

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, January 21, 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 their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Tuesday, being the third Monday was a holiday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Appointed Chairman**  
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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., in the absence of Chairman P. Edwin Russ and Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs, Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, called the January 21, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. Mr. Stephens cited Rule 10: Powers of the Chairperson, contained in the Board's Rules of Procedure, as follows: "...*If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both absent from the meeting, the Columbus County Attorney shall convene the meeting and the remaining members shall elect a Board member to preside for that meeting or until either the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson appears. ...*"

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to elect Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie as the Acting Chairman for the January 21, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Items #2 and #3: INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner James E. Prevatte.

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

Acting Chairman McKenzie presented the following retirement plaque to Marry A. Cherry for her many years of employment at the Columbus County Health Department.

**PRESENTED TO****MARY A. CHERRY**

**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION  
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY  
TO  
COLUMBUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**8-21-1978 - 1-20-2014**

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Ms. Sherry stated the following:

1. Columbus County Health Department has been my family for the last thirty-five (35) years;
2. Families do not part;
3. I will be close at heart and I will even volunteer an hour or two every now and then;  
**and**
4. I love my folks and I miss my folks already.

Acting Chairman McKenzie presented the following retirement plaque to Susan Shipman for her many years of employment at the Columbus County Aging Department.

**PRESENTED TO**

**SUSAN SHIPMAN**

**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION  
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY  
TO  
COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING**

**11-15-1993 - 1-20-2014**

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the January 06, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Acting Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

**Alfonza George:** stated the following:

1. In the main canals that run through the farms in my community, we have a lot of beaver dams;
2. The water is building up in the ditches and rising onto the lands and destroying our farm land and timber; **and**
3. We really need help because the mosquitos are bad.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion that Edward Davis contact this gentleman and let him know what we can do to help him with the beaver population as soon as possible, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - PRESENTATION of the CONSOLIDATION PLAN and TERMINATE MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING:**

Rhonda Dutton, Chairperson, requested the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Columbus and the Columbus County Board of Travel and Tourism.

Chairperson Dutton stated the following:

1. Here tonight we have the following representatives: Chandler Worley, Evelyn Anderson, Bettina Cox, Tom Stanley, Bobbie Faircloth, Jennifer and myself;
2. We are a stand-alone authority that has a partnership through the County;
3. Jennifer has been employed by the County for accountability purposes;
4. Discussions have been conducted relative to the Tourism Department and the Chamber of Commerce living together;
5. We are doing duplicate duties, and we decided to pool our resources;

6. We have been doing this for eleven (11) months;
7. We are limited to resources unless we all work together;
8. We can only spend tourism money for tourism-related things;
9. We will keep the same appointees on the Board that you have now; **and**
10. We would meet quarterly instead of monthly, and give you a quarterly report.

Jennifer Holcomb stated the following:

1. Due to some areas of the county not being represented, we wanted to develop a larger footprint in the County; **and**
2. We are not re-inventing the wheel, we want to make the best use of our revenues.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Prevatte:** Do you understand that the termination of this agreement will cease your employment with Columbus County and that will end all of your benefits as a County employee?

**Chairperson Dutton:** Jennifer does understand that she will no longer be an employee of the County.

**Commissioner Bullard:** With the proposed changes that you have presented, will this affect the appointments on Monday night?

**Jennifer Holcomb:** It should not.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to table this matter until the Chairman and the Vice Chairman can be present, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8:**     **RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE of PROPERTY PURSUANT to N.C.G.S. § 160A-270:**

Mike Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160-270.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE of PROPERTY  
PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE § 160A-270**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus owns certain property indicated on Schedule A located in the Town of Fair Bluff, Fair Bluff Township, Columbus County, State of North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus has by this resolution declared the aforementioned property to be surplus to its needs; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Statute § 160A-270 authorizes a county to sell real property at public auction upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners and after publication of a notice announcing the auction; **and**

**THEREFORE, the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the sale at public auction the property indicated on Schedule A.
2. The auction will be conducted at 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 3, 2014 in the Lobby of the Columbus County Courthouse, Whiteville, North Carolina.
3. The terms of the sale are that the buyer must present at the action a bid deposit of five (5%) percent of the amount of the bid, either in cash or with a certified check. This deposit will be held by the County until either the Board of Commissioners rejects the high bid for the property or, if the Board of Commissioners accepts the high bid, the closing of the sale. The

deposit will be forfeited to the County if the high bidder refuses to close the sale after the bid has been approved by the Board of Commissioners.

4. After the auction, the high bid for the property shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will accept or reject the bid within 30 days after the bid is reported to it. No sale may be completed until the Board of Commissioners has approved the high bid.
5. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to withdraw any listed property from the auction at any time before the auction sale of the property.

**ADOPTED** 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**  
**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ATTEST:**

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

### SCHEDULE "A"

Lying and being in the Town of Fair Bluff, Fair Bluff Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being a 0.46 acre tract of land labeled Lot Number 9 as shown on a plat entitled "A Survey of Meares-Small Subdivision, Section VI" in Fair Bluff, North Carolina, prepared by Jimmy H. Turner, Surveyor, recorded in Plat Book 70, Page 24, Columbus County Registry.

Being the same property conveyed by Carl W. Meares, Jr. and wife, Miden H. Meares; and Willard D. Small and wife, Ruth Small, to Peter Washington, single, by Deed dated October 25, 2002, recorded in Book 709, Page 592, Columbus County Registry.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160-270, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:**

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

During the month of December, we did not have an agency staff meeting, however, staff was informed of the new tax forms each employee needed to complete by January 3, 2014. These forms were provided to all staff. This information was shared and explained during our monthly Department Heads Meeting with Mr. Clark.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) began on December 2, 2013. We are continuing to assist those individuals who meet the guidelines. On February 1, 2014, this program will open up to individuals not in the initial target group.

On December 12, 2013, I attended our Executive Directors Meeting in Raleigh. During this meeting, issues were discussed with NCFAST that continue to cause counties to have delays in processing recertification changes and applications for Food and Nutrition recipients. The NCFAST team is continuing to work on solutions and admits the help desk is backlogged with help tickets (problem cases) submitted by county staff. Our Directors Association is concerned with the loss of staff, overdue applications and delayed benefits to citizens. We have asked the NCFAST team to slow down on adding additional programs, i.e., Medicaid; until more testing is done and system issues are resolved.

We were also informed around 70,000 children would be transferred from NC HealthChoice to Medicaid by December 20, 2013. This will be an automatic transfer by DHHS – Medicaid Division.

Columbus County is still behind, but workers continue to work hard to process cases as timely as possible. Two workers were lost during the month of December. One retired and one went to

another county. Their caseloads have been divided among the remaining workers.

During the month of December, the Day Care Unit was able to begin contacting families from our Day Care List. This is due to the fact we received some Smart Start Funds from the Partnership for Children and our spending levels for subsidy has decreased. Response has been good for those contacted; however, some of those contacted are not able to pay the parent fee or are no longer in need of assistance.

During the month of December, we had six applicants on the waiting list for SA In-Home services and all of the 30 slots allocated to DSS were full. The Adult Services Supervisor, Sandra Shaw, put in a request to the Division of Aging and Adult Services for 10 additional slots. On December 18, 2013, we received notice those additional slots were approved. This program helps adults who are in need of services that could possibly keep them in their homes; (i.e., personal care services, bathing, cooking, etc.)

**December 2013**  
**Economic Services**

| CATEGORY                                | STATISTICS   |
|---|--|
| <b>Food &amp; Nutrition</b>             | Applications Taken: 250<br>Applications Approved: 25<br>Active Cases: incomplete<br>Benefits Issued: incomplete<br>Participants Served: incomplete |
| <b>Adult Medicaid</b>                   | Applications Taken: 235<br>Individuals Receiving: 5,640<br>Cases Terminated: 49  |
| <b>Family &amp; Children's Medicaid</b> | Applications Taken: 277<br>Individuals Receiving: 10,032<br>Applications Processed: 192  |
| <b>Child Support</b>                    | Absent Parents Located: 134<br>Orders Enforced: 908<br>Active Cases: 4,482<br>Collections: \$440,616.18  |

**December 2013**  
**Human Services**

| CATEGORY                                    | STATISTICS   |
|---|--|
| <b>Adult Services (APS)</b>                 | APS Reports Accepted: 17<br>County Wards: 16<br>Adults Served via Guardianship: 14<br>Adults Served APS: 37<br>Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,989<br>Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$32,727.01 |
| <b>Children's Protective Services (CPS)</b> | Reports Accepted: 47<br>Reports Screened Out: 12<br>Families Receiving In-Home Services: 33<br>Children Served: 78<br>Contacts with Families Monthly: 98<br>Assessments: 37                                      |
| <b>Foster Care</b>                          | Foster Children in Foster Homes: 68<br>Children Placed Outside County: 10<br>Agency Adoptions: 3<br>Pending Adoptions: 1<br>Total Foster Homes Licensed: 13  |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Work First Employment (TANF)</b> | Applications Taken: 51<br>Applications Approved: 50<br>Individuals Receiving Benefits: 643<br>Entered Employment: 1<br>Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 6 |
| <b>Program Integrity</b>            | Collections for Fraud: \$2,342.00<br>New Referrals: 0<br>Cases Established: 1  |
| <b>Day Care</b>                     | Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 452<br>Children on the Waiting List: 292<br>Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$144,413.50                          |

**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 December 2013**

**Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to have a Social Worker on limited duty, but otherwise, is fully staffed.

**In-Home Services:**

The In-Home Services Unit bid farewell to its Supervisor, Karen Thurman, upon her retirement December 20th. Otherwise this Unit is now fully staffed.

**Foster Care/Adoptions:**

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit had a successful Christmas outing for the Foster Children at Planet Fun in Shallotte on December 20th. Fun was had by all.

**Adult Services:**

The Adult Services Unit currently has a worker on medical leave.

**Work First Employment:**

None.

**Child Day Care:**

The Child Day Care Unit continues to work on decreasing its waiting list due to budget adjustments that have allowed more children to receive daycare.

**Program Integrity:**

On December 2nd applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program began. This program targets households that have at least one person 60 years of age or older or a person receiving SSI/SSA/VA benefits and active services from the Division of Aging and Adult Services. As of the end of December 31st, 635 applications have been completed with 588 approvals. Duke Energy Progress Assistance Funds have been exhausted. Crisis Intervention Program applications continue to be taken on a case-by-case basis with 68 applications completed during the month of December with 66 approvals.

**Economic Services Program Narrative**

Universal Intake, Processing and Triage Unit  
Food and Nutrition Program and Adult and Family and Children's Medicaid  
Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program(CAP)  
Work First Family Assistance/Cash/Medicaid Transportation & Supportive Services  
Child Support & Paralegal

Submitted by: Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: **December 2013**

### News/Updates/Vacancies

#### **Universal Intake, Triage and Processing**

NC FAST has hindered workers from getting applications approved in the system. It still remains with many glitches. Help desk tickets are being sent everyday to try to get the workload completed. Applications that we are trying to approve for Medicaid for Pregnant Women are allowing us to approve in the system but the next morning we find that the system did not accept it in the nightly batch. Workers are very frustrated trying to get the work completed. With all the slowness of the computers system we are taking applications back to back and receiving mail-ins and getting applications thru E-Pass. There are currently 90 applications at the "Marketplace" waiting to be sent to us. The system is not prepared to send these applications to us, but when they do, these 90 applications will be sent all at once. Workers are struggling to learn other program and new policy that came along with the Affordable Care Act. These trainings are web based. There are 5 positions open with these 2 units; interviews have been completed and 3 have been recommended for hire.

The Triage Unit still remains busy seeing walking clients.

#### **Food and Nutrition/Adult Medicaid/Family and Children's Medicaid**

The Food and Nutrition review team have been in the NC FAST system for more than a year now. They "hard launched" December 2012 and have all cases converted except for the backlog they are working to catch up on. Once Medicaid came onboard with NC FAST it caused problems with Food and Nutrition cases. This unit has 3 vacancies at the present time.

The State decided to automatically extend certification periods for certain programs in Family and Children's Medicaid so they have been helping key Food and Nutrition Recertification and have helped with taking applications. This unit has 1 vacancy.

Clients receiving under the Adult Program of Medicare Qualified Beneficiaries, "E" category are clients that only get their Medicare Part B premium paid. The Federal Government has not approved this program for the year 2014 but the State decided to continue to fund this program thru January 31, 2014 until a decision is made. If this program is not funded these recipients in this category will have to start paying their own monthly Medicare Part B premium of \$104.90. The Federal Government also approved a 1.5% cost of living increase to Social Security and Veteran recipients effective January 1, 2014. This unit has 1 vacancy but has interviewed and recommended someone for hire.

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

Work First has begun to enter direct deposit information into the NC FAST system so when we hard launch with this program, clients will automatically get their benefits deposited directly into their bank accounts. If they do not have a bank account, their benefit will deposit on an EBT card for them to use just like Food and Nutrition recipients.

Medicaid Transportation submitted our July logs to Division of Medical assistance for review; this is a process all counties have to go thru.

Housekeeping and maintenance continues to keep our building clean.

#### **Child Support**

Child Support prepared 317 cases for court. This unit has 2 vacancies.

#### **Paralegal**

Our paralegal completed 227 orders and 203 Certificates of Service (attachments to orders). She also reviewed 10 orders and 12 Certificates of Service (attachments to orders) that were completed by the Attorney.

**Agenda Item #10: MAINTENANCE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Tony Soles, Maintenance Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. Since the last Maintenance Department update in November, 2012, we have completed over 2,000 computer generated and phoned in work requests which is down from 2,600 in the previous 14 months.
2. Continually perform monthly maintenance on 165 HVAC systems, 140 exit lights, and 177 emergency lights, and numerous load centers.
3. Custodial staff cleans just over 204K sq. ft. in county facilities daily up from 199K sq ft in 2012.

**NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1. Parking lots at DSS and the Cooperative Extension/Soil and Water/Farm Services facilities have been sealed and re-stripped.
2. Minor renovation work at the Board of Elections to accommodate work center upgrades.
3. Researched, procured and installed package and parcel x-ray scanners in the Columbus County Courthouse.
4. Replaced the awning covers on the Tax/Register of Deeds Offices.
5. Installed concrete stoops and wheelchair ramp on the west end of the DSS facility.
6. Countless hours of preparation for our most recent Surplus Sale.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

1. Completed lighting retrofit project at the Cooperative Extension/Soil and Water/Farm Services facility (waiting on rebate).
2. Installed programmable thermostats on all compatible HVAC systems.

**Agenda Item #11: FINANCE - APPROVAL of COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT, CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Columbus County Courthouse Annex Project, Capital Project Ordinance.

**Columbus County Courthouse Annex Project  
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE  
Adoption Date: January 21, 2014**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 159-13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is **HEREBY ADOPTED**:

**SECTION 1.** The project authorized is for the Columbus County Courthouse Annex Project.

**SECTION 2.** The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the grant.

**SECTION 3.** The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2014/2015.

**SECTION 4.** The following revenues were available to the County to complete the project as of 2012.

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | TITLE               | AMOUNT             |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 31-3419-438100 | Loan                | \$9,000,000        |
| 31-3419-439100 | County Contribution | \$948,770          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  |                     | <b>\$9,948,770</b> |

**SECTION 5.** The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | TITLE                  | AMOUNT      |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 31-4352-524025 | Parking/Paving         | \$240,000   |
| 31-4352-524000 | Group III Construction | \$8,590,700 |



|                |                                  |                    |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31-4352-551010 | FFE (furniture, fixtures, equip) | \$422,300          |
| 31-4352-599100 | Contingency                      | \$89,770           |
| 31-4352-524005 | ECS - Soil Testing               | \$86,987           |
| 31-4352-519902 | Architect/Prof Fees & Expenses   | \$519,013          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  |                                  | <b>\$9,948,770</b> |

**SECTION 6:** The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. She shall keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

**SECTION 7:** Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for carrying out this project.

**ADOPTED** this the 21st day of January, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ **June B. Hall, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Columbus County Courthouse Annex Project, Capital Project Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: ADMINISTRATION - COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT, GROUP III MANAGEMENT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval to execute Change Order Number 1 for the Courthouse Annex Project with Group III Management, with no change in the total contract price of \$8,590,700, and only a deduction of \$2,751.21 to the Contingency which is part of the total contract price.

**Discussion:**

- This Change Order entails three (3) to four (4) change orders;
- Group III Management tracks the change orders with a PR Log and assigns each change order with a RCO number and forwards these to the architect;
- Ware Bonsel puts certain change orders in a package and assigns a number;
- The need for a notation stating how many change orders have been grouped together; **and**
- Certain items in the original architect's drawings have been determined they were not needed.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Change Order Number 1 for the Courthouse Annex Project with Group III Management, with no change in the total contract price of \$8,590,700, and only a deduction of \$2,751.21 to the Contingency which is part of the total contract price, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of Change Order Number 1 will be marked as Exhibit "A" will be kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 1, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #13: 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 |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Aging Advisory Council (Region O) Cape Fear COG | EB           | Betty Holcomb<br>(Resigned) | 06/30/2015 | <b>HOLD</b>  |

| COMMITTEE  | DISTRICT /EB           | PERSON(S)  | EXPIR DATE                                    | BOARD ACTION                           |
|--|------------------------|--|---|--|
| Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee | EB                     | Donna Watson<br><b>(Resigned)</b>  | 01-17-2016                                    | <b>HOLD</b>                            |
| Water and Sewer Advisory Commission                        | III<br>IV<br>VI<br>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>HOLD<br/>HOLD<br/>HOLD<br/>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 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McDowell 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 06, 2014 **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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the DECEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

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 7:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

| TYPE                | ACCOUNT        | DETAILS                               | AMOUNT  |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Expenditures</b> | 10-4310-535300 | M&R Vehicles (Car #104-P .Herring)    | 911     |
| <b>Revenues</b>     | 10-3431-489000 | Sheriff Office Miscellaneous Revenue  | 911     |
| <b>Expenditures</b> | 30-9830-810025 | BB&T Principal Payment-School Project | 104,418 |

|                     |                |                                      |           |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                     | 30-9830-820035 | BB&T Interest Payment-School Project | 57,080    |
|                     | 10-9800-598005 | Transfer to Debt Service             | 161,498   |
|                     | 10-5900-559050 | ½ Cent Tax - Schools CPTL            | (161,498) |
| <b>Revenues</b>     | 30-3983-430130 | ½ Cent Sales Tax                     | 161,498   |
| <b>Expenditures</b> | 10-6120-550000 | Capital Outlay                       | 6,000     |
| <b>Revenues</b>     | 10-3612-489040 | Miscellaneous                        | 1,600     |
|                     | 10-3991-499101 | Fund Balance Appropriated            | 4,400     |

#### B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

|  |                        |         |              |
|--|------------------------|---------|--------------|
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$138.22     |
| Bartley, Aggie (Heirs)   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 88679 | Total:  | \$386.35     |
| Value: \$12,700.00 Year: 2013  | Account: 13-00335      | Bill#:  | 9112         |
| Release value of single wide. Burned Jan 1 2013, Release Klondyke Fire(12.02) release Columbus Rescue(3.43) release Water II(2.45) release Late list(12.23)  |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$156,824.44 |
| CSX Transportation   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 | Total:  | \$241,057.25 |
| Value: \$5,053,670. Year: 08-12  | Account: 90-05320      | Bill#:  | 99999        |
| Release entire value. This billing is a double listing by State Department. Release Acme Delco(18290.66) release late list(65942.15)                         |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$17.37      |
| Cullipher, Timothy Wayne   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 92898 | Total:  | \$21.48      |
| Value: \$2,158.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 07-04740      | Bill#:  | 16741        |
| Release value of boat. Repoed. Release Nakina Fire(1.73) release Columbus Rescue(.43) release late list(1.95)  |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$8.05       |
| Dillard, Perry E.  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 | Total:  | \$10.66      |
| Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 12-00035      | Bill#:  | 17781        |
| Release value of boat. Boat is non usable. Release Evergreen Fire(.80) release Columbus Rescue(.20) release Water II(.70) release late list(.91)             |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$8.98       |
| Jenkins, Johnny L.   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 | Total:  | \$11.36      |
| Value: \$583.00 Year: 12/13  | Account: 12-13275      | Bill#:  | 99999        |
| Release value of boat. Mr. Jenkins deceased sold at estate sale. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(1.11) release Columbus Rescue(.23) release late list(1.04)         |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$34.18      |
| N W Inman, Inc.  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 11826 | Total:  | \$34.18      |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 06-02129      | Bill#:  | 37474        |
| Release portion of value on dwelling. 2% discount error.   |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$112.47     |
| Williams, Patricia Ann   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 6215  | Total:  | \$124.89     |
| Value: \$16,900.00 Year: 2011  | Account: 02-06920      | Bill#:  | 69268        |
| Release value of dwelling. Breakdown and Access Wrong. No water/sewer hook-Up. Release Klondyke Fire(11.83) release Whiteville Rescue(.59)                   |                        |         |              |
| <i>Property Value</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$5.87       |
| Wilson, Kenneth Bradley  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 0000  | Total:  | \$7.94       |
| Value: \$729.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 16-02638      | Bill#:  | 54915        |
| Release value of boat. Owner deceased and boat sold. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(.73) release Columbus Rescue(.15) release late list(.68) release Water II(.51) |                        |         |              |
| <i>Refunds</i>   |                        | Amount: | \$0.00       |
| Caines, Carl Edward  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 23751 | Total:  | \$436.00     |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-13  | Account: 13-06280      | Bill#:  | 99999        |
| Refund user fees. Uses a commercial hauler.  |                        |         |              |
| <i>Refunds</i>   |                        | Amount: | \$0.00       |
| Caines, Charles & Iris   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 23752 | Total:  | \$654.00     |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-13  | Account: 13-06300      | Bill#:  | 99999        |
| Refund user fees. Uses a commercial hauler.  |                        |         |              |

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| <i>Refunds</i>   |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Caines, Hazel (Heirs)  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 23758 | Total:  | \$436.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-13  | Account: 13-06400      | Bill#:  | 99999    |
| Refund user fees. Uses a commercial hauler.  |                        |         |          |
| <i>Refunds</i>   |                        | Amount: | \$256.00 |
| Gore, Alene  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 18585 | Total:  | \$281.44 |
| Value: \$6,400.00 Year: 09-13  | Account: 11-04722      | Bill#:  | 99999    |
| Refund value of acreage. Incorrect acreage billed. Release Hallsboro Fire(19.08) release Columbus Rescue(6.36) |                        |         |          |
| <i>Refunds</i>   |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Izzo, Samuel Shane & Anita Renae   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 90043 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 01-05919      | Bill#:  | 28790    |
| Refund user fee. Uses a commercial hauler  |                        |         |          |
| <i>Refunds</i>   |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Jablonowski, Linda B & Joseph T.   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 61639 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 13-21110      | Bill#:  | 28880    |
| Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant.  |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Blackman, Johnny A. & Rita N.  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 91808 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 03-00442      | Bill#:  | 10399    |
| Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler   |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Bright, Bobby  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 19707 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 11-03800      | Bill#:  | 11439    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9-7-04  |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Campbell, Henry Lewis (Heirs)  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 88620 | Total:  | \$128.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 14-03020      | Bill#:  | 13649    |
| Release user fee. Can picked up 5/14/13  |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Cartrette, Delinda   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 91399 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 09-02064      | Bill#:  | 14367    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.   |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Davis, Miranda   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 | Total:  | \$395.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-13  | Account: 10-03917      | Bill#:  | 99999    |
| Release user fee. Mrs. Davis moved out and no trash can at this location.                                      |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Gaskins, Jeffrey   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 94114 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 06-02616      | Bill#:  | 22148    |
| Release user fee. Never had a can.   |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Godwin, Brady & Hattie   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 82520 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 12-09509      | Bill#:  | 22764    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.   |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Hall, Ronnie Ray & Barbara Jo  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 7805  | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 03-09940      | Bill#:  | 25090    |
| Release user fee. Can picked up 1-2013. vacant.  |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Hayes, A L & Martha  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 86619 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 16-05957      | Bill#:  | 26065    |
| Release user fee. M/H burned 2009.   |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Inman, Kathleen(Heirs)   | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 21359 | Total:  | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013   | Account: 12-12773      | Bill#:  | 28637    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/4/09  |                        |         |          |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |                        | Amount: | \$0.00   |
| Inman, Neil Craig  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 2703  | Total:  | \$218.00 |

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| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 01-46058         | Bill#: 28664    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2008      |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| James, Glen Dale   |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 87516    | Total: \$436.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 12-13 | Account: 15-05754         | Bill#: 99999    |
| Release user fee. No can sent to this address. Incomplete. |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| James, Richard   |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 84509    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 01-06333         | Bill#: 29399    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Keel, Lawrence   |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 16215    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 09-162200        | Bill#: 30689    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/9/2011  |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Malpass, Wade Herman (Jr. )                                |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 28897    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 15-05031         | Bill#: 33714    |
| Release user fee. Only 1 can.                              |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| McColskey Timothy & wyche                                  |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 81885    | Total: \$436.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 01-03261         | Bill#: 34418    |
| Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.                   |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Memory, Robert Thurston                                    |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 3559     | Total: \$131.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 01-61200         | Bill#: 36035    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Memory, Robert Thurston & Hilda Faye                       |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 444      | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 01-60985         | Bill#: 36025    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Memory, Robert Thurston & Hilda Faye                       |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 922      | Total: \$131.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 02-60985         | Bill#: 36022    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Mobley, Betty Joe & Ruth                                   |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 11-17740 | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 11-17740         | Bill#: 36729    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2004      |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Murray, Arlene Flowers (Heirs)                             |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 29088    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 15-28300         | Bill#: 37386    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Nance, W Morris  |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 21945    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 12-20460         | Bill#: 37692    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Oak Bark Properties, LLC                                   |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 94780    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 15-02267         | Bill#: 38783    |
| Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.                |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Olah Robin Cartrette & Robert                              |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 15519    | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 09-00534         | Bill#: 38822    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                         |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |
| Patrick, Howard O. (Heirs)                                 |             | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 9277     | Total: \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00  | Year: 2013  | Account: 04-03535         | Bill#: 39373    |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11/4/2011 |             |                           |                 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |             |                           | Amount: \$0.00  |

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| Plowman, Walter Scott & Chateau<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 87106<br>Account: 07-02429 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 40163 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Price, Dixie Grainger (ETALS)<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                    | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 11005<br>Account: 06-04114 | Total: \$131.00<br>Bill#: 40948 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Pridgen, Sandra Hooks<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Vacant. Can picked up 2/15/10               | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 16626<br>Account: 09-05336 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 41180 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Prince, William B. (Sr) & Miriam G.<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Vacant. Can picked up 2-6-09  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 86872<br>Account: 09-05137 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 41350 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Sellers, Thurston<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                                | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 4661<br>Account: 01-81140  | Total: \$131.00<br>Bill#: 44174 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Smith, Blanche/David Walker<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Can picked up 2/17/09                 | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000<br>Account: 13-05134 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 45595 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Smith, T V & Joyce<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                               | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 13490<br>Account: 07-04404 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 46292 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Soles, Glenn Jeffrey & Lisa Ann<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Only 1 can.                       | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 5009<br>Account: 01-87144  | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 46495 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Spivey, Garrett Jason<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. M/H vacant.                                 | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000<br>Account: 12-03703 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 47227 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Stephens, Lorie<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                                  | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 75694<br>Account: 06-36530 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 47956 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Thompson, Thetus S.<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.                              | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000<br>Account: 05-07100 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 49983 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Thompson, Willa Dean<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-13<br>Release user fee. Never had a can.                            | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 30711<br>Account: 16-03258 | Total: \$651.00<br>Bill#: 99999 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Tison, Diane Horne (ETAL)<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 10/26/04 | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 21325<br>Account: 12-27569 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 50146 |
| <i>User Fee</i>  |   | Amount: \$0.00                  |
| Whitehead, Johnny Lee(ETAL)<br>Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013<br>Release user fee. Can picked up 1/6/2010                | <b>PROPERTY:</b> 30772<br>Account: 16-00827 | Total: \$218.00<br>Bill#: 53656 |

## Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

Acting Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** Mr. Clark, I have been talking to the Sheriff about utilizing some inmates to clean the Dog Pound. Would you check into this?
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
  - a. Danny, thank you for getting that sofa moved and the deer moved; **and**
  - b. To all other persons, keep on working for the County.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - a. I am really happy to hear that an agreement has been worked out for the Nakina Fire and Rescue Department; **and**
  - b. The agreement has been signed and the money will be going to the accountant and he will be responsible for making sure the correct deductions are done, and the personnel will be paid;
  - c. In the eastern end of the County, I am receiving calls from the citizens stating that they are being taxed but we don't have a fire department; **and**
  - d. We, as Commissioners, need to be careful with what we say.
4. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - a. I want to thank everyone for the job they do; **and**
  - b. I will be happy when I get a date for the Gore Lake Road Project, and I am assuming the Dogwood Estates Project is ongoing.

**William S. Clark:** That should be coming as a change order.
5. **Acting Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. With the Cooperative Extension break in, has anyone been caught?; **and**
  - b. Danny, how are we doing on the number of hookups for the reduced hookup fee?

**Danny Fowler:** We have had approximately ten to twelve (10-12) signups

**C. County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:

1. We generally have a meeting with the schools in the spring and also our Board Retreat, and I want you to start thinking about these meetings; **and**
2. Would you like to meet with the college along with the schools like we did last year?

**Commissioner Prevatte:** I would like for the attorney to check into something. At the last NCACC Annual Conference, I attended a workshop on funding for schools. I would like for you to contact the attorney that conducted the meeting and Rebecca Troutman, NCACC. It was stated that the school funding could only be spent at a community college for maintenance of the facility. It can not be spent for salaries unless it is the salary of the Maintenance Director. We need to look at that at the appropriate time.

**Commissioner Bullard:** At the last meeting, I asked Gary Lanier to look at setting up a workshop on our Economic Development Incentives. Has that been done?

**William S. Clark:** We discussed this and would like for this to be done at our Board Retreat if that is acceptable to the Board.

**D. County Attorney ((Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:

1. Relative to the Nakiina Fire and Rescue Department situation and the lawsuit that is going on, I have worked hard with Bill Gore who is representing the new Board and Andrew Hanley who is representing the old Board;
2. They have been very good to work with;
3. They have contacted their clients, and we have reached this agreement;
4. Ms. Ward has brought their signatures from the old Board in, and Mr. Gore has presented the signatures from the new Board to me;
5. The people that need to be paid are going to get paid;
6. This will relieve some of the liability on the part of the County;
7. I appreciate the comments that I have received from the Board; **and**
8. Now, let's let the Court handle this situation.

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

At 7:53 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL:**

No official action was taken.

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

At 8:09 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Acting Chairman McKenzie requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *"The Board of Commissioners met with the County Manager to discuss the Employment Agreement with Nedom G. Hughes, IV, the Tax Administrator."*

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

**Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell 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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**AMON E. McKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**



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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

**7:27 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Appointed Chairman**  
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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:27 P.M., Appointed Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 06, 2014 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 06, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the DECEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

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

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACCT NAME</b> | <b>ADJ AMT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b> |
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| 12/5/2013   | 100140.00.94  | Michael Fowler   | (122)          | Customer Leak                |
| 12/6/2013   | 301773.00.98  | Gwen Carroll     | (103)          | Customer Leak                |

| DATE       | ACCT #       | ACCT NAME           | ADJ AMT  | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 12/4/2013  | 208700.00.98 | James Rogers        | (189)    | Customer Leak         |
| 12/30/2013 | 200960.00.98 | Retha Johnson       | (151.71) | Customer Leak         |
| 12/30/2013 | 100010.00.98 | McDaniels Warehouse | (5)      | Billing Error         |
| 12/31/2013 | 205540.00.98 | Levon Davis         | (5)      | Billing Error         |

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. McKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**

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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

**7:27 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Appointed Chairman**  
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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:27 P.M., Appointed Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 06, 2014 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 06, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the DECEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

**DISTRICT II ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of DECEMBER, 2013**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACCT NAME</b> | <b>ADJ AMT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 12/4/2013   | 122495.00.98  | John Horne       | (30)           | Posting Error                |
| 12/4/2013   | 122350.00.98  | Irene Meares     | 30             | Posting Error                |

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| DATE       | ACCT #       | ACCT NAME      | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|------------|--------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 12/31/2013 | 140060.00.98 | Pamela Cutchin | (69)    | Customer Leak         |

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

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

## **APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**

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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

**7:27 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Appointed Chairman**  
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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:27 P.M., Appointed Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 06, 2014 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 06, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the DECEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

**DISTRICT III ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of DECEMBER, 2013**

| DATE      | ACCT #       | ACCT NAME          | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT   |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 12/5/2013 | 341060.00.98 | Calvin Turner, Sr. | (8)     | Incorrect Meter Reading |

| DATE       | ACCT #       | ACCT NAME      | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|------------|--------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 12/6/2013  | 360490.00.98 | Willis Harper  | 50      | Meter Tampering Fee   |
| 12/16/2013 | 360610.00.98 | Janet Callihan | (100)   | Customer Leak         |

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the adjustments to the December, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. McKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**

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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

**7:27 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Appointed Chairman**  
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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:27 P.M., Appointed Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 06, 2014 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 06, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the DECEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

**DISTRICT IV ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of DECEMBER, 2013**

| DATE      | ACCT #       | ACCT NAME      | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 12/4/2013 | 430575.00.98 | Monique Salter | (31)    | Posting Error         |

| DATE      | ACCT #       | ACCT NAME      | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 12/4/2013 | 430265.00.98 | Sharnee Grover | 31      | Posting Error         |

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the adjustment to the December, 2013 monthly water bill for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**OTHER:**

**HALLSBORO PROJECT:**

**Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

1. Mr. Fowler, I spoke to you earlier today about the shortage of residents for the Hallsboro Project;
2. The News Reporter stated that we were six (6) short and how many are we short?; **and Danny Fowler:** As of 5:00 P.M. today, we are seven (7) short.
3. In some of the correspondence that we got, can you explain to the public why it is not finished, and why the numbers keep changing?

**Danny Fowler:** the numbers changed because Leo Green, our engineer, said that the schools could count for six (6) or seven (7) each. He called the State and they do not count as six (6) or seven (7), they count as one (1) each. That was the difference in the numbers. Actually, the way the State and Leo is wanting to do this is to combine the numbers from our original District IV in Delco and these numbers. That is the way they are coming up with these numbers. We got to have eight hundred fifty-two (852) customers, and as of today, at 5:00 P.M., we had eight hundred forty-five (845) customers with the two (2) areas combined.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Byrd:** So, that includes the thirty (30) from last week

**Danny Fowler:** It is actually thirty-three (33).

**Acting Chairman McKenzie:** Do we have a deadline? What is the deadline, Gail?

**Gail Edwards:** We got to certify that we have these customers before we can bid the project, and that will take about ninety (90) days to get everything ready to bid.

**William S. Clark:** We can't go to bid if we don't have one hundred twenty-five (125). That is what the State has told us.

**Local Resident:** The remaining seven (7) customers that is needed should be in the bag by the end of the week.

**Commissioner Byrd:** We have some people that live a great distance from the highway where the water line will run, and are concerned about the cost of running the water lines to the houses. I have agreed to buy a trencher and make it available to those people in that area to trench from the County water line and their house.

**Commissioner Bullard:** I have a question for the attorney. Do you need to look at these lists of names and make sure we can collect from those customers for the next five (5) years if that water system goes in?

**Mike Stephens:** They need to sign that Agreement, and it is in the Agreement that they will pay for the next five (5) years.

**Commissioner Bullard:** I want your verbal consent that everything is in line before we get ready to vote on it. I want you to look at it and make sure that there are no mistakes.



**Commissioner Prevatte:** I want to go back over these numbers. The last time we met, these two (2) schools stood for seventeen (17).

**Danny Fowler:** You can forget that.

**William S. Clark:** What Leo Green did, is he went to Acme Delco Elementary School, and looked at the amount of water usage, and that is where he came up with seventeen (17). He presented it to the State, and they said no. That is why that number has gone away.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**

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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

**7:27 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:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Appointed Chairman**  
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**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:27 P.M., Appointed Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 06, 2014 Combination Meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 06, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the DECEMBER, 2013 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:**

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

**DISTRICT V ADJUSTMENT for the MONTH of DECEMBER, 2013**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>ACCT #</b> | <b>ACCT NAME</b> | <b>ADJ AMT</b> | <b>REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 12/10/2013  | 706675.00.98  | William Searson  | 25             | Posting Error                |

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Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the adjustments to the December, 2013 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

## **APPROVED:**

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

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Appointed Chairman**