

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, March 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 a public hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie (Arrived: 7:40 P.M.)
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

COMMISSOINER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

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

CDBG (FY2013) Funding: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Columbus County with regard to the determination of priorities for the community development needs of the county. **(This is the second Public Hearing of the two (2) required Public Hearings.)**

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Public Hearing to order. Chairman Russ stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Columbus County with regard to the determination of priorities for the community development needs of the county, and this is the second Public Hearing of the two (2) required Public Hearings. Chairman Russ requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

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

Reed Whitesell: stated the following:

1. I am with Holland Consulting Group and I work with Leo Green with Green Engineering;
2. The State Legislature basically re-appropriated all housing funds, traditional CDBG housing funds, to infrastructure and economic development;
3. There is basically \$25 million for infrastructure, strictly water and sewer, available this year in two (2) funding cycles, one cycle is April 01, 2014, which we are going to submit on that cycle, and the second cycle is May 01, 2014 which is \$15 million;
4. If we are not successful with the first application cycle, then we will re-submit the application on the second cycle;
5. I am reasonably confident since the water line extensions to areas where dry and unapproved wells, and some shallow wells that are contaminated are, it should be considered, not a top priority project, but pretty competitive;
6. The revised budget does not go along with the printed numbers you received earlier, and the amount is \$1.349 million;
7. That is for approximately 43,000 linear feet of 6", 4" and 2" water lines and hydrants mostly installed in Water District II along Ice Plant Road, Silverspoon Road, Braswell Road and some areas immediately southwest of Chadbourn;
8. Mr. Fowler, during the Water District II Meeting, will request that the Board approve two (2) Resolutions which are required, one (1) is a general Resolution in the DEHNR format, because DEHNR now runs the CDBG Program in North Carolina;
9. The Department of Commerce is not running that program anymore except for the economic development component;

10. The other Resolution is a Resolution of Commitment, and briefly, Mr. Fowler is going to ask you to approve \$52,500 in local funds to match the \$1.349 million;
11. There are no local commitment required by the guidelines, however, the way that DEHNR is interpreting the senate bill, they switched the money from housing to infrastructure, is that no hookup or household improvements can take place, therefore, they are not allowing municipalities or counties to pay for the connection from the meter to the house with CDBG funds, and that may change over time;
12. The \$52,500 is for all 105 houses, if they sign up and hook on, and this is not a firm commitment;
13. This is the second of the two (2) required public hearings; **and**
14. I ran a statistical analysis on the area served, we used census block group data on the five (5) areas that are being served, and there are 3,900 people who 58% are eligible for the low to moderate income.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:39 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:39 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 6:39 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the March 17, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. 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 Giles E. Byrd.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Commissioner Prevatte stated he would like to adjust the March 17, 2014 Agenda by adding a Closed Session for Personnel.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjust the Agenda by adding a Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the March 03, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke.

1. **Elton Ray Jacobs, P.O. Box 339, Bolton, NC:** stated the following:
 - A. I have been chief of Buckhead Fire Department for a number of years;
 - B. I am here tonight to speak in reference to Agenda Item #7;
 - C. On December 18, 2013, Buckhead, Hallsboro, Bolton and White Marsh Fire Departments were called in by the County Director and told we were to have the responsibility of the Lake Waccamaw Fire District since the State had closed down the Lake Waccamaw Fire Department;
 - D. We did not have a choice in taking over this area, we were told we would be the primary one;
 - E. Buckhead and Hallsboro would be the primary ones and Bolton and White Marsh would be the backup;
 - F. We are asking tonight that you look at the tax money that this district brings in (East Columbus Fire District, which the County would be involved in) and disburse it out

- to those four (4) departments to help better our equipment and provide the manpower that we need to cover this district;
- G. It costs us to run our trucks to this area, it is farther than our district, it is not mutual aid, but we are responsible for this area;
 - H. If it was mutual aid, I would not be up here asking for help from the County;
 - I. That was a friendship agreement with the County that we made in the years; **and**
 - J. We are asking for the County to look at the East Columbus Fire District, and we will be talking to the Town of Lake Waccamaw later on about the fire tax they collect so we can better our equipment and take care of our manpower.

Discussion:

- 1. There are five (5) fire departments involved, including St. James, but the St. James Fire Department has requested not to be included because they did not have enough manpower to participate in the covered area, and will not be included in the disbursement of the fire tax;
 - 2. Primary responsibility on the four (4) departments that they had the responsibility of the East Columbus Fire District and the Town of Lake Waccamaw;
 - 3. Why this has not been discussed at the Fire Peer Review Committee; **and**
 - 4. Request had been made to Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, for this matter to be brought to the attention of the County Commissioners, and she had not.
2. **R.J. Banfield, 238 Angelo Circle, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to address the response of Duke Energy;
 - B. Duke Energy is a bully;
 - C. 3 ½ Days after the ice storm, I finally saw a couple of utility vehicles down our street, but first of all, it was a tree trimmer;
 - D. They did a wonderful job of cutting, and soon our streets and driveways were filled with debris;
 - E. They got the lines straightened out,
 - F. By then it is dark and they were gone, and the next morning they did not return and clean up the debris;
 - G. Brunswick Electric's lines are clear, no debris, no limbs, because they do routine maintenance of the lines;
 - H. There is a large amount of money in the Duke Energy Budget to help candidates in the next election; **and**
 - I. I would like for you to take some of this money and use it to clean up the mess you left behind.
3. **James A. Lee, Jr., 215 E. Lewis Street, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to address Duke Energy;
 - B. My wife and I are both 78 years old, and we have health problems;
 - C. When the lights went out, my wife and I went to the shelter at Edgewood School for two (2) days, and then my daughter picked us up from Edgewood School and we spent Friday night with her;
 - D. Upon my return to my house on Saturday, the lady next door had a note from Progress Energy to me since they could not get in touch with me;
 - E. There is a service pole that is only partially located on my land that a pecan tree has grown in and around;
 - F. We have made many telephone calls to Progress Energy and Duke Energy trying to get this situation handled, but to no avail;
 - G. The information the lady next door delivered to me was that Duke Energy had told her to tell me that it would be my responsibility, and if ice did form and tore the tree down and tore the lines down, it would be my responsibility to replace all the lines that were torn down, and it would be my responsibility to see that the two (2) transformers that are located on that street were replaced, at my expense, plus the fact that it would be my responsibility to make sure that all the neighbors on that street, which are 8 or 9, had their power restored;
 - H. Both my wife and I draw minimal Social Security, and we would never be able to do anything like this;
 - I. I don't think it is my responsibility to take that tree down;
 - J. This tree has limbs that go completely across the street and if they were to fall, it could kill someone; **and**
 - K. In the short length of time that Duke has had possession of our power, I am sick to death of them.

4. **Darren Currie, Lake Waccamaw Town Manager:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the men and women in those departments who have been responding to our community and to the residents of Lake Waccamaw and the surrounding communities;
 - B. What I am here tonight for is to ask the Board here, is if they would allow an opportunity for our Town Board to meet, and offer a recommendation to you, as a Board of Commissioners, to divide that money and allow for some assistance for those folks coming in our response district;
 - C. During this situation, the County Board has been very patient with us and we do appreciate that;
 - D. The County Emergency Services Department has worked diligently with us in trying to assist us and taking us back to where we need to be and respond to our residents and our citizens;
 - E. We understand that it does take money to operate the trucks and we are not opposed to that, and want to assist in any way we can;
 - F. The Town Board would like to meet and discuss it, and we meet the second Tuesday night of every month and that would be the second Tuesday night in April; and offer up a recommendation to you at the next County Commissioners Meeting;
 - G. I would like to make that offer to you, but it is your prerogative; **and**
 - H. We certainly hope, from the town perspective, we hope to be up and running again.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS:

John Elliott, Community Relations, delivered the following presentation to the Board.

1. I am the director for the Duke Energy Eastern Region;
2. I would like to provide some information about the winter storm that we experienced that came to be known as PAX, and provide some response effort that we did during a major ice storm and then answer a couple of questions;
3. Columbus County experienced one of the most damaging winter storms of the decade starting on February 11, 2014, and exiting on the evening of February 12, 2014;
4. The storm was very large and impacted North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and then tracked north with areas of snow;
5. Due to the size of the storm, the prediction demonstrated severe weather over several states;
6. Electric utilities in North Carolina and across the southeast were holding crews until they could be sure that their service territory was not impacted by the storm;
7. The storm was extremely large, and Duke Energy had over 900,000 customers that were affected by the storm with peak outages occurring at 3:00 P.M., on Thursday, February 13, 2014;
8. Due to the scale of Duke Energy, we were able to bring in crews from Florida, Iowa and Indiana in advance of the storm, the pre-stage of potential wide-spread power outages in North Carolina;
9. Winter Storm Pax became labeled, and hit Southeast North Carolina with ice accumulations in excess of ½" causing major damage to trees and Duke Energy facilities;
10. Columbus County was one of the worst hit and most heavily damaged counties;
11. As the storm exited Columbus County on late afternoon on February 12, 2014, the storm had impacted all of the county's 16,396 customers served by Duke Energy;
12. Winter Storm Pax provided some unique challenges to Duke Energy's restoration and one that Duke quickly responded to;
13. Duke Energy has 1,046 miles of distribution lines in Columbus County to serve the 16,396 customers that we have;
14. This averages out to 25 customers per mile of distribution line;
15. Duke Energy in the County, has 14 main or primary or feeder lines, and every one of these lines were impacted by the storm;
16. Each line runs hundreds of miles, not including the hundreds of miles of secondary lines that run through the County that were also impacted;
17. Duke Energy, due to its size and ability to bring additional resources into the County, had 630 tree crews, line crews and assessment crews working in Columbus County working to restore power;
18. Most of the damage required crews to work in flood areas where bucket trucks could not travel;
19. Some of the trees that cause the damage were outside of our right-of-way which is 15' on each side of the service pole;

20. We had transmission line impacts;
21. We had to bring track vehicles in because of all of the rain that we had prior to the storm;
22. We had broken transmission lines;
23. The workers with the crews could not find hotel rooms to sleep and we had to bus folks to other areas;
24. We had to use helicopters to restore some of the transmission lines;
25. The night the storm came in, we lost energy to the hospital, Duke Energy worked all Wednesday night to make sure we kept the energy on and we were successful;
26. Duke Energy had 98% of the customers restored within about 72 hours, starting the morning of the 12th until midnight Saturday, the 14th, and restored the remaining 2% by 6:00 P.M. on the 15th;
27. We had dangerous situations with trees continuing to fall across the lines for linemen trying to restore power;
28. When a man is in a bucket, or climbing a pole, they can not get out of the way of a falling tree;
29. In summary, Duke Energy works in a very unforgiving business, one mistake, one miscommunication, one moment's loss of focus and someone is not going home in the same way they came to work;
20. Every worker needs to know what the person ahead of him is doing and what the person behind him is doing at all times;
21. Working on 23,000 volts of electricity leaves no room for margin;
22. What storm response is about is restoring power to customers, as safely and as quickly as possible and that is why Duke Energy is recognized nationally for our storm preparedness and storm response;
23. Columbus County is a great place to live, work and do business;
24. We take our responsibility to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity seriously;
25. We appreciate our customer's patience during this recent winter storm;
26. With the professionalism and the assistance of Columbus County, Mr. Clark and others gave, and each municipality that provided information to Duke Energy which made our response to the storm successful;
27. I would also like to thank the people at the Emergency Services Center;
28. Immediately after the storm, we have to get out and do damage assessment, and we have crews arriving at all times;
29. We work with the County to make sure we get the priorities first; **and**
30. I would like to thank the County for all of their efforts and for all that they do.

Discussion:

Commissioner Byrd: stated the following:

1. You have made an excellent presentation and you did bring in the men and equipment to get the lines back up;
2. The men set in parking lots, they set everywhere, and you only had two (2) men managing hundreds of trucks and men;
3. You did not have enough supervision to get the work done; **and**
4. The undergrowth under the lines and in close proximity of the lines has not been maintained on a regular basis to minimize damage in situations like this.

John Elliott: That is certainly not an opinion that I share, nor the folks in this room that was a part of that. During a storm like this, with the damage assessment, we have crews come in and they go out and may not have the proper equipment to do the task at hand. Columbus County is very important to us. Our only goal was to work as safely and quickly as possible to get the power restored. We will do a lessons learned from this storm.

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. That was a bad storm;
2. I thank you for what you done and for what you do; **and**
3. We need to take some lessons learned and go forward.

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. I think your staff worked very hard, but it appeared there wasn't a plan in place;
2. A concern that I have is that debris was left behind after the trimming of the trees at private residences, and blocked senior citizens in their houses;
3. I would like for Duke Energy to review their debris removal policy, especially the debris that blocked driveways;

4. With the removal of the pecan tree that was discussed earlier, I think this matter could be resolved easily;
5. We do not want anyone hurt in the process of restoring electricity;
6. Please consider looking at your routine maintenance of the electrical lines; **and**
7. Thank you for what you do.

Agenda Item #7: LAKE WACCAMAW FIRE DEPARTMENT - DISCUSSION of MUTUAL AID:

Commissioner Byrd discussed the mutual aid being provided by Bolton, Buckhead, Hallsboro and Welches Creek Fire Departments, and requested that the fire chiefs from the Bolton, Buckhead, Hallsboro and White Marsh/Welches Creek Fire Department to please stand.

Chairman Russ stated the following:

1. The Town of Lake Waccamaw has requested that this Agenda Item be tabled to thirty (30) days until after the town board has met and presented a recommendation to this Board; **and**
2. We would like to know what you want to do before we go any further.

The spokesperson for the four (4) fire departments replied stating the following:

1. As far as the Town of Lake Waccamaw, we can wait for thirty (30) days, but with the East Columbus Fire District, we need to know something now;
2. We have been doing this since December 18, 2013 until the present time; **and**
3. We recommend that the amount be split four (4) ways.

MOTION:

After in-depth and lengthy discussion, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to give the three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars that have been collected from the East Columbus Fire District, to the Bolton, Buckhead, Hallsboro and White Marsh/Welches Creek Fire Departments, and to divide the amount equally among the fire departments, and continue to disburse the funds collected on a quarterly basis, until Lake Waccamaw Fire Department gets up and running, and then re-evaluate, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8: EMERGENCY SERVICES - PRESENTATION of ASSESSMENT of KENWOOD NEXEDGE DIGITAL TRUNKING SYSTEM:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, and the Communications Committee requested the County to fund Kenwood's proposal following the assessment of the Kenwood Nexedge Digital Trunking System.

In the absence of Kay Worley, David Ransom, Deputy Director of the Emergency Services Department, stated the following:

1. Our office contacted Kenwood Manufacturing approximately six (6) months to a year ago;
2. These are the guys from the corporate office, Texas, Georgia and different places, and they came in and observed our office, the working of the 911 Center, and also each of the tower sites and there are six (6) of those;
3. They gave us a proposal to optimize our radio system;
4. Ms. Worley asked that you look at that, but that you don't approve it until some minor changes have been made;
5. The Kenwood Corporation has met with the Communications Committee a couple of weeks ago and they are in agreement with what has been submitted;
6. Ron Runyan was suppose to be with us tonight but he could not get a flight out of San Antonio, and Ken Fisher who is the Senior System Engineer with Kenwood, is here tonight; **and**
7. He does not know a lot about the contract, but he is familiar with the technical side of the problems they found, and the issues that need to be addressed.

Ken Fisher, Senior System Engineer with Kenwood Nexedge, stated the following:

1. I am sure you are aware of the history and background with the system;
2. We were called in about six (6) months ago, and this is the first we had heard of the problem and of the project itself;
3. We were called in with a sense of urgency of what is wrong with our radio system, so we came in and done a full evaluation;

4. There are some antenna changes that need to be made, there are some programming issues that we saw, there is a critical need on some microwave equipment that needs to be upgraded, it has to be fixed, and that is urgent,
5. We believe that what was promised to you, for whatever reason, has not materialized;
6. We take these systems very seriously, we take them as prime contractor all over the North American footprint;
7. This system is capable of screaming for you, it is very good, very robust mature system;
8. We are prepared to help you guys out and do whatever is necessary to make this happen for you, but, unfortunately it comes with a cost, and there is quite a bit of hardware in that cost;
and
9. If you have any questions, I will be happy to try and answer those questions.

In-Depth and Lengthy Discussion:

1. Great emphasis on the fact the Kenwood Nexedge was **not** contacted until six (6) months ago;
2. If Nexedge takes a job as the prime contractor, they stand behind the job;
3. Nick Long was listed as an approved vendor then, and is listed as one today with Nexedge;
4. Nick Long is an independent contractor;
5. It appears that some of the parts used were not approved parts by Kenwood;
6. Kenwood has 1300+ dealers across the country;
7. The Communications Specialist will be a sub-contractor and is out of Wilmington;
8. The contract that has been presented is very evasive with no written guarantees;
9. At present, we have a two (2) year old radio system that has been used for two (2) years;
10. The parts that were used in the existing system, Nexedge can not guarantee;
11. The parts that Nexedge supplies to fix the system will have a one (1) year guarantee or whatever the manufacturer's warranty may be;
12. The system will have no paging ability; **and**
13. \$44,000.00 Worth of the parts is in the quoted price to fix the radio system.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to table this matter until a later date, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

RECESS:

At 8:11 P.M., Chairman Russ stated there would be a five (5) minute recess.

8:16 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

Agenda Item #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS - SECURITY RESOURCE OFFICERS:

Sheriff Lewis L. Hatcher requested Board approval of three (3) additional School Resource Officers.

Dr. Alan Faulk, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, stated the following:

1. I have with me tonight Dr. Jonathan Williams and Dr. Debra Wing;
2. We are here tonight to let you know that we have received a grant for three (3) more School Resource Officers, with the school paying 2/3 and we pay 1/3; **and**
3. We are here asking that the County supports us in this endeavor.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve three (3) additional School Resource Officers, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10: HEALTH - APPROVAL to PURCHASE SOFTWARE:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, and Charlene Bush, Accounting Tech IV, requested Board approval to purchase CureMD software.

Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. This is an electronic medical record; **and**
2. If we do not have this by 2015, our reimbursement by Medicare will be reduced.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the purchase of CureMD software,

seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2014 PROCLAMATION:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of the following National Telecommunicators Week 2014 Proclamation.

**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2014
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Public Safety Communications Center known as Columbus Central plays a vital role in the protection of human life and property in our county; **and**

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; **and**

WHEREAS, while enduring long shifts and handling frequent life and death emergencies, Columbus Central Telecommunicators set high standards in performing their duties in a dedicated, diligent and compassionate manner; **and**

WHEREAS, the safety of our Law Enforcement officers and Fire and EMS personnel are dependant upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Columbus County Communications Center; **and**

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our Law Enforcement officers, Fire and EMS personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; **and**

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals efficiently coordinate emergency services to ensure the health and safety of our residents, visitors and travelers in our cities, towns, county and on our highways, 24 hours a day seven days a week; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus Central Telecommunicators are rarely visible to the public while performing an exceptional service that deserves praise and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the County of Columbus, does hereby proclaim **April 13 - 19, 2014**, as **National Telecommunicators Week** and commend the devotion, contributions and services of the Columbus County Telecommunicators.

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the National Telecommunicators Week 2014 Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

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

During the month of February, the LIEAP Program was opened to the general public. We were able to assist 901 applicants with their heating and electric bills. We have spent \$437,800.00; leaving a \$180.00 balance.

In February, our agency was closed due to a winter storm. We were without power for three days. Our phone system was damaged during this winter event. Phone lines were out for two days and our message system has to be repaired. Agency staff worked in the emergency shelter at Edgewood

Elementary for three days.

On February 19, 2014, Department Managers received budget packets for 2014 and we are in the process of preparing our agency budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

We are continuing to experience system issues with Food & Nutrition and Medicaid pertaining to the processing of benefits. We are not able to keep work timely due to these unresolved issues. We are still taking applications, which seem to be increasing.

On February 27 and 28, 2014, I attended the Eastern Regional Directors' Meeting. During this meeting, we discussed the toll NCFAST is taking on the local agencies and its citizens. We are asking the State to re-evaluate the NCFAST System and to help counties by resolving help desk tickets and stopping continuous implementation of the Magi rules for Family & Children's Medicaid. We feel some changes must take place, because it is not working. Many counties report staff resigning, being stressed out and on medical leave; because of the workload and not being able to get cases processed timely. A list of concerns will be compiled and discussed with the State and NCFAST officials.

During our meeting, we also had a presentation and discussion on unclaimed bodies and public guardianship. This information was very informative since DSS is often responsible for unclaimed bodies and has to act as guardians for incompetent adults.

**February 2014
Economic Services**

| PROGRAM | STATISTICS |
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| Food & Nutrition | Applications Taken: 730 – number incomplete due to NCFAST Applications Approved: 1218 – number incomplete due to NCFAST Active Cases: 6,460 Benefits Issued: 1,624,570 Participants Served: 13,523 |
| Adult Medicaid | Applications Taken: 89 - number incomplete due to NCFAST Individuals Receiving: 5,554 Cases Terminated: 73 |
| Family & Children's Medicaid | Applications Taken: 186 - number incomplete in NCFAST Individuals Receiving: 10,179 Applications Processed: 46 – number incomplete in NCFAST |
| Child Support | Absent Parents Located: 111 Orders Enforced: 949 Active Cases: 4,376 Collections: \$525,507.40 |

**February 2014
Human Services**

| PROGRAM | STATISTICS |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Adult Services (APS) | APS Reports Accepted: 9 County Wards: 18 Adults Served via Guardianship: 17 Adults Served APS: 24 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,577 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$28,028.00 |
| Children's Protective Services (CPS) | Reports Accepted: 36 Reports Screened Out: 12 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 39 Children Served: 80 Contacts with Families Monthly: 142 Assessments: 26 |

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| Foster Care | Foster Children in Foster Homes: 72 Children Placed Outside County: 13 Agency Adoptions: 1 Pending Adoptions: 2 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 11 |
| Work First Employment (TANF) | Applications Taken: 44 Applications Approved: 37 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 611 Entered Employment: 8 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 4 |
| Program Integrity | Collections for Fraud: \$9,347.00 New Referrals: 0 Cases Established: 2 |
| Day Care | Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 594 Children on the Waiting List: 71 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$197,304.70 |

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 February 2014

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to have a Social Worker on limited duty. This Unit is also currently short-staffed due to the promotion of a Social Worker to a Supervisor's position.

In-Home Services:

The new Supervisor, Marcee Swindell-Thompson, has hit the ground running as Supervisor and as she works to tie up loose ends in her previous position. The newest Social Worker, Erika, has completed her Pre-Service training and begun to build her caseload.

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 rescheduled. The possibility of re-advertising is being considered. This Unit was monitored during the month of February for Title IV-E Adoption Assistance and Social Services Block Grant. Preliminary findings appear to be good, but an official report will not be received for at least 30 days.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit has regained the worker on medical leave, but another is currently on medical leave due to surgery.

Work First Employment:

None.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit has 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.

Program Integrity:

Crisis Intervention Program applications continue to be taken on a case-by-case basis with 26 applications completed during the month of February. Beginning February 1st, LIEAP applications opened up to anyone that meets the income guidelines – there is no longer an age or disability requirement. During the month of February 960 applications were completed with 901

approvals. These funds have been exhausted.

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: **February 2014**

News/Updates/Vacancies

Universal Intake, Triage and Processing

Same story different month! The problems workers are encountering with NCFAST hinder them from getting cases processed timely. Workers in Intake and processing are stressing out over not being able to keep up with the workload. Columbus County has always been a county that has kept their workload within the mandated timeframes; but not anymore and it gets very frustrating to try to get work out and can't. The Intake unit is still flooded with applications from clients walking in, by e-pass, mail and from the Federal Marketplace. The "Marketplace" began releasing applications and we have received 100 Medicaid applications in one week. We have enlisted additional help from other units to be able to get applications taken when clients walk in to apply. These units still have one vacancy.

The Triage Unit assisted 1,158 clients that walked in to see a worker. The majority of these visits consisted of clients reporting food loss as a result of the ice storm. Clients had to sign affidavits stating when their power was out and the amount of food loss.

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

The Food and Nutrition Review Unit continues to work as many cases as possible for families to receive their entitled benefits; however we still remain behind and working comp time and have 2 vacancies. Two workers are in training. After returning to the agency from the ice storm, workers had to key the replacement allotments from the loss of food. This was done for a week which put them even further behind in trying to key recertifications. Clients are stressed from not getting their benefits timely. Workers are stressed even more due to the system issues and not being able to get the benefits out. The 2 On Site Support the State gave us and promised they would remain with us until the system was properly running has been pulled from us and sent back to Raleigh to train and work on some of these Federal Marketplace applications. We are very understaffed and in need of more workers in order to meet the demand of the work that is coming in. More and more people are in need of the benefits that Department of Social Services offers; even families that have jobs qualify for services.

The Family and Children's Medicaid team is diligently working to get recertifications for their clients. With the new MAGI rules they have to ask every family about who they will be filing taxes with this year. On top of that, they are still unable to key recertifications due to system problems. They have to terminate the client's case in EIS (old system) and open it with a new application in NCFAST. This is causing workers to have to go through many steps just to get their case recertified.

NCFAST is having so many problems they have stopped all Adult Medicaid programs from being entered into the system. All of their applications and recertifications are now being entered in the old system. This has helped our disabled and elderly clients to continue to get their benefits timely.

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

Work First is also having challenges with NCFAST. None of the applications they have entered in NCFAST have been processed due to system issues. The referral process between the Cash Assistance unit and the Employment Section is not yet working.

Medicaid Transportation was late this month due to the inclement weather we had.

Housekeeping and maintenance continues to keep our building clean.

Child Support

Child Support prepared 429 cases for court. They are going to court 4 times a month now. Child Support had to go to court on Friday, one of the days the office was closed due to inclement weather. We came to the building with flashlights (due to no power) and gathered cases for court. This unit has one new worker in training and 3 vacancies.

Paralegal

Our paralegal completed 310 orders and 258 Certificates of Service for Child Support Court. She also reviewed 34 orders and 57 Certificates of Service the attorney completed.

Agenda Item #13: PROCLAMATION - SPRING LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION:

Danny Fowler, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Spring Litter Sweep 2014 by the County of Columbus A Proclamation.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2014
by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus annually organizes a spring countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Spring 2014 "**LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place **April 16 through May 05, 2014**, and we encourage local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; **and**

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Columbus County employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, community leaders, local government agencies, community and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during "**LITTER SWEEP**" and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; **and**

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Columbus Countians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; **and**

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid wastes; **and**

WHEREAS, the Spring 2014 **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 5,750 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; **and**

WHEREAS, the "**LITTER SWEEP**" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **April 26 through May 10, 2014**, as "**SPRING LITTER SWEEP**" time in Columbus County, the Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup Day be scheduled for Saturday, May 03, 2014, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**
ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Spring Litter Sweep 2014 by the County of Columbus A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed..

Agenda Item #14: PURCHASING. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

Purchasing data is between July 1, 2013 to Present:

Processed 832 PO's — (last year's total as 1400)

Fleet Maintenance: (data is between August 2013 to present)
113 reported issues to garages (last year's total was 267)
16.1 average per month

Surplus Sale:
Oct 2013
Collected \$11,197 total
\$8,625 from 18 vehicles for an average of \$479.16

Safety data is between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013:

County Safety incidents ... 38 total (54 last year)
Recordable incidents ... 11 (16 last year)
OSHA Consultative visit at Public Utilities, DSS and Admin Building

Mr. Carroll asked if the Board had considered using GovDeals for the surplus property which could possibly generate 30% more revenue. It was the general consensus of the Board not to utilize GovDeals.

Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION - CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 for COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval to execute Change Order Number 2 with Group III Management Company for the Courthouse Annex Project in the amount of fifty thousand, six hundred forty-nine and 93/100 (\$50,649.93) credit.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve Change Order Number 2 with Group III Management Company for the Courthouse Annex Project in the amount of fifty thousand, six hundred forty-nine and 93/100 (\$50,649.93) credit, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #16: LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL - RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE of PROPERTY PURSUANT to N.C.G.S. § 160A-270:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval of the following Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160A-270 for CHAF property in Fair Bluff.

**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, 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:

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, April 28, 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 auction a bid deposit of five percent (5%) 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 this the 17th day of March, 2014

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160A-270 for CHAF property in Fair Bluff, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: 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 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Beaver Management Program Committee | V | Lofton Cox (Resigned) | N/A | HOLD |

| COMMITTEE | DISTRICT /EB | PERSON(S) | EXPIR DATE | BOARD ACTION |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Comm. Motion: Commissioner Byrd Second: Commissioner Prevatte | EB | Judith Ball (1year) | 04/15/2014 | RE-APPOINT |
| | EB | Charles Mercer (1 year) | 05/06/2014 | RE-APPOINT |
| | EB | Marrell Freeman | 03/17/2015 | APPOINT |

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

At 8:33 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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

March 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to FEBRUARY, 2014 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the adjustments to the February, 2014 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.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPLICATION DOCUMENTS for 2013 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of two (2) application documents (Resolutions). **(The required second Public Hearing was conducted on this day at 6:30 P.M. prior to the meeting.)**

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

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

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the Capital Project Ordinance for the Hallsboro Project.

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

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

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by

Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendment:

| TYPE | ACCOUNT | DETAILS | AMOUNT |
|---------------------|----------------|--|--------|
| Expenditures | 10-4310-535300 | M&E Vehicles (Car # McMillan VIN 0686) | 1,597 |
| Revenues | 10-3431-489000 | Sheriff Office Miscellaneous Revenue | 1,597 |

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

| | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|---------|----------|
| <i>Property Value</i> | | | Amount: | \$56.98 |
| Barnhill, David R. & Betty W. | PROPERTY: 00000 | | Total: | \$945.95 |
| Value: \$1,486.00 Year: 10-13 | Account: 07-00120 | | Bill#: | 99999 |
| Release value of mobile home. Burned in 2009. Release Yam City Fire(7.01) release Columbus Rescue(1.41) | | | | |
| <i>Property Value</i> | | | Amount: | \$355.01 |
| Brown, Marchello (ETALS) | PROPERTY: 95620 | | Total: | \$407.93 |
| Value: \$44,100.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 04-05746 | | Bill#: | 42652 |
| Release value of home listed. SHB listed as DW/MH Release Bolton (44.10) release Columbus Rescue(8.82) | | | | |
| <i>Property Value</i> | | | Amount: | \$380.77 |
| Davis, Willie Lee Heirs & Sarah | PROPERTY: 23995 | | Total: | \$521.23 |
| Value: \$50,700.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 13-10200 | | Bill#: | 17433 |
| Release value of D/W. Double listed with prop# 61921. Release Columbus Rescue(9.46) | | | | |
| <i>Property Value</i> | | | Amount: | \$435.29 |
| Suggs, Earl Spurgeon | PROPERTY: 78652 | | Total: | \$435.29 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-13 | Account: 03-24661 | | Bill#: | 99999 |
| Release value of dwelling. Incomplete. | | | | |
| <i>Refunds</i> | | | Amount: | \$110.04 |
| Hall, Athony ETAL | PROPERTY: 24415 | | Total: | \$134.34 |
| Value: \$4,500.00 Year: 09-11 | Account: 13-17075 | | Bill#: | 99999 |
| Refund portion of acreage due to a correction. Refund Klondyke Fire(9.45) refund Columbus Rescue(2.70) refund Water District II(9.45)refund drainage (2.70) | | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Blanks, Pauline G. | PROPERTY: 86939 | | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 07-01429 | | Bill#: | 10708 |
| Release user fee. Can picked up 9/14/10 | | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Boone, Marie | PROPERTY: 8535 | | Total: | \$131.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 04-00970 | | Bill#: | 10848 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Brigman, Sarah Burden | PROPERTY: 10175 | | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 06-02400 | | Bill#: | 11474 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Cartrette, Darrell W. | PROPERTY: 15477 | | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 09-04406 | | Bill#: | 14362 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4/25/05 | | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Cox, Daniel Hartford & Carol H. | PROPERTY: 8378 | | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 03-04157 | | Bill#: | 16205 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Only has 1 can. | | | | |

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| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Davis, Janice W. | PROPERTY: 92580 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 3-02351 | Bill#: | 17258 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Gordon, Earl Ray | PROPERTY: 24344 | Total: | \$1,283.55 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-13 | Account: 13-15480 | Bill#: | 99999 |
| Release user fee. 2 Vacant dwellings. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Gore, Danny Ferrell & Emory Diane | PROPERTY: 6997 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 03-02009 | Bill#: | 23202 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Hammonds, Larry Dale & Deborah W | PROPERTY: 25911 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 13-00318 | Bill#: | 25348 |
| Release user fee. Can picked up 3/2/12 Vacant | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Herbert, L Fisher Trust | PROPERTY: 1551 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 01-04786 | Bill#: | 26612 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Kelly, Reginald & Teresa | PROPERTY: 61923 | Total: | \$89.63 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2006 | Account: 13-22473 | Bill#: | 39538 |
| Release value of 1 lot. Sold for less than total due at tax sale. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Marlowe, Watson Dean | PROPERTY: 13457 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 07-11940 | Bill#: | 33890 |
| Release user fee. Old store vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| McCoy, Catherine | PROPERTY: 3352 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 01-55180 | Bill#: | 34448 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Nobles, Sabrina E. | PROPERTY: 00000 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 13-01325 | Bill#: | 38283 |
| Release user fee Dwelling vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Page, Paul & Doris | PROPERTY: 25249 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 13-31720 | Bill#: | 39027 |
| Release user fee. Has commercial hauler | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Pierce, James E. Jr & Betty Jo | PROPERTY: 00000 | Total: | \$131.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 08-14949 | Bill#: | 39948 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Register, Holly Rana | PROPERTY: 92560 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 03-02333 | Bill#: | 42094 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Spaulding, Willie | PROPERTY: 82572 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 08-17868 | Bill#: | 47108 |
| Release user fee. Dwelling vacant Can picked up 11/24/08 | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Tyson, Kelton & Gladys | PROPERTY: 5663 | Total: | \$436.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 01-97761 | Bill#: | 50887 |
| Release user fee. 2 Vacant dwellings | | | |
| <i>User Fee</i> | | Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Webb, Joseph Marvin ETAL | PROPERTY: 15218 | Total: | \$218.00 |
| Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013 | Account: 08-03534 | Bill#: | 53178 |

Release user fee. Can picked up 3-4-11 DW Vacant.

Agenda Item #23: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Manager:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development and Planning Director: stated the following:

1. We do have a delegation from China coming in on our Sister City arrangement;
2. They will come into town on March 31, 2014, I will pick them up at the airport in Raleigh;
3. They will be here on another trip, and they wanted to stop by Columbus County;
4. Monday night, we will have a get together, and April 1, 2014, we will have lunch;
5. This will be a new group, with only one (1) person that visited before;
6. I will get the information to the Board members as soon as the arrangements are made; **and**
7. I have been doing some traveling, and have received some stated interest in the Tortimex building.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. Danny, the sign on old Lumberton Road is quitting on us again; **and**
 - b. As of today, how many signups do we have for the reduced water hookup fee?
Danny replied stating that we have thirty-three (33), and the deadline is April 01, 2014.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated, Mr. Clark, I have a lady that serves on the Animal Control Board complaining about the hours being cut back. Maybe Rossie could get more involved with that board and let them know what is going on and get their input.
3. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - a. We had a good trip to Washington, D.C.; **and**
 - b. We can be very proud of North Carolina, we had the largest delegation of anyone in the United States and they are very active on the national level.
4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. Mr. Fowler, how many signups do we have on Hallsboro, 139 I think?;
Danny Fowler replied stating on the Acme part, I can't tell you, but we have had 95 on the Hallsboro part.
 - b. It has been brought to my attention that in the eastern end of the County on Highway 74-76 where Highway 87 intersects in the Delco area, and he brought it to my attention that on the west bound side, the speed limit is 45 miles per hour, and on the east lane, the speed limit is 55 miles per hour;
 - c. At the present time, the right hand side of the road has as many vehicles; **and**
 - d. I would like for this Board to write a letter to Drew Cox with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and ask them to consider lowering the speed limit to 45 miles per hour on both sides of the road where Highway 87 connects into Highway 74-76, in the Delco area.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to send a letter Drew Cox with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and ask them to consider lowering the speed limit to 45 miles per hour on both sides of the road where Highway 87 connects into Highway 74-76 in the Delco area, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

- a. The past Saturday, a week ago, the North Whiteville Fire Department had a barbecue, and I would like for a Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition for Volunteerism be prepared and presented to them at the next Board Meeting;

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for a Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition for Volunteerism be prepared and presented to North Whiteville Fire Department at the April 07, 2014 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- b. At the February 17, 2014 Board Meeting, and at the March 03, 2014 Board Meeting, the Board unanimously passed a motion for a letter to be sent to Duke Energy Progress expressing dissatisfaction with their response time and debris removal policy;
 - c. The letters that were sent to Duke Energy Progress did not adhere to the unanimous vote of the Board; **and**
 - d. No one individual Board member has the power to make changes to the unanimous vote of the Board.
6. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
- a. The Columbus County EMS is now at the paramedic level;
 - b. The hours at the Columbus County Animal Control have been changed to 12:00 Noon until 4:00 P.M., and this needs to be publicized; **and**
 - c. The Farm Days at the Boys Home at the Lake was another record breaker and they got rained out on Sunday.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
- a. Just a reminder that the meeting with the school boards will be tomorrow night at 6:00 P.M., at Southeastern Community College, in the T-Building; **and**
 - b. The hearing on the debt setoff issue with a customer in Water District IV has been held, and we did work out a resolution with the gentleman.
- D. **County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:
1. We exercised the Option to Purchase on the property from Sam's Pit Stop last Friday; **and**
 2. The water tank property is Columbus County property now.

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

At 8:49 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs 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, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23A: 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 8:59 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

The Commissioners discussed a complaint received alleging issues involving DSS employees. The Board of Commissioners instructed the County Manger to investigate the complaint.

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

Agenda Item #24: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:01 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. 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, March 17, 2014

8:33 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 8:33 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 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 March 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to FEBRUARY, 2014 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the February, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District I.

February 2014 Adjustments for Water District I

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2/5/2014 | 208280.00 97 | HAROLD SHOUN | \$41.00 | RETURNED CHECK |

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2/5/2014 | 208280.00 97 | HAROLD SHOUN | \$25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 2/5/2014 | 207340.00 97 | PATRICK SIMMONS | \$80.00 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 2/5/2014 | 207340.00 97 | PATRICK SIMMONS | \$25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 2/5/2014 | 204900.00 98 | JUDY JENRETTE | \$38.00 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 2/5/2014 | 204900.00 98 | JUDY JENRETTE | \$25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 2/5/2014 | 603820.00 94 | MARISSA STACKHOUSE | \$46.00 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 2/5/2014 | 603820.00 94 | MARISSA STACKHOUSE | \$25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 2/10/2014 | 208240.00 98 | DENNIS SCOTT | \$(344.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/17/2014 | 100490.00 98 | TAMMY HAMMOND | \$(43.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/14/2014 | 404560.00 98 | DELL GORE | \$(52.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/21/2014 | 208280.00 97 | HAROLD SHOUN | \$103.00 | RETURNED BANK DRAFT |
| 2/21/2014 | 208280.00 97 | HAROLD SHOUN | \$25.00 | RETURNED BANK DRAFT FEE |

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

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, March 17, 2014
8:33 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 8:33 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 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 March 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to FEBRUARY, 2014 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the February, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

February 2014 Adjustments for Water District II

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 2/5/2014 | 132676.00 98 | ROCEDA HANEY | \$(4.00) | INCORRECT METER READING |
| 2/4/2014 | 141500.00 97 | JOHN SHIRDEN | \$(205.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2/4/2014 | 133587.00 98 | SABRINA OLIVER | \$25.00 | RETURNED CHECK FEE |
| 2/4/2014 | 133587.00 98 | SABRINA OLIVER | \$46.00 | RETURNED CHECK |
| 2/11/2014 | 120450.00 91 | RONNIE STEWART | \$50.00 | METER TAMPERING FEE |
| 2/11/2014 | 143765.00 97 | EVERGREEN BEHAVIORAL | \$(725.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/11/2014 | 130137.00 98 | BRIAN MCPHERSON | \$(25.00) | BILLING ERROR |
| 2/7/2014 | 140700.00 98 | GEREDINE POWERS | \$(24.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/21/2014 | 111840.00 98 | MARY C SMITH | \$25.00 | RETURNED BANK DRAFT |
| 2/21/2014 | 111840.00 98 | MARY C SMITH | \$25.00 | RETURNED BANK DRAFT FEE |
| 2/24/2014 | 141220.00 97 | BESSIE DENNIS | \$(42.00) | POSTING ERROR |

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

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPLICATION DOCUMENTS for 2013 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following two (2) application documents (Resolutions). **(The required second Public Hearing was conducted on this day at 6:30 P.M. prior to the meeting.)**

**RESOLUTION OF COLUMBUS COUNTY
TO ASSIST IN FUNDING
A PROPOSED FY13 NC CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Columbus County recognizes that its community development needs require concerted action by the county and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the county has surveyed community infrastructure needs, including holding two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding for water improvements to benefit low to moderate income persons; and,

WHEREAS, the county wishes to seek all possible sources of community development assistance to help with the improvement of public water service to serve low to moderate income-occupied areas; and,

WHEREAS, the county certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Columbus County, that the county hereby commits

\$52,500 in local funds to the proposed project to improve the competitive rating of the application and to underwrite its commitment to community development in general.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of March, 2014, in Whiteville, North Carolina.

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

ATTEST:

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

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RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, Title I of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, has established the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in funding the cost of construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of water and wastewater infrastructure, and that the North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources (NCDENR) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) was delegated the authority by the state legislature to administer the water and wastewater infrastructure portion of the state grant monies received from the U.S. HUD CDBG program by Session Law 2013-360, Section 15.15(a) as amended by Section 5.3 of Session Law 2013-363, and

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY has need for and intends to construct water improvements described as: Installation of new water lines in Columbus County Water & Sewer District II, and

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

That COLUMBUS COUNTY, the **Applicant**, will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system.

That COLUMBUS COUNTY will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That William Clark, **Columbus County Manager**, the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of COLUMBUS COUNTY with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That COLUMBUS COUNTY has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to

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Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of March, 2014 at Whiteville, North Carolina.

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

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting County Clerk of COLUMBUS COUNTY does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally-convened meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 17th day of March 2014; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of March, 2014.

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the two (2) application documents (Resolutions), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, March 17, 2014
8:33 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 8:33 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 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 March 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to FEBRUARY, 2014 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the February, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

February 2014 Adjustments for Water District III

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|----------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2/5/2014 | 350930.00 98 | ELAINE HARRIS | \$(116.00) | INCORRECT METER READING |

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| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2/17/2014 | 380710.00 98 | FRED BROWN | \$(37.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/17/2014 | 371792.00 98 | SANDRA GORE | \$(896.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/20/2014 | 370870.00 98 | JERRY TYLER | \$(96.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/24/2014 | 331547.00 97 | PHIL COLLIER | \$37.00 | POSTING ERROR |

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

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, March 17, 2014

8:33 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 8:33 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 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 March 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to FEBRUARY, 2014 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the February, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

February 2014 Adjustments for Water District IV

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|----------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2/4/2014 | 430367.00 98 | JAMES KEITH JR | \$(360.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| 2/5/2014 | 410620.00 98 | CLARENCE CARR | \$(368.00) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |
| 2/18/2014 | 430097.00 98 | MARY BROWN | \$(651.00) | CUSTOMER PASSED AWAY IN APRIL 2010 |
| 2/28/2014 | 430050.00 98 | CHARLES & ETTA HIGH | \$600.00 | SETTLEMENT ADJUSTMENT |
| 2/28/2014 | 430050.00 98 | CHARLES & ETTA HIGH | \$(600.00) | SETTLEMENT ADJUSTMENT |
| 2/28/2014 | 430050.00 98 | CHARLES & ETTA HIGH | \$(178.00) | SETTLEMENT ADJUSTMENT |

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

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV - HALLSBORO PROJECT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the following Capital Project Ordinance for the Hallsboro Project.

**Water and Sewer District IV - Hallsboro Project
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
Adoption Date: March 17, 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 Water District IV Hallsboro Project.

Section 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the project.

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

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project as of April 2014.

| ACCOUNT # | TITLE | AMOUNT |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 45-3720-439101 | USDA Rural Development Loan | \$1,337,000.00 |
| 45-3718-489033 | USDA Rural Development Grant | \$1,119,300.00 |
| 45-3720-439845 | District IV Contribution | \$64,700.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$2,521,000.00 |

Section 5. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

| ACCOUNT # | TITLE | AMOUNT |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 45-7114-558001 | Construction | \$1,998,806.00 |
| 45-7114-519902 | PER and EA | \$25,000.00 |
| 45-7114-519901 | Engineer Basic Services | \$130,925.00 |
| 45-7114-559800 | Construction Inspection Fees | \$160,600.00 |
| 45-7114-519047 | Geotechnical Contract | \$7,500.00 |
| 45-7114-519903 | Easement Surveys | \$7,500.00 |
| 45-7114-519940 | Permits | \$850.00 |
| 45-7114-557000 | Land | \$25,000.00 |
| 45-7114-519101 | Legal Fees | \$35,000.00 |
| 45-7114-575000 | Interest (Interim Construction) | \$30,000.00 |
| 45-7114-549956 | Contingency | \$99,819.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$2,521,000.00 |

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 this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2014

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Water and Sewer District IV - Hallsboro Project, Capital Project Ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, March 17, 2014

8:33 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 8:33 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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 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 March 03, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of ADJUSTMENTS to FEBRUARY, 2014 MONTHLY WATER BILLS:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following adjustments to the February, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

February 2014 Adjustments for Water District V

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 2/7/2014 | 701999.00 98 | Mary Cribb | (16) | Customer Leak Requested |
| 2/19/2014 | 800455.00 98 | Leeann Stutts | (224) | CUSTOMER LEAK REQUESTED |

| DATE | ACCT # | ACCT NAME | ADJ AMT | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-----------|--------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 2/21/2014 | 709999.00 98 | Chester Jenrette | 25 | Posting Error |
| 2/21/2014 | 709999.50 98 | Eva Gore | (25) | Posting Error |

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the adjustments to the February, 2014 monthly water bills for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman