. One m/h demolished and one Sold.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Clarida, Thomas Oliver (Jr. )		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12783	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 07-00228	Bill#: 15019
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/19/12			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Crockett, Daniel L. & Barbara R		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20814	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 12-01545	Bill#: 16643
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Evans, Jimmy G. & Sonda Simmons		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6794	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 03-03220	Bill#: 19606
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00

Farnum, Valarie Michalle Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 94839 <b>Account:</b> 11-04732	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 19901
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Floyd, Vickie Rhea Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 1645 <b>Account:</b> 01-28202	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 20663
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Formyduval, Kermit G. & Leona Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6891 <b>Account:</b> 03-07760	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 20884
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Formyduval, Mary Jeanette W. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Can picked up 10/12/11	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6882 <b>Account:</b> 03-07680	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 20902
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Freeman, Clifford Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28266 <b>Account:</b> 15-14621	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 21395
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Graham, Macey Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Can picked up 1/24/11	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83907 <b>Account:</b> 13-00916	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 24053
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Griffin, Wilson (Heirs) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21209 <b>Account:</b> 12-10460	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 24822
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Hall, Malacki Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91003 <b>Account:</b> 16-03734	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 25058
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Hayes, Larry David (Sr.) & Maggie Marie Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling incomplete.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92857 <b>Account:</b> 09-04055	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 26160
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Hill, Nancy Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. M/H demolished 2011.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 76302 <b>Account:</b> 01-40583	Total: \$131.00 Bill#: 27180
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Hill, Randy Gayle Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. M/H demolished 2011.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 <b>Account:</b> 01-02533	Total: \$131.00 Bill#: 27185
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Hinson, Doris S (ETAL) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5044 <b>Account:</b> 01-41321	Total: \$436.00 Bill#: 27342
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Lewis, Jolene Fowler & William Monroe Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Home burned	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10691 <b>Account:</b> 06-02935	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 32376
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Lewis, William Monroe & Jolene F. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. 2 properties vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10382 <b>Account:</b> 06-04112	Total: \$436.00 Bill#: 32475
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Long, Vernon Lee & Patricia Ann (Heirs) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7404 <b>Account:</b> 03-14920	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 33123
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00

Malinski, Jeff & Carmel	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 61237	Total:	\$6.87
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2004	Account: 01-58672	Bill#:	6885
Release portion of user fee. Computer Error.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Malpass, Sabrina	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 86968	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-02828	Bill#:	33681
Release user fee. Can picked up 10/13/08			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McLelland, Joel L. (Jr.)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 30444	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012-	Account: 16-00606	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4/21/09			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Meadows, Leslie R.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93520	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 03-00219	Bill#:	35810
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mitchell, James R. & Roberta	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 36611	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 08-12800	Bill#:	36611
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/19/2010			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Molnar Bradford	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19253	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 11-01749	Bill#:	36757
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 8-10-2012			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mullins, Leonard (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3691	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 01-64100	Bill#:	37296
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, David G.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25139	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 13-29620	Bill#:	38121
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pierce, James Edison (Jr.)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91768	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 08-02332	Bill#:	39950
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powell, Anna S.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26929	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 14-12020	Bill#:	40385
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powell, James Ervin (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 22186	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 12-22140	Bill#:	40525
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/19/07			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Prince, Hurshel & Shirley Ann	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5468	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 01-74060	Bill#:	41278
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Skipper, Douglas & Betty Williams	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91877	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 03-03601	Bill#:	45343
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Small, Thomas L. & Edna J.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12594	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 06-33208	Bill#:	45461
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spaulding, Lila	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 80016	Total:	\$327.06
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 08-17660	Bill#:	99999
Release portion of user fees on Property# 80016/15028. Cans picked up 4-3-2013.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stanley, Herbert C. & Iola	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16915/16913	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 09-28900	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Can picked up on 2 vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Waddell, Marvin Earl	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29608	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-36980	Bill#:	51371
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Isaac Guy & June F.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 64462	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 03-26930	Bill#:	52150
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Karen Marie & H Elbert Ward	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 86913	Total:	\$1,084.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 09-13	Account: 03-04413	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2009			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Patty C.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 95085	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 16-04433	Bill#:	52372
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 10-11-2011			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Sheila W. (ETAL)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5868	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 02-04931	Bill#:	52509
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Walter R. & Myra Mason	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6616	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012	Account: 03-28114	Bill#:	42449
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant, Can picked up 3/30/11			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wells Johnnie F. (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29712	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-38580	Bill#:	53282
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
White, Samuel Lee	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9537	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 04-02429	Bill#:	53614
Release user fee. No can at this address.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Marian Wells	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18423	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 10-18560	Bill#:	54171
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Yates, Rufus Glenn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26076	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 13-00231	Bill#:	55682
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

**Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Managers:**

1. **Kimberly Smith, Health Director:** stated the following:
  - a. The Health Department, in conjunction with the Southeast Area Health Education Center out of Wilmington, is holding two (2) Affordable Care Act informational education sessions as follows:
    1. January 07, 2014 at the Westside Community Center in Chadbourn, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.; and
    2. January 16, 2014, at the new Townsend Temple Ministries in Bolton, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. ;

- b. For the first time in eight (8) years, the Health Department has given out all of our adult health flu vaccines, but we still have enough for children; **and**
  - c. There have been thirteen (13) flu-related deaths in North Carolina, but none in Columbus County.
2. **Julie Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director:** stated the following:
- a. I have met with the mayor of Bolton and we have decided to close down the park at Bolton due to some safety issues; **and**
  - b. This park will be closed until they decide if they will get some Powell Bill money for the repairs, and if repaired, the park will open back up.
3. **Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director:** stated the following:
- a. I would like to give a brief update on the Medicaid cards there were sent out incorrect;
  - b. This is part of the Affordable Care Act;
  - c. We were notified that there were approximately 50,000 cards there were sent out that were incorrect;
  - d. They stated there were no social security numbers on the incorrect cards;
  - e. The Health Choice is switching over to a new category called MIC1; **and**
  - f. The agency is aware of the mistake and they are taking care of it.
4. **Gary Lanier - Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
- a. Our certification of Southeast Regional Park has been completed;
  - b. We did pass, everything now is certified as a food site by Garner Economics and Primus Builders;
  - c. I was approached by Duke Energy Progress about a program they are initiating in the six (6) state area that they serve, and they wanted to identify three (3) primary sites to support a certification through Austin Consulting Group who is in the top three (3) food site selectors in the nation; **and**
  - d. Things are picking up in the Planning Department.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
- a. I would like to congratulate the Sheriff's Department for their efforts and diligence in getting the x-ray equipment at the Courthouse;
  - b. Mr. Clark, are we moving forward with the evaluation process?;
  - c. Danny, I would like to thank you for the cleanup efforts at Old Dock; **and**
  - d. I would like to ask about the projected start date of the Gore Lake Project. **Danny Fowler:** we are looking to go ahead with the Gore Lake project and it won't be long.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
- a. Gary, I would like to see some workshops scheduled on Economic Development as far as strengthening and improving our Tax Incentive Program with the new businesses coming in since the food certification for the park;
  - b. We need to concentrate on giving more tax breaks and putting people in Columbus County back to work, and boosting our economic policies up; **and**
  - c. I understand we are getting some time clocks in certain areas of the County.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
- a. I would like to say Happy New Year to everybody; **and**
  - b. I would like to thank Mr. Clark and the staff for the good leadership.
4. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** Mike, I would like for you to do all you can for Nakina Fire and Rescue.
5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

- a. For the last month, there is a sofa sitting in the ditch in my area and I would like for it to be removed; **and**
  - b. Kim, I compliment you for the time clocks in your department.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** Mike, I would like for you to exhaust every effort for the Nakina Fire and Rescue Department.
  7. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
    - a. I would like to send a letter of appreciation to Peace Baptist Church for sponsoring the Whiteville Christmas Parade; **and**
    - b. Duke Energy has a substation that has plenty of electricity for somebody.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE and (6) PERSONNEL:**

At 8:15 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 (a) (5) (i) Real Estate, and (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (A) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE and (6) PERSONNEL:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 9:21 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman Russ requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *"The Board of Commissioners discussed the following:*

1. *The Board of Commissioners provided County staff direction in negotiating an option for the purchase of proposed property for a water tank in the Hallsboro area;*
2. *The Board of Commissioners discussed the qualifications of Major Lewis Hatcher to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Chris Batten, and the Board of Commissioners also discussed the salary arrangements for that individual."*

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

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to appoint Major Hatcher as Sheriff to fill the unexpired term of Chris Batten, at a salary of sixty-four thousand and 00/100 (\$64,000.00) dollars annually, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:23 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**Monday, January 06, 2014**

**7:47 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:**

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

**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 7:47 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the December 02, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

**DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2013**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/13/2013	303120.00.98	Billie McPherson	(199)	Customer Leak
11/07/2013	N/A	Velma Clay	(500)	Customer Paid Tap in 2002

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner

McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of PAYMENT PLAN for WATER HOOKUP FEE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER  
DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
PAYMENT PLAN  
for  
WATER HOOKUP FEE**

1. The present water hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V is five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars;
2. During specified times of the year, a reduced water hookup fee is offered at the amount of one hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars, or at the amount established by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at that time;
3. The water hookup fee, whether at the standard amount, or at the reduced amount, can be paid in installments of fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars monthly, until the established amount is paid in full;
4. If the customer elects to pay the monthly payments for the water hookup fee, the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars will be added to the customer's monthly water bill; **and**
5. In the event the water hookup fee is not paid in full, the amount paid on the water hookup fee will be non-refundable to the customer.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

(SEAL)

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**



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

**Monday, January 06, 2014**

**7:47 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:**

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

**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 7:47 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the December 02, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of PAYMENT PLAN for WATER HOOKUP FEE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER  
DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
PAYMENT PLAN  
for  
WATER HOOKUP FEE**

1. The present water hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V is five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars;
2. During specified times of the year, a reduced water hookup fee is offered at the amount of one

hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars, or at the amount established by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at that time;

- 3. The water hookup fee, whether at the standard amount, or at the reduced amount, can be paid in installments of fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars monthly, until the established amount is paid in full;
- 4. If the customer elects to pay the monthly payments for the water hookup fee, the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars will be added to the customer's monthly water bill; **and**
- 5. In the event the water hookup fee is not paid in full, the amount paid on the water hookup fee will be non-refundable to the customer.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

(SEAL)

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, January 06, 2014**

**7:47 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:**

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

**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 7:47 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the December 02, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of PAYMENT PLAN for WATER HOOKUP FEE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER  
DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
PAYMENT PLAN**

**for**

**WATER HOOKUP FEE**

1. The present water hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V is five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars;

- 2. During specified times of the year, a reduced water hookup fee is offered at the amount of one hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars, or at the amount established by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at that time;
- 3. The water hookup fee, whether at the standard amount, or at the reduced amount, can be paid in installments of fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars monthly, until the established amount is paid in full;
- 4. If the customer elects to pay the monthly payments for the water hookup fee, the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars will be added to the customer's monthly water bill; **and**
- 5. In the event the water hookup fee is not paid in full, the amount paid on the water hookup fee will be non-refundable to the customer.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

(SEAL)

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, January 06, 2014**

**7:47 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:**

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

**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 7:47 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the December 02, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

**DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2013**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/12/2013	N/A	Richard Smith	(200)	Water Service Unavailable

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the adjustment to the November, 2013 monthly water bill for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner

McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of PAYMENT PLAN for WATER HOOKUP FEE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER  
DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
PAYMENT PLAN  
for  
WATER HOOKUP FEE**

1. The present water hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V is five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars;
2. During specified times of the year, a reduced water hookup fee is offered at the amount of one hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars, or at the amount established by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at that time;
3. The water hookup fee, whether at the standard amount, or at the reduced amount, can be paid in installments of fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars monthly, until the established amount is paid in full;
4. If the customer elects to pay the monthly payments for the water hookup fee, the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars will be added to the customer’s monthly water bill; **and**
5. In the event the water hookup fee is not paid in full, the amount paid on the water hookup fee will be non-refundable to the customer.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

(SEAL)

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**OTHER:**

**UPDATE on HALLSBORO PROJECT:**

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

As of today, se have seventy-three (73) signups, and this figure does not include the schools.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Byrd** - are these signups official, and there is no question about these signups.

**Danny Fowler** - we have got their money and the paperwork filled out.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** we need one hundred twenty-five (125).

**Danny Fowler:** yea, but we got seventeen (17), Leo Green states that the two (2) schools will count as seventeen (17) signups.

**Commissioner Byrd** - if you add the seventeen (17) to the seventy-three (73), that will be ninety (90), and we need one hundred twenty-five (125), and at one time, they stated we could probably get by with a little less.

**Danny Fowler** - we called today and found out we can actually use customers that have signed up for District IV after we closed District IV down. From the initial signups, we have had thirty (30) customers to sign up, from then until now. We can actually use these thirty (30) customers now. We will have one hundred twenty (120) if we count the thirty (30).

**Commissioner Prevatte** - I need some clarification here. The thirty (30) customers that you are talking about, where are they located, are they in Hallsboro?

**Danny Fowler** - no, they are not. It does not matter. Hallsboro is part of District IV.

**Gail Edwards** - when we turned in the PER for the project in 2012, that is the figure that they used, and in 2013, we picked up thirty (30) additional customers in Water District IV, and we received confirmation today that we will be able to use those because it is in the district.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** If I remember correctly, in the beginning, we were operating in the red for about a year, and that is why these thirty (30) additional customers coming on would bring Water District IV out of the red. Are you counting their revenue in two (2) places?

**Bobbie Faircloth** - No, I can answer that. The revenue account is by customer base, and it is the complete Water District IV. What we are using those thirty (30) customers for is to get us to the one hundred twenty-five (125) that the State is saying that we need. But as far as their revenues, the revenues have already been counted in the prospectus of what is needed to make this project viable.

**Commissioner Byrd-** Any new hookups will be counted as growth.

**Commissioner Prevatte** - This will have to be taken from somewhere else.

**Bobbie Faircloth** - We are counting Water District IV as a whole, including the Hallsboro Project. You have everything included in the prospectus.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** The numbers keep changing on other areas too. Mr. Green may have said you could count seventeen (17) for the two (2) schools, but at one time, he said three (3) for each one which would total six (6).

**Danny Fowler:** I will agree with what you are saying, and he did to begin with, but he e-mailed me one day before Christmas, and stated that after he received the usage figures, he stated they could be counted as seventeen (17).

**Commissioner Byrd:** one area is going to be eliminated.

**Danny Fowler:** some of the roads will be eliminated because we don't have enough money to do all the roads that we had planned to do.

**Vice Chairman Burroughs:** do you know how many customers we will be losing?

**Danny Fowler:** I do not at this time, but we can do a map now showing where the customers are.

**William S. Clark:** we will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

**Commissioner Byrd:** will we have a meeting between now and then at Hallsboro? I think we need to schedule another meeting.

**Chairman Russ:** Ms. Nicole we need some more advertising in The News Reporter. We will schedule another meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., at the Hallsboro Fire and Rescue Department.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**



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

**Monday, January 06, 2014**

**7:47 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:**

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

**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 7:47 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the December 02, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

**DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of NOVEMBER, 2013**

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
11/13/2013	N/A	Peggy Miller	(550)	Customer Requested Refund
11/06/2013	800118.00.98	Leamon Ward	50	Tampering Fee

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the adjustments to the November, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner

McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of PAYMENT PLAN for WATER HOOKUP FEE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER  
DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
PAYMENT PLAN  
for  
WATER HOOKUP FEE**

1. The present water hookup fee for the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V is five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars;
2. During specified times of the year, a reduced water hookup fee is offered at the amount of one hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars, or at the amount established by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, at that time;
3. The water hookup fee, whether at the standard amount, or at the reduced amount, can be paid in installments of fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars monthly, until the established amount is paid in full;
4. If the customer elects to pay the monthly payments for the water hookup fee, the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars will be added to the customer’s monthly water bill; **and**
5. In the event the water hookup fee is not paid in full, the amount paid on the water hookup fee will be non-refundable to the customer.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

(SEAL)

**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Payment Plan for Water Hookup Fee for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**