

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, February 17, 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 two (2) public hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

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**

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING Contracting to Make Economic Development Grant to Black's Tire Service Warehouse and Distribution Operation: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons.

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 comments from all interested persons. Chairman Russ requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for comments. There were no comments received either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

6:35 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the February 17, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Trent Burroughs.

Agenda Item #4: **PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION:**

Jimmy Goins, a retired Veteran, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Purple Heart Proclamation.

PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Columbus County has always supported its military veteran population, **and**

WHEREAS, the **Purple Heart** is the oldest military decoration in present use and was

initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; **and**

WHEREAS, the **Purple Heart** was the first American Service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; **and**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the **Purple Heart** is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly - make sure we never forge; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is located in North Carolina, a state with a proud history of supporting our military, and North Carolina has a large, highly-decorated veteran population including more than two thousand (2,000) identified **Purple Heart** recipients; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County appreciates the sacrifices of our **Purple Heart** recipients and believes it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Columbus County as

A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

and encourages the citizens of Columbus County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices our **Purple Heart** recipients have made.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 17th day of February, 2014.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Purple Heart Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Prevatte stated that a document of this magnitude needed all seven (7) Board members' signatures, and any future documents that were done of this magnitude.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion that when a proclamation of this magnitude is done, it should be prepared with all seven (7) Board members' signatures, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the February 03, 2014 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. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #7: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) - PRESENTATION of ANNUAL REPORT and APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP for 2014:

David McPherson, Chairman of LEPC, delivered the following Annual report and requested Board approval of membership for the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Columbus County Local Emergency Planning Committee(LEPC), Article IX, Section 1, the following report is submitted:

1. Officers for 2013 were as follows:
 Chairman: David McPherson
 Vice Chair: Deuce Niven
 Secretary: Kay Worley
2. Annual public notices of dates for the LEPC meetings for 2014 were announced in the News Reporter on December 16 and 19, 2013.
3. Rope Rescue Team
 - The county received \$15,250 from Georgia Pacific to assist in the development of a rope rescue team. All of the funding has been used to purchase an equipment trailer and equipment that will be needed.
 - The equipment trailer is housed with Emergency Services and they are responsible for ensuring the trailer is sent to a scene when needed and Emergency Services will be working with International Paper to keep the trailer equipped with the equipment that may be needed and also equipment that has been used, making sure the trailer is in working order and equipped in the event it is needed to respond to an incident.
 - LEPC has requested that Emergency Services add a line item in their budget for Rope Rescue, to assist in making equipment purchases that may be needed to support this team.
 - Personnel for the Rope Rescue Team will be trained International Paper personnel. Currently working on developing a Memorandum of Agreement or contract with International Paper.
4. Safety Training
 - SCC offered the following classes: Firefighter Level I & II at Whiteville Fire Department in January 2013, basic con-ed classes held at the fire & ems departments every month, International Trauma Life
 - Support at Acme Delco Fire & Rescue, ICS 300 and 400, Safety training offered to all county employees.
5. Tier II reports
 March 2013 deadline for submission for all reports. All industry has met the deadline. Agencies are now able to submit reports electronically.
6. Joint Information System
 - Had meeting with all partners that would be working together and coordinating media messages to all agencies. Agencies will be working together to send out consistent media messages to all.
7. County Radio System
 - Kenwood Nexedge Digital Trunking Radio system installed in the county that is being used by all fire/ems/law enforcement agencies. Currently have 6 tower sites in the county. Some departments were unsatisfied with the radio system which triggered Kenwood performing an assessment of the system. Currently waiting on proposal from Kenwood to make the system better for emergency responders.
8. Emergency Services Projects – see attachments

Meeting dates for 2014

January 9	Sponsored by Fire & Rescue Association held at Emergency Services
April 10	Columbus Regional Healthcare System
July 10	Southeastern Community College
October 9	Atlantic Publishing

All meetings begin at 10:30 am.

2013 Yearly Update Emergency Services

EM

- Conducted Active Shooter Exercise at Williams Elementary School on July 8, 2013. Had

- 70 participants.
- Currently working on conducting a full scale exercise for an active shooter event working on a grant for funding.
- Responded to several tractor trailer accidents, one drowning at Beaver Pond between mile markers 243 and 244 on Hwy 74/76. Also had one chemical exposure call.
- Bus wreck on Hwy 74/76. There were 2 buses traveling together to a Christian Camp and one bus wrecked. 9 patients were transported to hospitals (CRER and NHRMC). Had 90 students that we worked with arranged temporarily shelter at First Baptist Church in Whiteville, where they were sheltered and fed, worked with American Red Cross to make this happen.
- Received grant for 2 CAMET (Companion animal mobile equipment trailer) one will be for Columbus County and the other for Onslow County. In the future will be working to develop plans for this type of shelter.
- Received grant for \$45,000 to update the County Hazard Mitigation Plan to combine Columbus and Bladen County.
- Received grant for radiation monitors for all fire departments in the county and also offered training.
- Received generator transfer switch grant- transfer switch installed at Edgewood Elementary and WCHS added emergency lightning to hallways and transfer switch, hope to have this completed this week. Work has been completed but we are conducting walkthroughs.

Addressing

- New Addresses – 308 issued
- Addresses updated – 1,359
- New Private Roads - 16

911

- Total phone calls received – 176,925
- Fire Calls – 4,622
- EMS Calls – 11,915
- Law Enforcement – 49,344
- Hired several telecommunicators have 1 vacant position to fill. Each shift will have 4 per shift.
- Kenwood Nexedge Digital Radio System installed in the county fire/ems departments not satisfied with system. Kenwood performed an assessment of our system found problems/improvements that need to be made, currently working on a scope of work that will be presented to the county when completed.
- Worked with OSFM for rating inspection with Old Dock Fire Department 911 center is rated during this process. Department went to a class 9 to class 6. Worked with and currently working with Nakina Fire & Rescue and Lake Waccamaw Fire & Rescue.

EMS

- Received grant to install Viper Radios in all EMS ambulances in the county.
- New EMS Medical Director. Dr. Joseph Dell'Aria.
- Implemented new EMS Protocols.
- Assisted with Air Link providing services in the County.

This is to tell of some of the activities that the **Columbus County Fire Marshal's Office** has been involved with during the past year of 2013.

2013 – 99 total calls that the Columbus County Fire Marshal's Office was involved with

75 – Structure fire calls 1- fatality
 11 – Vehicle fire calls
 12 – Illegal burn calls
 01 – Chemical exposure call

39 – Plan reviews
 35 – Permits issued

Also the Columbus County Fire Marshal's Office was involved with:

- Opening of new businesses and existing projects:
- PTCC – new building and addition to existing building
- West Fraser Lumber Company extinguishment systems

- Cherry Grove Baptist Church
- Nice Blends Company (still working with)
- National Spinning Company (fire alarm system) completed 12-1013
- Courthouse (Plans Review)
- Old Dock Elementary School
- New Classrooms (Roger Bacon Academy Middle School)
- Pet Scene
- Dr. Walter’s Surgical completed 08-2013
- Firework display
- Fair/carnivals inspections – (Col. Co. Fair / Strawberry Fest.)
- House Burns – 2 times
- Upgrade Fire Alarm System – Lake Pointe Assisted Living
- Remodel of Flemington Academy completed 12-2013
- Remodel of SAG’s Academy completed 12-2013
- Waccamaw Outdoor Supply
- Columbus Regional Hospital – new operating rooms
- Columbus Christian Academy
- Attended meeting involving Fire Departments
- Fit testing at fire departments throughout the county
- Columbus County Fire and Rescue Meetings
- Columbus County Fire Peer Review meetings.
- Assisted with Hazardous Materials Spills and wrecks.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Membership for approval:

Billy Hobbs	Bobby Worley	Dana Mauldin	Les High
David McPherson	Mark Cox	Deuce Niven	Travis Paul
Brandy Guyton	Edwin Russ	Dalton Dockery	Tony Miller
Jeremy Jernigan	Kay Worley	David Ransom	Scott Merritt
Robin Wetherington	Kim Smith	Shelia Johnson	Allen Johnson
Danny Fowler	Tony Soles	Tom Buller	Peter Yurgel
William Sellers			

Chairman McPherson stated the following:

1. I would like to thank each member that serves on the Local Emergency Planning Committee;
2. On behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, I would like give a thanks to all of the emergency response teams that we have in the County including the fire departments, rescue squads, the entire staff of the Emergency Response Team;
3. I thank Kay and her team for the job they do; **and**
4. I want to thank Chairman Russ and Mr. Clark for their input.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the membership of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL of HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of a Homeland Security Grant for \$47,406.97, to be used for emergency response personnel in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Grant for \$47,406.97, to be used for emergency response personnel in the event of a disaster, by approval of the following Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4330-569943	Responder Credentialing EMW-CFDA 97.067	\$47,407
Revenues	10-3433-430199	DPS Grant CFDA 97.067 MOA 1212	\$47,407

OTHER:

Update on Winter Storm Pax:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, delivered the following update on Winter Storm Pax:

- Columbus County was affected by the Winter Storm which involved 1/4" to 1" of freezing rain;
- This storm resulted in widespread electrical power outages throughout the County;
- We had downed trees, downed electrical lines, roadways that were blocked, and many residents were without electrical power;
- The National Weather Service notified us of the winter storm event, we had numerous webinars about this storm;
- We conducted conference calls with all the fire, EMS, law enforcement, Department of Transportation, municipalities and electrical companies as well;
- On February 11, 2014, the County did issue a State of Emergency and preparations were made to close the County Government Offices;
- We did send out press releases about cancellations, and telephone messages to County employees;
- We dealt with downed trees across roads and power lines, the power lines on fire, blown transformers, fire and security alarms going off over the entire county;
- We had additional staff at the 9-1-1 Center, but with the volume of calls that we had, we had to call in more additional staff;
- We opened up the County Emergency Operations Center, as well
- On February 12, 2014 alone, we received 2,214 telephone calls, and on an average day, we would normally receive 600;
- All schools lost power;
- We had to bring in a large generator to open up Edgewood Elementary School as a shelter;
- The highest attendance we had at one given time was 32;
- The shelter closed Saturday at 6:00 P.M., and during this time, we had 2 structure fires as well;
- We had critical infrastructures in the County that lost power - our office, the hospital, several nursing homes, the County EMS server went down, the majority of the stores and businesses in Whiteville were closed;
- We did have an issue with some of the EMS and fire departments running out of fuel;
- Some of our radio towers went down and we were able to get them back up;
- We had an officer from the Sheriff's Department to come in and help monitor the calls for the Sheriff's Department;
- The Health Department came in to help.
- We coordinated with many different agencies, D.O.T., all fire and EMS departments; **and**
- I would like to compliment our staff at the 9-1-1 Center.

Discussion:

1. The number of shelters in the county being one (1) that was opened, and we need more shelters that could be opened in situations like this in the County, possibly one in the North, South East and West sections;
2. The reason for the other shelters not being opened is the lack of generator hookup ability;
3. The other existing schools who do have generators is limited to lighting only;
4. The possibility of looking at local churches who would be willing to open up for an emergency shelter;
5. The County having a contract with American Red Cross for the emergency shelters and the County furnishes the personnel to operate the shelters;
6. The generator for Edgewood School was rented at the cost of around \$26,000;
7. With the grant funds received, there was not enough to do all the schools that is being used for emergency shelters; **and**
8. Everyone need to have a first-hand look at the operations at the 9-1-1 Center.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Contracting to Make Economic Development Grant to National Spinning: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Russ opened the Public Hearing and stated the reason for the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons on contracting to make Economic Development Grant to National Spinning. Chairman Russ stated the previous reading of the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings would stand for this public hearing.

COMMENTS:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for comments from all interested persons. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, stated the following:

1. I want to bring to the attention of the Board members, I received a letter this morning from National Spinning about their approved Capital Expenditures for this project;
2. The investment will be \$342,195; **and**
3. The number of jobs is the same.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

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

RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

7:01 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION - RESUMED

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

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

On January 8, 2014, our agency staff meeting was held. During the meeting, staff was given updates on NCFAST, Medicaid and LIEAP. Staff was reminded to make sure policy is followed no matter what program area they work in. This is important not only because it is required, but because programs are monitored by the State.

Service awards were presented to several employees for their years of service with DSS and the State. Two had 20 years, three had 25 years and one had 30 years of service. Also, one employee has over 30 years.

On January 9, 2014, I attended the Executive Directors Meeting. During this meeting, we received updates on NCFAST and Medicaid Hard Launch. DHHS Director, Wayne Black, informed us he has met with the NCFAST Team and the Secretary concerning problems with NCFAST. They are working with the Feds to get the Medicaid Magi implementation extended until January 1, 2015. DHHS is hoping to get approval to reimburse counties at 75% instead of 50% for Medicaid functions. The intent is to have the additional 25% used for continued implementation of NCFAST, i.e., additional staff, computers, increased band width, etc. within counties. They will assist counties in planning and will also send out communications to County Managers and the County Commissioners Association.

Vendors for Medicaid Transportation can not enroll in NCTRACKS at this point. The Division of Medical Assistance is working on the problems.

Reports in NCFAST and Data Warehouse are not matching up at this point. We were told not to use those reports at this time.

March 14, 2014, is the deadline for all counties to Hard Launch for Medicaid.

On January 24, 2014, DHHS sent out a letter to County Directors informing us USDA is requiring North Carolina to complete all backlogged applications and re-certifications that are over 90 days old; subject to the 30 day processing requirement; by February 10, 2014. We were told if the State did not meet this deadline, USDA will suspend Federal Funding for administrative expenses as early as March 12, 2014. Wayne Black, DHHS Director, stated in the letter; “the division will be communicating the next steps, but we need to work with staff to ensure overdue applications and re-certifications are completed”.

On January 31, 2014, we received notice that the Division has developed FNS processing centers in 11 counties; with State staff to help counties work through issues and process cases that are over 90 days old. The site for Columbus and other counties in our region is Robeson County DSS. We were asked to send our two onsite workers and two other workers with cases to be processed daily. I met with the Program Administrator and Supervisor to review the information that was provided. After meeting with the managers, we met with the FNS, Work First and Medicaid Units. I explained to them what the State and USDA requires by February 10, 2014, as well as opening processing centers. I informed them we will be working over our regular hours to get these cases completed and we needed to pull workers to help. Following the meeting, reports were pulled, cases identified; and we began working on those overdue applications. Workers were sent to the processing center with 31 cases to start.

The hours of operation for the NCFASST System were extended to Monday through Friday from 5am until 9:30pm; Saturday from 6am until 5pm and Sunday 12 noon until 6pm.

The staff has been very cooperative and willing to adjust their schedules. They have worked very hard, continuously, to help get benefits to families in spite of system issues. This will be a continuous effort to keep applications and re-certifications timely as the State moves forward with NCFASST.

January 2014
Economic Services

PROGRAM	DETAILS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 538 Applications Approved: 287 Active Cases: 6,490 Benefits Issued: 1,604,688 Participants Served: 13,513
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 80 - number incomplete in NCFASST Individuals Receiving: 5,597 Cases Terminated: 75
Family & Children’s Medicaid	Applications Taken: 186 - number incomplete in NCFASST Individuals Receiving: 10,112 Applications Processed: 46
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 186 Orders Enforced: 963 Active Cases: 4,418 Collections: \$443,910.31

January 2014
Human Services

PROGRAM	DETAILS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 5 County Wards: 16 Adults Served via Guardianship: 16 Adults Served APS: 31 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,989 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$32,727.01

Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 29 Reports Screened Out: 14 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 38 Children Served: 81 Contacts with Families Monthly: 126 Assessments: 21
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 70 Children Placed Outside County: 14 Agency Adoptions: 1 Pending Adoptions: 2 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 11
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 26 Applications Approved: 36 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 633 Entered Employment: 5 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 4
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$3,908.00 New Referrals: 0 Cases Established: 0
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 507 Children on the Waiting List: 27 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$158,338.20

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 January 2014

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:

Interviews were conducted for the Supervisor's position in the In-Home Services Unit and this Unit welcomes Marcee Swindell-Thompson who will be promoted from the Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit! Its newest Social Worker, Erika is currently completing her Pre-Service training and will begin casework in February.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be one Social Worker short due to the transfer of a Social Worker to another Unit. Interviews were scheduled for the last week of January, but due to inclement weather they were cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit currently has a worker on medical leave, but hopes to have that worker back and fully staffed by the first part of February.

Work First Employment:

None.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit Have continued to work on decreasing its waiting list due to budget adjustments that have allowed more children to receive daycare. The original waiting list was cleared and a new waiting list begun. The Subsidy spending goal was also met.

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.

During the month of January, 212 applications were completed with 203 approvals. Crisis Intervention Program applications continue to be taken on a case-by-case basis with 110 applications completed during the month of December with 108 approvals. Beginning February 1st, LIEAP applications will open up to anyone that meets the income guidelines – there will no longer be an age or disability requirement.

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: January 2014

News/Updates/Vacancies**Universal Intake, Triage and Processing**

The Intake, Triage and Processing unit continue to struggle with keeping their work timely. We began a push of all backlog of Food and Nutrition applications by taking all workers specialized in the Food and Nutrition policy and centered them on strictly processing all the Food and Nutrition applications. The State set up a "Processing Center" across the state for each county to work out of; ours was Robeson County. It was mandated that we send 2 county workers and our 2 On Site Support that the state had supplied us with to strictly processing Food and Nutrition applications. This process was to begin January 28 but we were hindered by the ice and snow storm that came. Our workers began this push on Friday, January 31 with cases being carried to Robeson County everyday to be processed. Along with those processing in Robeson, we had 3 workers strictly processing applications in our department. Workers came in early, stayed late, worked on Saturday and Sunday and completed our backlog of overdue applications on Sunday, February 9th. We still remain with 2 vacancies in these units. The overflow of applications coming in and the vacancies along with the glitches in the NC FAST system has been the biggest challenges of keeping the work current.

The Triage Unit assisted 693 clients that walked in to see a worker.

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

The Food and Nutrition review team also began a push to get their backlog of recertifications current; they began with approximately 800 recertifications that were slightly over 30 days old and are now less than 100 overdue. This unit still has 2 vacancies; however the Family and Children's Medicaid review team jumped in and helped the Food and Nutrition team get closer to their goal by coming in early, working late and on Saturday and Sunday. Challenges they have experienced with the NC FAST system are when they have active clients on and then they apply for a Medicaid program, they system may delete members from the active case; when they complete a recertification and process it to pay out, the next day the system may or may not have paid the benefits. It has been a challenge and continues to be a challenge.

The Family and Children's Medicaid team continues to help Food and Nutrition get their recertifications completed. The State elected to automatically extend certification periods for most of their programs until April. We have been notified "Hard Launch" with all Medicaid programs will not converted by the state like it was completed with Food and Nutrition but each month as reviews come due in Medicaid, the worker will close the case in the current EIS system and open a new application in NC FAST to renew their benefits. This process seems easier than the process they completed with Food and Nutrition. These workers also continue to learn the new policy for the Affordable Care Act.

The Adult Medicaid team continues to help with intake as they have vacancies. The state elected to extend the program for Medicare for Qualified Beneficiaries (MQB) until March 31st still pending a decision for the Federal Government. This team is fully staffed with 2 in training. The

Adult team has also been notified that they will close their cases in EIS and open in NC FAST as their conversion begins soon.

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

Work First has completed approximately 90% of their cases by entering client’s direct deposit information. They are slowing entering cases in NC FAST and having system errors as well.

Medicaid Transportation continues to struggle with keeping their recertifications and reimbursement logs current.

Housekeeping and maintenance continues to keep our building clean.

Child Support

Child Support prepared 477 cases for court. This unit still has 2 vacancies and 1 that is in training.

Paralegal

Our paralegal completed 346 orders and 282 Certificates of Service (attachments to orders) for Child Support Court.

Agenda Item #10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - APPROVAL of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Economic Development Incentive Grant for Black’s Tire Service Warehouse and Distribution Operation. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. prior to the meeting.)**

COLUMBUS COUNTY INVENTIVE GRANT

Project: Train - Black’s Tire Service Warehouse
Investment: \$1,000,000 Minimum of ? Jobs TBD
County Tax Rate: 0.805

Tax Year	County Property Taxes Paid on Investment**	Percentage	Grant Amount
Tax Year 1	\$8,050	85%	\$6,842.50
Tax Year 2	\$8,050	80%	\$6,440.00
Tax Year 3	\$8,050	75%	\$6,037.50
Tax Year 4	\$8,050	70%	\$5,635.00
Tax Year 5	\$8,050	70%	\$5,635.00
Total over 5 year period	\$40,250	76%	\$30,590.00

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Economic Development Incentive Grant for Black’s Tire Service Warehouse and Distribution Operation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: PLANNING. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. Planning activities have been busy as far as signing off on plats and that says that people are getting ready to build;
2. We have met with the board and have made some revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance;
and
3. We have formed a sub-committee to continue to work on the Blanket Zoning Ordinance for

the County, and then have a final draft to come to the Board in about three (3) months.

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

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Economic Development Incentive Grant for National Spinning. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted on this date at 7:00 P.M.)**

COLUMBUS COUNTY INVENTIVE GRANT

Project: National Spinning - Phase II - January 2014
Investment: \$342,195 Minimum of 9 Jobs
County Tax Rate: 0.805

Tax Year	County Property Taxes Paid on Investment**	Percentage	Grant Amount
Tax Year 1	\$2,755	85%	\$2,341.47
Tax Year 2	\$2,755	80%	\$2,203.74
Tax Year 3	\$2,755	75%	\$2,066.00
Tax Year 4	\$2,755	70%	\$1,928.27
Tax Year 5	\$2,755	70%	\$1,928.27
Total over 5 year period	\$13,773	76%	\$10,467.75

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

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the Economic Development Incentive Grant for National Spinning, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: CDBG (2013) FUNDING - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested the Board to establish March 03, 2014, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing for the CDBG (2013) Funding.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to establish March 03, 2014, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing for the CDBG (2013) Funding, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: 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 (Resigned)	06/30/2015	HOLD
Beaver Management Program Committee	V	Lofton Cox (Resigned)	N/A	HOLD
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee	EB	Donna Watson (Resigned)	01-17-2016	HOLD

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT /EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Water and Sewer Advisory Commission NOTE: Bylaws need to be amended or replaced.	III IV VI VII	VACANT VACANT VACANT VACANT	TBD TBD TBD TBD	HOLD HOLD HOLD Todd Pennington

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

At 7:25 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 Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

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

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V.

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 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

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

Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$250.62
Brown, Laquana	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$982.22
Value: \$9,720.00	Year: 2011/	Account: 15-01958	Bill#: 99999
Release value of S/W. DBL Act#15-05919 Clemmon Webb. Set up in wrong name by building permit#B-10-032497. Release Acme Delco(37.04) release Columbus Rescue(6.17) release late list(29.39)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$826.79
Ford, Elbert (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 30094	Total:	\$1,033.75
Value: \$20,400.00	Year: 04-13	Account: 16-04660	Bill#: 99999
Release value of acreage. Cannot identify. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(103.60) release Columbus Rescue(20.72) release Water II (82.64)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$128.80
Jerusalem Temple Fellowship	PROPERTY: 2162	Total:	\$132.00
Value: \$16,000.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-06927	Bill#: 29692
Release value of church building. Should have been exempt. Release Whiteville			

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Rescue(3.20)

Property Value

Page, John (Heirs)

Value: \$6,000.00

Year: 04-13

PROPERTY: 22020

Account: 12-21040

Release value of acreage. Cannot identify. No deed to support listing. Release Evergreen Fire(50.56) release Columbus Rescue(14.16) release Water II (59.64)

Amount: \$564.18

Total: \$688.54

Bill#: 99999

Refunds

Bryant, Thelma

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 00000

Account: 15-00014

Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 12435

Refunds

Hill, Whitney M.

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2012

PROPERTY: 95326

Account: 01-00408

Refund user fee. Sending can in 2013.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 17265

User Fee

Andrews, Herman Phillip & Crystal

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 94748

Account: 15-00610

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 7971

User Fee

Byrd, Gwyn Harrel

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 14504

Account: 08-02649

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 13341

User Fee

C & E Farms Southeast LLC

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 23220

Account: 12-03334

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4/24/08

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 13389

User Fee

Fowler, Larry Gene & Gloria

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 12881

Account: 07-04860

Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 21128

User Fee

Freeman, Henry Wells & Ellease

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 19100

Account: 11-01005

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11/18/11

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 21479

User Fee

Graham, William & Cathy

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 61752

Account: 15-05568

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 24142

User Fee

Hill, Whitney M.

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 95326

Account: 01-00408

Release user fee. Sending can in 2013.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 27215

User Fee

Long, Allene L.

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 7306

Account: 03-01517

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 7/10/07

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 32713

User Fee

Milligan, James & Margie

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 00000

Account: 01-62264

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 36332

User Fee

Musselwhite George Clayton & Brenda S.

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 84250

Account: 09-03647

Release user fee. Storage Barn. No can.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 37424

User Fee

Nichols, Roger

Value: \$0.00

Year: 2013

PROPERTY: 19735

Account: 11-01938

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Bill#: 38019

User Fee

Simmons, Joseph Frank

PROPERTY: 16788

Amount: \$0.00

Total: \$218.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 09-26520	Bill#: 44978
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Stollings, Berta J.		PROPERTY: 79994	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 13-05053	Bill#: 48318
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Strickland, William Howell		PROPERTY: 18312	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 10-16700	Bill#: 48741
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/23/05			

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - a. I received a letter today about a possible reduction in our insurance premiums if we were located 5-7 miles from a fire department and/or if we were located 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant, and I encourage everyone for us to promote County water for the possible 10% reduction in insurance premiums; **and**
 - b. I have received telephone calls from the public asking if they were going to be charged a penalty on their water bills since the Public Utilities Office was closed and they could not pay their water bills.
Danny Fowler: replied stating that when the Public Utilities Office is closed due to inclement weather, the penalty is delayed by the number of days closed.

2. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - a. The State of New York has tax-free zones; **and**
 - b. Council Tool Company has been in business since 1886, they applied for and have received ISO Certification for three (3) years.

3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. Mr. Clark, there are concerns about the increase in the cost of adoption for animals at the Animal Shelter, and I would like to know the status of the number of animals being picked up since the spay/neuter program was put into place;
William S. Clark, County Manager: stated the following:
-we have seen a big decrease in the number of adoptions from our local residents;
-what we are seeing is a huge increase from the rescue groups;
-we are not euthanizing as many animals as we use to;
-the local populace is not adopting animals because of our spay/neuter policy; **and**
-I will get this information for you.
 - b. Starting in October, 2013, a comparison of last year, what is the tax collection rate for vehicles?; **and**
 - c. Danny, when a customer puts in a water line from the road to their house, do they have to have it inspected, and is this extra cost for them?
Danny Fowler: The line does have to be inspected, and there is a cost.
 - d. I did receive the letter from the Department of Insurance about the new rating 8B, and we do need to encourage people to utilize the County water.

4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. During all the conversations that have been conducted, this is the first time I have heard about a fee for the inspection of the water line to a residence;
 - b. The extended electrical outage the citizens who are Duke Progress Energy customers experienced during the ice storm last week, was largely due to the lack of maintenance of the undergrowth under and around the electrical lines;

- c. This Board needs to send a letter to Duke Progress Energy expressing our concerns;
- d. We need a requirement for multi-family buildings to have a generator in the building for backup electricity in case of power outages;

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to send a letter to Duke Progress Energy expressing dissatisfaction, and a letter to Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation and Four County Membership Corporation expressing satisfaction, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- 5. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - a. The Sheriff's Department left a card in the door to my business stating they had checked my store about 2:00 A.M., which I have not received one of these cards in years, and I really like this; **and**
 - b. Roseland Fire Department pulls many people together through special unity to accomplish whatever goal they set out to do, and I would like for this Board to prepare a Proclamation of Appreciation to present to them at the next meeting.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to present Roseland Volunteer Fire Department a Proclamation of Appreciation for their unity, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a Substitute Motion to send all volunteer fire departments, that hold fundraisers, a Letter of Appreciation for working cooperatively together for their community, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

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

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

The **Substitute Motion** fails on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

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

AYES: Chairman Russ, Vice Chairman Burroughs, Commissioners McKenzie, Bullard, McDowell and Byrd; **and**
NAY: Commissioner Prevatte, with explanation 'All should be treated alike'.

The **Original Motion** passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

- 6. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. I encourage all of our citizens to make sure that they have an alternative heat source;
 - b. Thank you to all of our employees who worked so diligently during the ice storm and in situations where we have emergencies;
 - c. We need more shelters in the County to use during emergency situations;
 - d. Thank you Sheriff Hatcher and your employees for what you do; **and**
 - e. All multi-family buildings should have generators in them.
- 7. **Commissioner Byrd:** I think that we need to send all the Fire and Rescue Departments a letter of appreciations for what they done during the recent ice storm.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that all Fire and Rescue Departments be present at a Board Meeting to be recognized for all of their help during the recent ice storm, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

8. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
- a. I would like for this Board to waive the tipping fee at the landfill for leaf and limb debris for all county residents who take the debris to the Landfill themselves, for thirty (30) days;
 - b. I would like to thank the Clerk for getting the Board Packets out on Tuesday;
 - c. The County water will still operate when the electricity is out; **and**
 - d. Council Tool Company has started making an Abraham Lincoln ax.

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

1. What are we going to do for our employees for recognition of their help during the ice storm?

Discussion:

- The employees that worked came in earlier than their regular shift, worked extra hours, and went above and beyond the call of duty;
- All employees handled the situation in a very professional manner;
- The employees receiving comp time for their work;
- The departments involved are classified as First Responders; **and**
- Send a Letter of Appreciation to all of our employees who worked during the ice storm.

2. I would like to remind you of the meeting with the three (3) school systems on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Southeastern Community College; **and**
3. On Thursday, April 03, 2014, we will have our Board Retreat at Southeastern Community College, and both meetings are in the T-Building.

Agenda Item 19: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:03 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 17, 2014
7:25 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 7:25 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the February 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, 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 ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

DISTRICT I ADJUSTMENTS for the MONTH of JANUARY, 2014

DATE	ACCT #	ACCT NAME	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/9/2014	603210.00.97	Cecil Galloway	50	Meter Tampering
1/14/2014	200960.00.98	Retha Johnson	(40)	Customer Had A Leak
1/22/2014	104100.00.97	Angela Long	50	Meter Tampering

1/24/2014	103330.00.94	Gregory Jordan	(30)	Posting Error
1/24/2014	103330.00.97	Larry Godwin	25	Posting Error

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly adjustments to the January, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 17, 2014
7:25 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 7:25 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the February 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, 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 ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

January 2014 Adjustments for Water District II

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/15/2014	133587.00 98	SABRINA OLIVER	\$38.00	RETURNED CHECK
1/15/2014	133587.00 98	SABRINA OLIVER	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/15/2014	150160.00 98	KAREN SHIPMAN	\$30.00	RETURNED CHECK
1/15/2014	150160.00 98	KAREN SHIPMAN	\$30.00	RETURNED CHECK
1/15/2014	150160.00 98	KAREN SHIPMAN	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE
1/15/2014	150160.00 98	KAREN SHIPMAN	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE
1/15/2014	110720.00 91	JENNIFER MISHUE	\$49.00	RETURNED CHECK
1/15/2014	110720.00 91	JENNIFER MISHUE	\$25.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE
1/14/2014	111340.00 97	DALE REAVES	\$170.00	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
1/13/2014	120835.00 97	BILLY BLACKWELL	\$(28.00)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
1/2/2014	131727.00 98	GRADY MOORE	\$(60.00)	POSTING ERROR
1/6/2014	141620.00 98	CEDAR GROVE BPTS CH	\$(111.00)	LEAK ADJUSTMENT
1/27/2014	120692.00 96	JASON NOBLES	\$(5.00)	BILLING ERROR

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly adjustments to the January, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, February 17, 2014

7:25 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 7:25 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the February 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, 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 ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

January 2014 Adjustments for Water District III

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/15/2014	360899.00.98	Jacqueline Hayes	54	Returned Check

500

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/15/2014	360899.00.98	Jacqueline Hayes	25	Returned Check Fee
1/02/2014	371789.00.98	Donald Moore	25	Posting Error
1/31/2014	350975.00.93	Larry Green	76	Leak Adjustment

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly adjustments to the January, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, February 17, 2014

7:25 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 7:25 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the February 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, 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 ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

January 2014 Adjustments for Water District IV

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/13/2014	430455.00.98	James Lewis	(87)	Billing Error

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/31/2014	430354.00.98	Amber Brown	26	Posting Error
1/31/2014	430354.10.98	Hildda Price	(26)	Posting Error

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly adjustments to the January, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, February 17, 2014

7:25 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 7:25 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 #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 03, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the February 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, 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 ADJUSTMENTS to the MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

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

January 2014 Adjustments for Water District V

DATE	ACCT #	NAME ON ACCOUNT	ADJ AMT	REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT
1/9/2014	800950.00.97	Chadley Grainger	50	Meter Tampering Fee

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the monthly adjustment to the January, 2014

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monthly water bill for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman