

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, December 01, 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 first 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 - Re-Naming of Henry Gines Road, State Road #1405: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments, either written or oral, from any interested party.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments, either written or oral, from any interested party on the re-naming of Henry Gines Road, State Road #1405. Chairman Russ requested that Michael Hampton 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. No comments were received, either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:33 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

6:33 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the December 01, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

OATHS OF OFFICE - RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The Oaths of Office were administered to the following re-elected Columbus County Commissioners by June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, and The Honorable Sherry Dew Prince, District Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District.

December 01, 2014**NORTH CAROLINA****COUNTY OF COLUMBUS****OATH OF OFFICE**

“I, AMON E. MCKENZIE, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities

which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, District I
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 1st day of December, 2014.

/s/ JUNE B. HALL
CLERK TO THE BOARD
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ MIKE STEPHENS
COLUMBUS COUNTY ATTORNEY

December 01, 2014

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, RICKY BULLARD, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, District VI
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 1st day of December, 2014.

/s/ SHERRY DEW PRINCE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL
CLERK to BOARD of
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 01, 2014

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, CHARLES T. McDOWELL, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL, District VII
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 1st day of December, 2014.

/s/ **SHERRY DEW PRINCE**
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
CLERK to BOARD of
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

After the Oaths of Office were administered to the re-elected County commissioners, the new Board members were seated on the Board.

Agenda Item #2: RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN:

Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, presided as Acting Chairman for the election of the new Chairman and new Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for the upcoming year. The acting Chairman stated the following:

1. At this time, we will proceed with the election of officers for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman for a term of one (1) year;
2. We will proceed with the election of the officers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-39, and also the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as adopted on February 04, 2008;
3. Rule Number 6 states in part, of which I will read, “...*the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office.*”;
4. In order to do that, if we have more than one (1) person nominated for either of the offices, then the election will take the manner of going in reverse order, until we get a majority vote;
and
5. At this time, I will open the floor for the nomination for the position of Chairman.

Nominations for Chairman:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to nominate Commissioner Trent Burroughs as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any other nominations for Chairman. No other nominations were stated. Mr. Stephens stated the nominations are now closed. Those in favor of Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs to serve as Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. The motion unanimously passed.

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Commissioner McDowell nominated Commissioner Ricky Bullard for the position of Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairman. No other nominations were stated. Mr. Stephens stated the nominations for Vice Chairman are now closed. Those in favor of Commissioner Bullard to serve as Vice Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. The nomination unanimously passed.

Mr. Stephens stated that Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs will serve in the position of Chairman to the Board, and Commissioner Ricky Bullard will serve in the position of Vice Chairman for the ensuing one (1) year term. Congratulations to both gentlemen, I look forward to working with you, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman Trent Burroughs.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES

ANNUAL ROTATION of CHAIRS:

Commissioner Byrd stated while the Board was in the process of re-organization, the rotation of the seating arrangements needed to change, and this be done on an annual basis.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that the seating arrangements rotate annually with those on opposite ends of the Board’s table rotating toward the center, where the Chairman presides, and the others to move down one (1) seat, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte.

Vice Chairman Bullard stated he liked his seat and did not wish to rotate.

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

AYES: Chairman Burroughs, Commissioners McKenzie, Byrd, Prevatte, Russ and McDowell; **and**

NAYS: Vice Chairman Bullard.

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE to OUTGOING CHAIRMAN P. EDWIN RUSS:

Chairman Trent Burroughs presented the following plaque to the outgoing Chairman P. Edwin Russ.

PRESENTED TO:

P. EDWIN RUSS

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THIS THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2014

in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

as CHAIRMAN to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

12-02-2013 - 12-01-2014

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #3: SURETY BONDS - EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Surety Bonds, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIR DATE
Bobbie Faircloth	Finance Officer (Columbus County)	\$50,000	Indefinite
Bobbie Faircloth	Travel and Tourism Board	\$50,000	Indefinite
Lewis L. Hatcher	Sheriff	\$25,000	01-07-2015
Needom G. Hughes, IV	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	11-25-2015

NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIR DATE
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Betty McKeithan	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	Indefinite
Linwood Cartrette	Coroner	\$15,000	12-06-2015
William H. Hannah, Sr.	Assistant Coroner	\$15,000	12-06-2015
Kandance Whitehead	Register of Deeds	\$10,000	12-04-2016

Agenda Items #4 and #5: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

Agenda Item #7: NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - UPDATE VIDEO:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board presented a seven (7) minutes update video from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Agenda Item #8: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433: stated the following:

1. Congratulations to the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman; **and**
2. I would like to thank you again for your vote on the Resolution regarding same-sex marriage.

Agenda Item #10: EMERGENCY SERVICES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Manager, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

Emergency Management

- Working on updating County Emergency Operations Plan
- Received grant to hire contractor to update the County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Received EMPG grant for \$29,691.28
- County received Storm Ready certification from NWS
- Working on Ebola exercise to be held at the end of the year parties involved include, 911 EM, EMS, Law Enforcement and Hospital
- Received CAMEL trailer and equipment grant to help support the operations of a pet friendly shelter. Currently working on developing procedures.
- Received credentialing grant for all surrounding counties to have the capability to print ID Badges to be used in emergency situations.
- Received digital message board, via NCEM, grant that can be placed on location to warn of emergency events such as accidents, delays, missing persons, flood areas, dense smoke, etc.

911 – Columbus Central Communications

- Dispatches for 22 fire and EMS departments, 6 municipal Police Departments and Columbus County Sheriff's Office. Also dispatch for Forestry Service, SCC Campus Security, Department of Transportation, Animal Control, Utility Companies, Department of Social Services, Emergency Management, Fire Marshal and Juvenile Justice.
- Working to have all positions filled. Currently have 1 vacancy.
- Breakdown of calls responded to from January 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014:

- o Total EMS calls – 12,906
- o Total fire calls – 6,044
- o Total Law Enforcement calls – 46,799
- o Other calls such as DOT, Utility – 4,977
- o Total 911 calls received – 49,338
- o Total 10 digit emergency calls – 7,050
- o Administrative – 155,354
(Non-emergency calls that also include FBPD and CCSO after hours calls)
- In planning stages of text to 911 that includes four larger wireless carriers (Verizon, Tmobile, AT&T and Sprint)
- In process of major phone upgrade
- NC 911 Board proposing all 911 centers to be audited every 3 years. We have been given 15 page draft of audit packet.
- In July 2014, Governor McCrory signed Legislation Requiring 911 Center Backup Plans. 911 funds can be used for equipment and items needed for inside of center but cannot be used for foundation or a building (brick and mortar). Currently of the 127 PSAPs in NC only 26 have backup plans. Backup needs to be in place by 2016.

Fire Marshal's Office

- From January 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014 the following is a breakdown of activities:
 - o Investigated 92 fires
(69 structure fires, 8 vehicle fires, 13 illegal burns, 2 grass fires)
 - o Conducted 277 fire inspections including schools, businesses, daycares, foster homes and group homes
 - o Plan Reviews total 22
 - o Issued 19 permits (fire alarms, fireworks and sprinkler systems)
 - o Installed 146 smoke detectors purchased with funds received from State Fire Marshal Grant
 - o Started working with new fire inspections software
 - o Scott Merritt, Fire Marshal, has resigned effective 12-5-14
 - o Will begin working with ARC in January to install smoke detectors through campaign ARC is working on across North Carolina.
- Large Projects
 - o All schools inspected for the year
 - o Working on new courthouse project trying to complete building
 - o Working on SCC auditorium renovations
 - o Working on Black's Tire addition (adding employee break room)
 - o Working with architect in new plans for renovation of old courthouse
- Completed Projects
 - o Black's Tire added new addition to existing warehouse
 - o PTCC Industries (Amusement Company) added 2 new buildings
 - o West Frasier Lumber in Riegelwood – lumber sheds and stacker building
 - o All County schools have been inspected

911 Addressing

- From January 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014 the following is a breakdown of activities:
 - o Total of 217 new addresses issued (new homes, barns, structures, fire hydrants, etc)
 - o Total of 1,093 addresses updated (change of ownership, replacement of structures, description updates, etc.)
 - o Special needs registry has 39 registered residents
 - o Sign technician has installed approximately 182 road signs
 - o Working on updating addressing database by taking pictures of structures that are not currently on the database. These pictures are attached to the GIS website as well.

EMS

- Implemented Ebola protocols
- Conducted planning meetings to discuss policy for Ebola patients with EMS and law enforcement
- Working on updating EMS System Plan in which the county is required to update by 2015. Every EMS agency also has to complete paperwork to be submitted with county EMS System Plan.
- Received SERAC grant trailer that houses mass casualty/hospital equipment that can be easily transported to a disaster scene.

Radio System

- Sites approved
 - o Fair Bluff, Tabor City, Delco, Lake Waccamaw
- Not approved
 - o 911 center, Chadbourn, Nakina
 - o 911 center alternative is to locate equipment on water tank, located on Hay Street, in the city of Whiteville
 - o Chadbourn alternative is Time Warner Cable is going to build new tower
 - o Nakina alternative is NC Highway Patrol proposing to build new tower

***Keep in mind when Kenwood gave us proposal on needed modifications to system, this included tower sites at 911 center, existing Chadbourn site and existing Nakina site because these have had to be changed there may be additional expenses.**

***Chadbourn site is home to our county paging system. This too will be another expense because old tower is being replaced the old tower is not structurally sound to climb, equipment may be required to be replaced. Should know more details in the upcoming weeks.**

- Continuing to work on interoperability of communications with our county and surrounding counties, state and federal agencies.
- All radios are being programmed and reprogrammed by our department

Agenda Item #11: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following monthly administrative update to the Board.

During the month of November, we did not have our monthly staff meeting due to the Crisis Program, which was held in our conference room. Updates and other information have been communicated via e-mail.

We are continuing to experience system issues, while attempting to process applications and re-certifications for Medicaid, as well as for Food & Nutrition. NCFAST issues continue to be a problem across the State. There was a firewall issue at the State level which caused problems the week of November 17 through November 23. We continue to have untimely Medicaid applications and re-certifications in NCFAST. We currently have 356 untimely pending applications. Workers are stressed and we continue to have vacancies.

On November 19-23, I attended budget template training conducted by the State Local Business Liaisons. During this session, we reviewed the changes to the budget template and talked about new line items for the 2015/16 fiscal year. This was a very informative session. The following two days, the Eastern Regional Directors' meeting was held. During the Directors' session, we were told the State is working on some cluster meetings for Supervisors in all areas.

We were encouraged to continue to work on untimely applications and re-certifications. Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act has begun and citizens are applying. We do not know how many applications will be sent down to North Carolina at this point. This enrollment period will end February 15, 2015.

On November 25, 2014, I met with the Day Care Subsidy Supervisors and we reviewed our spending levels this year. We also reviewed the waiting list for Day Care. We have decided to remove about 75 children from the Child Care waiting list. We will continue to monitor our spending as we implement the new policy changes. There are about 405 children on our list.

We continue to take crisis applications; however, they have been slow. At this point, we have spent \$269,807.22 and assisted 1,051 applicants. There is a balance of \$10,400.00.

On December 1, 2014, we will begin taking applications for the LIEAP Program, for those individuals 60 years old; or older; or disabled, who are also receiving services from the Division of Aging and Adult Services. This will be a one time payment sent directly to the power or gas company. We received \$425,264.00 for the LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program).

The North Carolina General Assembly set aside funding, during its budget process this year, to look at Child Protective Services caseloads across the State. The purpose is to provide additional staff to counties to help reduce caseload sizes, in an effort to improve services to children and families. We have received notification that Columbus County is one of the 30 counties who will receive funding for additional CPS staff. The Division of Social Services is working with these counties on using these funds.

During the month of November, I attended the Job Link Leadership Team and Columbus County Transportation Advisory meetings.

Our agency is planning to have its Christmas luncheon on December 18, 2014, beginning at 12 noon. We will be sending a formal invitation to the Board of Commissioners soon. We hope you can attend.

Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - RESOLUTION and AGREEMENT for DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS WITH BB&T and SUNTRUST:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, requested Board approval and adoption of the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with BB&T and Suntrust Banks.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account with BB&T, and the Deposit Account Resolution and Authorization for Business Entities with SunTrust, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of these two (2) documents will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #13: HISTORIC COURTHOUSE - RENOVATIONS PROJECT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested the Board to adopt the Solicitation for Contractors' Statements of Qualifications Policy for the Renovations Project at the Historic Courthouse.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Solicitation for Contractors' Statements of Qualifications Policy for the Renovations Project at the Historic Courthouse, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #14: GOVERNING BODY - RE-NAMING of HENRY GINES ROAD, STATE ROAD NUMBER 1405:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard, on behalf of Harriet McDowell, requested the Board's approval to re-name Henry Gines Road to Gowans Vann Road. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted on this date prior to the meeting.)**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve to re-name Henry Gines Road, State Road Number 1405, to Gowans Vann Road, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: GOVERNING BODY - VOTING DELEGATE for the 2015 LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested the Board to designate a voting delegate for the 2015 Legislative Goals Conference in Pinehurst.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to designate Chairman Trent Burroughs to be the voting delegate for the 2015 Legislative Goals Conference in Pinehurst, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: NOTICE and RESOLUTION - CANCELLATION of DECEMBER 15, 2014 BOARD MEETING, UNLESS NEEDED:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus

County, North Carolina.

**NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

_____The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 1st day of December, 2014, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 15, 2014, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 05, 2015.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of December, 2014.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

SIGNATORY RESOLUTION
by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the said Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, have due authority to sign, execute and administer any and all documents on behalf, and in the best interest, of Columbus County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 1st day of December, 2014, Commissioner Trent Burroughs has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Ricky Bullard has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2015.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of December, 2014.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT / EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Emergency Communications Oversight Committee	I VI VII	Thurman Roseboro Deuce Niven Edwin Ezzell	12/2014 12/2014 12/2014	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Board of Health (Columbus County) Motion: Byrd Second: McDowell	EB II IV	Peggy Blackmon (At Large) Darryl Diefes A. Dial Gray, III	12-31-2014 12-31-2014 12-31-2014	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Columbus Regional Healthcare System Board of Trustees (Bylaws - 2 Sitting County Commissioners) Motion: McKenzie Second: Prevatte	EB EB	Giles E. Byrd Trent Burroughs	12-01-2013 12-01-2013	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
EMS Peer Review Committee (Bylaws - 2 County Commissioners) Motion: McKenzie Second: Byrd	EB EB	James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ	1 st Meeting in December	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Fire Peer Review Committee (Bylaws - 2 County Commissioners) Motion: McKenzie Second: Byrd	EB EB	Ricky Bullard Charles T. McDowell	1 st Meeting in December	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Home and Community Care Block Grant	IV	Ervin Stocks (Resigned)	06-30-216	Robert Adams
Housing Advisory Committee Motion: McKenzie Second: McDowell	EB	Ricky Bullard	06-30-2014	Re-Appoint

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT / EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee Motion: Byrd Second: Prevatte	EB EB	Dan Watts Ina Brown	11/04/2014 11/01/2014	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	I VI VII	Clarence H. Williams Worley T. Edwards * Melissa Jones	12/2014 12/2014 12/2014	Re-Appoint HOLD * Re-Appoint
Southeastern Economic Development Commission Motion: Prevatte Second: Byrd	EB	Ricky Bullard	12/20/2014	Re-Appoint
Travel and Tourism Board	I VI VII	Evelyn Anderson Chandler Worley Rhonda Dutton	12/2014 12/2014 12/2014	HOLD Re-Appoint Re-Appoint

***NOTE:** Worley T. Edwards was appointed by telephone on December 02, 2014 - per: Vice Chairman Bullard.

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

At 7:46 P.M., Commissioner Russ 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I and II, and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts III, IV and V.

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

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5161-526001	Family Planning Departmental Supplies	(583)
Revenues	10-3510-430031	Family Planning State Grant	(583)
Expenditures	10-5162-512100	IAP Salaries	3,000
	10-5162-518100	IAP FICA	500

	10-5162-518200	IAP Retirement	500
	10-5162-518300	IAP Insurance	1,000
	10-5162-526001	IAP Dept Supplies	1,936
Revenues	10-3510-430032	Immunizations Action State	6,936
Expenditures	10-5167-512100	Maternal Health Salaries	(4,385)
Revenues	10-3510-430035	Maternal Health State Grant	(4,385)

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$15.30
Blackmon, Patrick J & Patricia A.	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$18.93
Value: \$0.00	Year: 13-14	Account: 03-04115	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. DBL Act# 03-02216. Release Old Dock Fire(1.52) release Columbus Rescue(.38) release late list(1.73)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$6.60
Jarrett, Patrick	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$8.15
Value: \$810.00	Year: 2012	Account: 03-02216	Bill#:	19442
Release value of boat. DBL Act# 03-04115. Release Old Dock Fire(.65) release Columbus Rescue(.16) release late list(.74)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$320.85
Long, Richard Christopher	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$396.58
Value: \$11,835.00	Year: 12-14	Account: 03-03933	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Boat was never in Columbus County. Release Old Dock Fire(31.74) release Columbus Rescue(7.94) release late list(36.05)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$530.50
McCray, Anthony (ETALS)	PROPERTY: 12108		Total:	\$827.58
Value: \$65,900.00	Year: 2014	Account: 06-02510	Bill#:	84627
Release value of dwelling. Transfer error. See Prop#12108&12117. Release Yam City(65.90) release Columbus Rescue(13.18)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$8.05
Smith, George R. & Donna J.	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$228.18
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 2014	Account: 06-33387	Bill#:	18112
Release value of mobile home. Double billed. Release Yam City (1.00) release Columbus Rescue(.20) release late list(.93)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$67.38
Williamson, Priscilla	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$305.00
Value: \$8,370.00	Year: 2014	Account: 15-02772	Bill#:	4726
Release value of s/w. Mobile home is in New Hanover County. Release Acme Delco(10.04) release Columbus Rescue(1.67) release late list(7.91)				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Jerry Wayne & Margie R.	PROPERTY: 79809		Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 09-04425	Bill#:	66565
Refund user fee. No can at this address.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Formyduval, Ishmael (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 6875		Total:	\$236.13
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 03-03818	Bill#:	99999
Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 336 Dock Rd.-11/13/14 Can picked up 364 Dock Rd. -1/24/12				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Roger Delane	PROPERTY: 75156		Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 09-06120	Bill#:	66618
Release user fee Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/14/07				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Elkins, Johnny R. & Glenda G.	PROPERTY: 9689		Total:	\$90.91
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 05-01807	Bill#:	69087
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hardwick, Darcy Daryl & Crystal Velvet	PROPERTY: 15757		Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 09-01170	Bill#:	75623

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 8/23/12

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hayes, A L & Martha	PROPERTY: 86619	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 16-05957	Bill#: 76140
Release user fee. M/H burned 2009.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Henry O Milligan Revocable Trust & Lou	PROPERTY: 77494	Total:	\$127.15
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 07-03623	Bill#: 76667
Release portion of user fee. Can picked up 5/7/14			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Johnson, John Clark	PROPERTY: 11260	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 06-21240	Bill#: 79993
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Little, James R. & Laura Fergus	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 15-04203	Bill#: 82695
Release user fee. No can at this address.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Marsha Milligan Trust	PROPERTY: 11700	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 06-03909	Bill#: 84061
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2/23/09			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McCray, Nathine	PROPERTY: 11420	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 06-04943	Bill#: 84649
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pridgen Sandra Hooks	PROPERTY: 16626	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 09-05336	Bill#: 91291
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2010..			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thurman, Goldie Ruth (Dec)	PROPERTY: 20291	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 11-27623	Bill#: 137
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 8/17/10.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
White, Corena M.	PROPERTY: 86282	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 13-04426	Bill#: 3508
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.			

Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** I wish each and everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas.
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I wish everyone a very happy, joyous and safe holiday season.
3. **Vice Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like for Mr. Clark to look into the way they are accepting applications through the Employment Security Commission, because it is a hassle for some people;
 - B. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas; **and**
 - C. I thank you for the support I had to be elected again as County Commissioner, I am here to serve the people, and anytime you need to contact me, please feel free to do so.
4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - A. Sheriff, did everybody get re-hired today in the Sheriff's Office?;

- Sheriff Hatcher replied stating no sir.
- B. As Chairman for the past year, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff, to all the County employees, my fellow Board members for all of your help during this past year;
 - C. We have accomplished many things together;
 - D. This past year, we had a balanced budget with no tax increase, and we were able to give our employees a 2% pay increase;
 - E. We have had an eventful year - Sheriff Batten resigned and long-time Clerk of Court, Shelia Pridgen announced that she was not going to run for e-election;
 - F. We had issues with the Lake Waccamaw Fire Department and the Nakina Fire Department;
 - G. I would like to thank Mr. Clark, Mr. Stephens and the staff for my success as Chairman; **and**
 - H. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.
5. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to congratulate the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman;
 - B. In the sixteen (16) years that I have been on the Board, the early announcement about the Chairman was new to me, and the first time it was done, and that decision should be made at the first meeting in December;
 - C. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and please try to be safe;
 - D. Sheriff Hatcher, I am glad to have you aboard; **and**
 - E. Merry Christmas to my colleagues and have a Happy New Year.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to congratulate the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman, and I look forward to working with you;
 - B. Please be consistent with the information for all the Board members, throughout the year;
 - C. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year;
 - D. We have accomplished a lot this year; **and**
 - E. I look forward to working with everyone, and I hope we have a prosperous year.
7. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
- A. I am honored and humble to serve as your Chairman, and I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me;
 - B. With everyone's help and continued support, I think we will have a successful year; **and**
 - C. I wish everybody Happy Holidays.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
- 1. I would like to thank Commissioner Russ for his service as Chairman, and I have enjoyed working with you;
 - 2. I would like to congratulate Commissioner Burroughs and Commissioner Bullard for your election as Chairman and Vice Chairman, and I look forward to working with both of you; **and**
 - 3. I would like to introduce Anthony Jolly, the Interim Maintenance Supervisor, to replace Tony Soles, and we are taking applications for the Maintenance Supervisor.

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:01 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 01, 2014
7:46 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
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 7:46 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 01, 2014

7:46 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
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 7:46 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 01, 2014

7:46 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
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 7:46 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 01, 2014

7:46 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
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 7:46 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 01, 2014

7:46 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:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 P. Edwin Russ
 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 7:46 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman