

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING**

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

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 holding a Special Called Emergency Meeting and the local press was duly notified.

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 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the March 31, 2015 Special Called Emergency Meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to order. Chairman Burroughs stated this Special Called Emergency Meeting was being held to discuss the possible painting lettering on the water tank at Hallsboro.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING:

At 6:33, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

PAINTING of HALLSBORO LETTERING on WATER TANK:

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

ADJOURN COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 6:49 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

VOTE for PAINTING of HALLSBORO LETTERING on WATER TANK:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the painting of Hallsboro lettering on the water tank in Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The motion failed on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT **IV BOARD MEETING**
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING
Tuesday, March 31, 2015
6:33 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 for a Special Called Emergency Meeting.

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
 Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer
 June B. Hall, Clerk to Board

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **Special Called Emergency Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board to order.

PAINTING of HALLSBORO LETTERING on WATER TANK:

Chairman Burroughs stated the purpose of this Special Called Emergency Meeting was to discuss the possible painting of lettering on the water tank at Hallsboro. The floor is open for discussion. The following spoke.

Commissioner Giles E. Byrd: stated the following:

1. The painters will be finishing up tomorrow afternoon with the understanding if the painting is done at a later date, it would be at a higher cost;
2. It would be more economical to spend \$755 now for the painting in lieu of \$5,000 at a later date;
3. The engineer informed me that it would not cost the County any additional money, and the money was there;
4. No one in the Hallsboro area has any objections to this; **and**
5. The people in the area are very proud of this and wants this to happen.

Commissioner Bullard: I understand that the cost is \$150.00 per letter, is this correct? Mr. William Clark replied stating the \$150.00 cost per letter is if they come back to do the work at a later date. It is \$85.00 per letter if they do it now.

Commissioner Russ: stated the following:

1. When I first came on the Board, they wanted me to check to see if we could do this on the

- water tank in Delco, and the Water Board rejected it;
2. I called Mr. Clark and he stated that it could not be done; **and**
 3. If you do this, other people would want theirs painted.

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. I have not had anyone that is favor of this;
2. The people that have talked to me is stating if you do it there, you should do it here, and they reminded of the history of Water Districts II and III;
3. When the tank was installed, they painted Western Prong on it, and they made us paint over it;
4. Commissioner McKenzie has stated several times that we want one water system in the County;
5. If you do this, you will not treat everyone the same way; **and**
6. Each one of us appointed a member on the Water Board, and each one of us needs to respect our representative on the Water Board.

Commissioner McDowell: stated the following:

1. I understand the situation at Hallsboro with it being centrally located, and it will basically serve only Hallsboro, and that is a unique situation;
2. When we start putting names on water tanks, how do we determine what name that goes on the tanks;
3. The history of our County says that we should not do this; **and**
4. I will not support this.

Vice Chairman Bullard: stated the following:

1. I can see both sides of this situation, and this has put me in a difficult position;
2. Danny, how often do the tanks get painted? Danny replied stating every 5 years, at different stages, usually 1 tank a year.;
3. My Water Board member is opposed to this; **and**
4. Mr. Stephens, do you see any legal problems with this? Mr. Stephens replied stating no.

Commissioner McKenzie: stated the following:

1. I received 31 telephone calls this weekend, and out of the 31 calls, no one objected;
2. Since it will not cost us any money, I think we should do this;
3. The people of Hallsboro, is proud of the town; **and**
4. If Hallsboro wants this, we should let it be.

Commissioner Byrd: stated the following:

1. We have seven (7) water tanks, at the time; **and**
2. If we set a precedent, one tank has to be the first one.

Chairman Burroughs: stated the following:

1. My understanding of a situation like this, I think it is recognition for the town;
2. I can see both sides of this situation, the pros and the cons;
3. I think we need to handle each situation, one at a time;
4. Hallsboro is an unique situation;
5. The naming depends on the particular situation; **and**

6. I can handle this situation either way.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:49 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman