

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 2, 2015

6:30 P. M

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time In the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex building, located at 112 West Smith St., Whiteville, NC, for the purpose of conducting their regularly scheduled meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**  
Samantha Alsop, **Deputy Clerk**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Edwin Russ

**APPOINTEES ABSENT:**

June Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

**Public Hearing** – Relative to the intention of Columbus County to apply for FY 2015 CDBG funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II. At 6:30 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the public hearing to order and stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to allow citizens to provide oral and written comments on the County's use of CDBG funds. Attorney Mike Stephens orally read the entire policy on comments at public hearings.

Mr. Reed Whitesell, Senior Planner with Holland Consulting Planners, spoke to the Board. Mr. Whitesell stated that this is the County's second attempt in the 2014 cycle, which was in October and that the County was four points away from the next funded application. The amount of CDBG funding available for the State of North Carolina for fiscal year 2015 will be about \$40 million, \$26 million of that will go to water and sewer projects and \$14 million will go to economic development projects.

The first public hearing that you had last month will cover you for any economic development funds you wish to apply for. If have a business that comes into the county and wants water and sewer help, you are already covered under your first public hearing so you only have to have a second public hearing for that project.

This project is a water project which consists of about 43,000 linear feet and a 6', 4' and 2' water lines and hydrants for Water and Sewer District II, which includes Ice Plant Road, Silver Spoon Road, Braswell Road and some areas immediately southwest of Chadborn. The project will serve approximately 125 residents. The estimated CDBG application is \$1,296,000. Additionally, you have a resolution before you later tonight which you already approved last year for a \$52,800 match, committed from Columbus County to this project.

Staff conducted door-to-door surveys for last year's application and came out with about 71% low to moderate income benefit and they accepted our survey information. We're going to have to come up with a little bit better map for them, that is something they asked for in their review. But the project does meet low to moderate income criteria; actually, it is fairly high for a large water project. Additionally, you have a high poverty rate and a low to median household income for Columbus County and that helps with your points as well. We were advised by Julie Cubeta with NC DEHNR it is a very competitive project. She urged you to resubmit your application for this year. She cannot guarantee anything, it has gotten very competitive and the high amount per grant is up to \$3 million dollars. This is basically taking a lot of people out of it so we will have to just wait and see.

One of the reasons for the public hearing is to allow the public to ask about this project or any past project, open or closed, CDBG projects that the County has had in the past include scattered site projects, infrastructure projects and economic development projects. I have worked on some of those and they were very successful. I am not aware of any outstanding monitoring findings or problems with any of your existing projects. However, if people are interested in addressing a concern about a past project, they can do so at this public hearing.

Finally, there will be no displacement of people on this waterline project. If you do have the project funded, when we adopt the policies for this project, we will adopt a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance plan. This is just pro forma even though there are no housing activities proposed.

Furthermore, the notice that was published for the public hearing gave the name and address of the County manager's office including information for the hearing impaired, a TDD number. Also given was a comment time of Friday, January 30, 2015 for comments. So, the required component has been covered by your actual formal written notice.

Commissioner McKenzie asked about the points that our project received and Mr. Whitesell responded we were four points away from being funded. The lowest project received 113 points we received 109 points. Several of the projects that were funded received extra points this past cycle for "notice of violations" and "special orders of consent" provisions in their project. There are not many of those statewide. Several of those got funded so hopefully, that will keep the points down. Some projects got up to 130 points. He explained there or two funding cycles with the first one being March 31 and the second one being September 30. Basically, if not approved in March, the application will roll over to the September funding cycle. Chairman Burroughs asked whether or not when they met last week did they look to see if anything could be done about improving the County's score. Mr. Whitesell responded that he had spoken to them and one thing that could be improved on was the capital asset management plan. They did deduct two points because the sewer facility plant was not included in the plan, but as he understood it we only have one sewer system and that is leased. We are going to make sure we put that in and get the six points for that asset management plan. He will discuss with Mr. Green on Thursday and then he would make sure that Gail Edwards gets that information to the water department so that the language is included in the CD that will go to Raleigh in March.

Chairman Burroughs asked Mr. Whitesell did he see any other items we could pour some points into that may have been overlooked. Mr. Whitesell responded that he did not. Commissioner Byrd asked with the deadline this past Friday, were any comments received by the county administration office? Ms. Edwards responded no. Mr. Whitesell stated as far as citizen comments go, we have had a very positive response overall from the citizens being served by this project. He indicated that when the income surveys were sent

out, so was a well survey to determine if people's wells were running dry, experiencing low water pressure or contaminated. Based on this positive response, he saw no problem with our hookup ordinance or anything like that.

**COMMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:** After the comments made by Mr. Whitesell and there being no other comments expressed, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the public hearing, and the same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

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

At 6:41pm, Chairman Burroughs called the Columbus County Board of Commissioners regular session meeting to order and requested that a closed session for attorney client privilege be added to the Agenda. Vice Chairman Bullard made motion to add closed session to the Agenda, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner McKenzie delivered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bullard.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, and same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUES:**

Chairman Burroughs presented retirement plaques to Judy B. Ward (Department of Aging) and Glenn D. Jones (Sheriff Department). Doris F. King (Library) was unable to attend, but was acknowledged by the Chairman.

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

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for public comment:

**Comments:**

Reverend Johnny L. Moore from Clarkton, N.C. addressed the Board of Commissioners. Reverend Moore was accompanied by approximately 25 residents from the community of Peace and Plum Streets. Reverend Moore asked the Commissioners for assistance in getting Peace Street repaired because the condition of the street is in a state of disrepair to the extent that emergency personnel will not even enter the street. The road is a private road owned at one time by a private landowner who had a mobile home park but then sold it. Reverend Moore said the roads are in terrible shape and they need help because the residents there cannot afford to make the necessary repairs. He showed the Commissioners photographs of the street. He stated they pay taxes and they need help to repair their street.

Commissioner Prevatte asked the Chairman if could speak on the matter and stated that this street is in his district. He recalled that the condition of this road was brought once before to the Commissioners; he also recalled that they checked with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and DOT explained that they were unable to maintain the road because the road did not meet DOT specifications. Commissioner Prevatte suggested that we needed to do some research to see if the DOT road specifications have changed and we need to look into whether or not there is any grant money available from the State for emergency needs like road repair.

Commissioner Byrd stated that one of the goals of the Board of Commissioners was to make sure that this doesn't happen again in the County. Prior to November 2009, there was no zoning or planning in place to regulate mobile home parks. Now, with our Mobile Home Park Ordinance, mobile home parks that were created after enactment of the Mobile Home Ordinance have guidelines and rules that they must follow including maintenance of roads in the their mobile home park.

Chairman McKenzie added that he has seen pictures of this road and he has seen roads in Vietnam that looked better.

**Agenda Item # 7: PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO BOARD:**

Mr. Bob Carruth, Risk Manager with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, presented a plaque to the Board, acknowledging five consecutive years of support by Columbus County to the Property, Liability and Workers Compensation pools. He explained that Columbus County is now a "Super Member".

**Agenda Item # 8: UPDATE ON COUNTY'S WELLNESS PROGRAM:**

Tina Wise, executive vice-president of Operations for Doctors Direct, presented an update to the Board on the County's Wellness Program. Ms. Wise reminded the Board that the program begins with the employee filling out an on-site risk assessment questionnaire, followed by collection of biometrics and lab work; next, the participating employee then works with a RN coach individually to help them improve their health. She explained the program is very individualized. She then presented a power point presentation and stated the following:

- In 2013, the number of participants was 65 (without incentive)
- In 2014, the number increased to 455 participants (with incentive)
- That's an increase from 12% to 83%
- Fifty-five people participated both years
- People were very engaged with the program
- Changes included people lowering their blood pressure rates, lowering their cholesterol rates, assessing their risk of diabetes, weight loss and cessation of smoking
- So there was a good number of improvement even with 55 participants lowering their risk factors for disease
- Lowering risk factors reduces the risk of disease (75% of diseases come from things that usually can be avoided)
- The wellness program is about teaching people how to incorporate healthy pieces and learning to use it every day, making a part of their lives
- When you look at the impact on disease risk over a period of 5 years, there was a 17% change in the risk factors primarily heart disease, stroke and heart failure
- These areas are targeted because you can affect the most change through lifestyle
- Just in one year's prediction from a 5 year change, there was a \$19,000 decrease in predictive costs
- Columbus county does not look any different from anyone else that they are seeing as a population in the southeast
- Working closely with the employee and building a relationship with them is what makes a difference, and working alongside the physician, not replacing them
- The purpose of a wellness program is focusing on the risk factors that are avoidable for example, the projected number of total diabetes cases might be 25, however, but the number that is avoidable is almost 22
- The expected added cost of disease onset in five years is \$1.3 million more dollars if we do nothing; that presents a huge opportunity when you look at the avoidable savings which is \$936,000 that can be avoided in costs
- With the program, employees have "buy in" by setting their own goals and choosing what they want to work on, allowing the employee to take their results, work with their coach, work with their physician and then decide, do I change my smoking habit, my lack of exercise, my diabetes, etc.

- The program includes outreach by a RN health coach with on-site education classes, an individualized program for each participant, and telephone coaching sessions, etc.
- This plan results in true “relationship building” so you can really make a difference in your employee’s well-being
- Getting the right information, the right support and partnering with your hospital partner for labs, makes it a collaborative program

Commissioner McDowell commented that according to the information from Ms. Wise, Columbus County is below the national average for tobacco users. Ms. Wise pointed out that the survey is based on self-reporting and that there are no employee tests. Many employees are uncertain that first year if their health information will be reported to their employers. Building confidence with the employee, letting them know that their health information is confidential, is a key to the program’s success.

**Agenda item # 9: APPROVAL TO HIRE A CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) WORKER:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the request for approval to hire a Child Protective Services worker, the same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner McDowell asked Director McKenzie if he had completed the process of hiring the new full time / temporary Medicaid workers that was approved last session. Director McKenzie responded that it has not been completed yet but they have contacted a temporary employment agency to assist the department with that process.

**Agenda item # 10: UPDATE ON THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES AT WHITEVILLE:** Member of the Friends of the Museum Bill Thompson presented an update to the Commissioners on the NC Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville. Mr. Thompson stated the following:

- The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville (formerly the Museum of Forestry) is the first branch of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh
- The Museum will be an interactive learning facility and a dynamic indoor – outdoor nature and science center
- The Museum will feature new exhibits, an investigative lab, a nature exploration center, an outdoor nature play area and a distance learning classroom
- The prototype in Whiteville is an effort by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to reach rural areas like ours
- It is a great opportunity for Columbus County to have a unique educational resource easily available to Columbus County as well as all of southeastern North Carolina
- It is a tremendous teaching aid for our schools
- However, to facilitate the transition from the Forestry Museum to the Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville, the General Assembly is requiring that the Museum raise \$100,000 in non-state funds during the 2014-2015 fiscal year; failure to do so, will mean that no funds will be appropriated for the support of the Museum
- The members of the Friends of the Museum are asking you to join them in keeping this tremendous asset here in Columbus County by showing the legislature that the entire county, including the Board of Commissioners, is supportive of this effort
- Mr. Thompson invited the Commissioners to the grand opening which will be on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and a reception will be held at the Museum on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Kenny Garland, Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools, also spoke on behalf of the Museum as a member of the Board of Directors of the Museum, and stated the following:

- The Museum presents a tremendous opportunity and resource for students of Whiteville City Schools, especially Edgewood Elementary School, which is within walking distance of the Museum
- Recently, students at Edgewood filled out a survey and listed Science and Technology as the #1 field of study that they were interested in
- Traveling to Raleigh to the main Museum would be an immense cost that the schools would not otherwise be able to afford; and, having the Whiteville branch of the Museum gives these students the opportunity to see natural sciences “at work”

Commissioner Byrd asked about the number of employees the Museum will employ. Mr. Thompson stated approximately 7-8 full time people, and that this includes the ones that worked for the Forestry Museum.

Commissioner McDowell asked about the progress of the fundraising so far. Mr. Thompson stated that they just started going to foundations, government entities, businesses and individuals and approximately \$30,000 has been raised so far. He added that they will be doing fundraising in other counties as well. Commissioner Byrd asked Dr. Lanier if there was any money in the Economic Development Commission budget and Dr. Lanier stated that we needed to look for some money because the Museum branch in Whiteville is an outstanding resource for our children, and adds to the quality of life in Columbus County which is important when recruiting new industry and businesses to the County.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion that Mr. Clark and his staff check to see if there are funds available that can be used for the Museum and, if not, then the County should look at the budget to see if there is any way we can provide some funding for the Museum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 11: ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING:**

Vice-Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve a public hearing request by County Manager William S. Clark, to be held on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 6:30 pm, relative to the close out of the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant #11-C-2307, and same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda # 12: COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the request made by County Manager William S. Clark to approve Change Orders #6 and #7 of the Courthouse Annex Project, same was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda #13: DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Human Resources Director Virginia Taylor presented the following update to the Board:

- Total staff for the County at this time is 478 full-time and 131 part-time employees
- There are 21 vacancies which include 7 in the Department of Social Services, 6 in the Sheriff’s Department, 2 at the Library, 2 in the Department of Aging, 1 in the Fire Marshal office, 2 in the Health Department, and 1 in the Maintenance Department
- This year, 91 employees have left employment with the County including 18 employees retired, 11 employees dismissed, 2 RIFs, 2 employees quit, 1 employee is deceased, and 1 was not re-sworn
- Staff development classes for managers and supervisors will be from February 5<sup>th</sup> until April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Other staff development classes are being planned including diversity, improving communication, and customer services, etc.

**Agenda #14: RECOMMENDATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Director of Economic Development Commission Dr. Gary Lanier made the following recommendation to the Board:

- At the Planning Board’s last meeting they discussed the need for a change to the Land Use Regulation Ordinance
- Currently the Ordinance requires two different bodies hold quasi-judicial hearings, the Planning Board and the County Commissioners
- That there should be only one body holding the quasi-judicial hearing (a quasi-judicial hearing is one where only sworn evidence is received, facts are found and then applied to the law (the Ordinance)
- In a quasi-judicial hearing, no public comment is permitted and no ex-parte communication is allowed; for example, if a constituent wanted to give his opinion about say, a solar farm, to his commissioner, that commissioner would not be able to hear the application for the conditional use permit and would be required to recuse himself in the quasi-judicial proceedings
- That the better practice and the typical format is that the Planning Board would hold a public hearing for the general public to offer their opinions and views on the conditional use permit application, and after such would make recommendations to the body who will be conducting the quasi-judicial proceedings
- As required by law and our Ordinance, appeals are to Superior Court
- That the Planning Board is recommending that a separate board be established, namely a Board of Adjustment, and that such board conduct the quasi-judicial proceedings on conditional use permits applications that are currently required by the Ordinance and our N.C. statutes
- This is the body, a Board of Adjustment, that most jurisdictions use to conduct these hearings
- That this takes the decision making authority from the County Commissioners on the decision to either grant or deny, for example, a conditional use permit
- Dr. Lanier recommended that the Board of Adjustment be staffed with people with who have specialized education, experience and/or licensure to look at a proposal for a construction level project, and make a decision; examples would be lawyers, surveyors, licensed building contractors, engineers, etc.
- Dr. Lanier added that the Land Use Ordinance will need to be changed to reflect the Board’s action

Chairman Burroughs stated that Tabor City uses their Board of Adjustment when it an application is made for a non-approved use, or a conditional use, or someone is trying to change something. The Chairman also stated that the statutes require a minimum of five people to serve on a Board of Adjustment. Vice Chairman Bullard asked the County Attorney Mr. Stephens if he could serve or advise the Board. Mr. Stephens indicated that he could give advice to the Board.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion that the Board establish a Board of Adjustment and that it be left in the Commissioners’ discretion as to their selection of those members, and that there be one from each of the seven districts, same was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into Combination Meeting of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item # 15: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MEETING MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V minutes, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 16: WATER DISTRICT II – 2015 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION:** Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve resolutions for 2015 CDBG Infrastructure Grant Application, and same was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to ADJOURN the COMBINATION MEETING of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item # 17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, same was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget Amendments**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
EXPENSES	10-4310-535300	M&R VEHICLES	14,894.00
REVENUES	10-3431-489000	SHERIFF OFFICE MISCELLANEOUS	14,894.00
EXPENSES	10-6120-549899	<u>FALL SOCCER</u> <u>LEAGUE</u>	7,289.00
REVENUES	10-3991-499115	VARIOUS FUND BALANCE	7,289.00
EXPENDITURES	10-5170-526007	WIC Miscellaneous Support Client Services	2,708.00
REVENUES	10-3510-430055	WIC	2,708.00
EXPENSES	10-5302-519945	LIEAP EXPENDITURES	13,746.00
	10-5301-533001	CP&L ENERGY	1,527.00
	10-5302-519912	CHILD CARE STATE	(69,756.00)
	10-5302-519913	DAYCARE SMART START	7,240.00

	10-5302-519922	ADULT DAYCARE	(7,323.00)
	10-5301-531302	JOBS TRANSPORTATION	(8,000.00)
	10-5301-549900	MISCELLANEOUS	3,000.00
	10-5301-537000	ADVESTISING	3,000.00
	10-5301-549989	HOSPITALIZATION	2,000.00
			(54,566.00) <b>Total</b>
REVENUES	10-3530-532515	LIEAP	13,746.00
	10-3530-430076	CP&L ENERGY	1,527.00
	10-3530-430090	DAYCARE	(69,839.00)
			(54,566.00) <b>Total</b>

**Tax Refunds and Release**

*Property Value*  
 Alan Brito Market & Bakery  
 Value: \$650.00 Year: 2014  
 Release value of business equipment. Business closed 2013. Release Brunswick Fire (.46) release Whiteville Rescue (.13)

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
 Account: 01-07327

Amount: \$5.23  
 Total: \$5.82  
 Bill#: 57569

*Property Value*  
 Callahan, Danny V.  
 Value: \$1,350.00 Year: 2014  
 Release value of boat. Sold in 2013. Release Columbus Rescue (.27)

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
 Account: 07-00845

Amount: \$10.87  
 Total: \$11.14  
 Bill#: 63582

*Property Value*  
 Doctor Robert  
 Value: \$42,300.00 Year: 2014  
 Release value of D/W DBL belongs to Ben Simmons Prop#87047 billed as leasehold. Release Roseland Fire (22.26) release Columbus Rescue(7.42)

**PROPERTY:** 85502  
 Account: 09-03614

Amount: \$298.66  
 Total: \$546.34  
 Bill# 67922

*Property Value*  
 John Donoghue Automotive  
 Value: \$638,092.00 Year: 2014  
 Release value of business equipment. Over reported by tax accountant as leasehold improvements. Release Brunswick Fire(446.66) release Whiteville Rescue(127.62) release late list(571.09)

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
 Account: 01-05256

Amount: \$5,136.64  
 Total: \$6,282.01  
 Bill#: 79832

*Property Value*  
 Jones, Billy Wayne  
 Value: \$40,100.00 Year: 2014  
 Release value of dwelling. Burned in 2013 per Town of Chadbourn. Release Columbus Rescue (6.22)

**PROPERTY:** 25422  
 Account: 13-04174

Amount: \$250.36  
 Total: \$387.58  
 Bill#: 80250

*Property Value*  
 Keel, Shirley  
 Value: \$10,150.00 Year: 05-14  
 Release value of D/W. Repoed in 2002 from Clayton Homes. Release Klondyke Fire (50.91) release Columbus Rescue(14.54) release Water II(58.87) release late list(64.40)

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
 Account: 13-05411

Amount: \$578.54  
 Total: \$2,746.28  
 Bill#: 99999

*Property Value*  
 Long, Buck  
 Value: \$3,480.00 Year: 12-14  
 Release value of single wide. Sold. Release Old Dock Fire(2.40) release Columbus Rescue(.60) release late list(9.62)

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
 Account: 03-13494

Amount: \$24.25  
 Total: \$690.87  
 Bill#: 99999

*Refunds*  
 Graham, David J.  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014  
 Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant per Town of Chadbourn,

**PROPERTY:** 25255  
 Account: 13-05655

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$131.00  
 Bill#: 73927

*Refunds*  
 Norris, Legrant Elwood & Willa Mae  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-14  
 Refund user fees. Building burned. Can picked up 7/27/12

**PROPERTY:** 11622  
 Account: 06-28080

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$526.85  
 Bill#: 99999

*Refunds*  
 Page, Paul & Doris  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014  
 Refund user fee. Commercial hauler.

**PROPERTY:** 75536  
 Account: 13-31723

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$218.00  
 Bill#: 89156

*User Fee*  
 Britt, Mary Catherine H.  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014  
 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4/11/12

**PROPERTY:** 29905  
 Account: 16-01505

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$218.00  
 Bill#: 61579

*User Fee*  
 Campbell Neal  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014  
 Release user fee. Billed for 2 cans and only has 1.

**PROPERTY:** 96220  
 Account: 14-03143

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$218.00  
 Bill#: 63761

*User Fee*  
 Doctor Robert  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013  
 Release user fee. DBL belongs to Ben Simmons Prop#87047 billed as leasehold.

**PROPERTY:** 85502  
 Account: 09-03614

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$218.00  
 Bill#: 17892

*User Fee*  
 Hall, Richard (Heirs) c/o Gennie Ree Brown  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014  
 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 28421  
 Account: 15-17100

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$218.00  
 Bill#: 75127

*User Fee*  
 Kearns, John Joseph (Dec) & Marie  
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014  
 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Per Town of Tabor City

**PROPERTY:** 11282  
 Account: 06-02343

Amount: \$0.00  
 Total: \$131.00  
 Bill#: 80747

<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Lacks Colton Howard & Annie Elizabeth Lacks			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 76496	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 11-00750	Bill#:	81488
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 12/15/11					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, James A. & Tammie K.			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93253	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 13-14		Account: 13-00965	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. No can.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Page, Paul & Doris			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25249	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 13-31720	Bill#:	89152
Release user fee. Commercial Hauler.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Ransom, Herbert (Deceased)			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 05-05442	Bill#:	91698
Release user fee. Can picked up 4/2006					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Shaw, Armwood			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 4684	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 4684	Bill#:	94427
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Southern Mary Ella			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75048	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 01-87523	Bill#:	96909
Release user fee. M/H vacant. Can picked up 3/19/07					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Thompson, Willa Dean			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 30711	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 16-03258	Bill#:	88
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Joyce S.			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16869	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014		Account: 09-32220	Bill#:	2310
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/16/07					

**Agenda Item # 18: COMMENTS:****A. Department Managers**

1. There were no comments by Department Managers.

**B. Board of Commissioners**

1. Chairman Byrd stated the following:
  - The water project in Hallsboro is going very well
  - They put the water tank up very quickly
  - The water tank is coming along very well
  - The power company did an excellent job clearing up the power lines
2. Commissioner Prevatte stated the following:
  - The work being done at Fil-Tec Precise looks great
  - They are doubling the size of the plant and it is good to see some growth
  - That he noticed that everyone who got a retirement plaque tonight was from Commissioner McDowell's district
3. Commissioner McDowell stated the following:
  - The numbers from Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority concerning the sewer system at Old Dock will be coming from Mr. Fowler; and he knows that the numbers will be high
  - Some of the older school systems in the County have to replace their drain field every 5 to 6 years at a cost of \$50,000 per school
  - That since Grand Strand did install sewer lines to Nakina Middle School, he was asked to get some figures on the costs of installing sewer to Old Dock School
  - He expects the number from Grand Strand will be high as well, but it may be worth it because maybe we can explore some grant opportunities for installing sewer lines to the school
  - When the sewer lines were brought up from Horry County to Nakina Middle School, there were about 12-13 residents that tied-in
  - Whiteville was not interested because it is too far and Whiteville stops at Brunswick
  - He asked Mr. Clark to follow up with Danny Fowler about this
  - He asked Mr. Clark about applications received for the Fire Marshal position and was told that only Shannon Blackmon had applied and Ms. Taylor reported that Shannon is certified
4. Vice-Chairman Bullard stated the following:
  - That he has heard from guys from the fire department that Shannon is very good to work with
  - That he had been asked about whether or not the Town of Brunswick Fire Department has to file audits and Mr. Clark and staff stated that they are required but they have not turned their audits in; and, if the new chief wants monies from past years, he would need to do the audits from the past years; and he added, if they get any tax money, they should be required to do audits
5. Chairman Burroughs stated the following:
  - He had been approached by a retired legislator who commented that the new courthouse should be given a dignified name other than Courthouse Annex

**C. County Manager**

1. Mr. Clark wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted a planning session again this year, perhaps on a Thursday in March.

2. March 9<sup>th</sup> is the meeting with Columbus County School System, but the other two have not been scheduled yet.

**D. County Attorney**

1. No comments

**Agenda item # 19: CLOSED SESSION NCGS 143.318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege:**

At approximately 7:53pm, Vice-Chairman Bullard made a motion that we go into **Closed Session** after a five minute recess, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously

At approximately 8:30 pm, Attorney Mike Stephens gave the following general account of the Closed Session:

1. The Board of Commissioners advised County Attorney referencing negotiations involving a water purchase contract with the City of Northwest.
2. County Attorney discussed interpretation of lease agreement with Columbus Regional Healthcare System. County Attorney relayed his conversations with Columbus Regional Healthcare's attorney concerning interpretation of lease.

No decision or action was taken by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on these topics during this closed session.

At approximately 8:38pm, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda item # 20: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:39 pm, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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Samantha E. Alsup, Deputy Clerk

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Trent Burroughs, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 2, 2015  
7:41 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  
Giles E. Byrd  
Charles T. McDowell  
James E. Prevatte

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Edwin Russ

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:41 pm, 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 # 15: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Water and Sewer District I Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:42 pm, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

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**SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**



**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 2, 2015  
7:41 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  
Giles E. Byrd  
Charles T. McDowell  
James E. Prevatte

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Edwin Russ

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:41 pm, 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 # 15: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Water and Sewer District II Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 16: WATER DISTRICT II – 2015 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve resolutions for 2015 CDBG Infrastructure Grant Application for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, and same was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:42 pm, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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**SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 2, 2015  
7:41 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  
Giles E. Byrd  
Charles T. McDowell  
James E. Prevatte

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Edwin Russ

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:41 pm, 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 # 15: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Water and Sewer District III Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:42 pm, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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**SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 2, 2015  
7:41 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  
Giles E. Byrd  
Charles T. McDowell  
James E. Prevatte

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Edwin Russ

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:41 pm, 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 # 15: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Water and Sewer District IV Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:42 pm, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**


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SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk

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TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, February 2, 2015**  
**7:41 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  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 Charles T. McDowell  
 James E. Prevatte

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Edwin Russ

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
 Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
 Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer  
 Samantha Alsup, Deputy Clerk

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:41 pm, 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 # 15: APPROVAL OF COMBINATION MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Water and Sewer District V Minutes, as recorded, same was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:42 pm, Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, same was seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**


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**SAMANTHA E. ALSUP, Deputy Clerk**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**