

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Tuesday, September 08, 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 conducting two (2) Public Hearings and their regularly scheduled meeting on the second Tuesday due to the first Monday being a legal holiday.

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**

6:00 P.M.**PUBLIC HEARING**

Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance: the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public on the proposed revisions.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public on the proposed revisions to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. Chairman Burroughs requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

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

1. **Gary Lanier, Planning Director:** stated the following:
 - This is a **revised** Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance;
 - In the previous Ordinance, the actual quasi-judicial hearings were actually handled by the Board of Commissioners and that could be problematic;
 - This **revised** Ordinance creates the Board of Adjustments, and we have created an Appendix A which is the minimum requirements for solar farms, and on Page 4, we have added as a separate line item, just for clarification, that solar energy generation facilities, and we have put See Appendix A under the special land use that require a special use permit. We have also went from conditional use permit terminology to special use permit in keeping with the changes in legislation in Raleigh; **and**
 - We have added some additional information for people who need additional information.
2. **Robert Adams:** stated the following:
 - I have a problem with this;
 - In my community, a turkey farmer built 75' from the property line and it needed to be 500';
 - My neighbor went to the Board of health and they cast it one side; **and**
 - She can't build the house that she had planned to build.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** I think this is the beginning of handling situations like this and keep them from happening.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:11 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Columbus County Abandoned Structure Ordinance: the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the Public on the proposed amendments to the Columbus County Abandoned Structure Ordinance. Chairman Burroughs requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Public Hearing to order.

COMMENTS:

1. **Gary Lanier, Planning Director:** stated the following:
-I am asking for slight changes and the following five (5) amendments to the Abandoned Structure Ordinance:

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, C. (3) change "180 days" to state "60 days".

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, C. (6) add the following language, "and that the appeal must be in writing addressed to the Columbus County Planning Board" after "receipt of notice".

AMENDMENT No. 3: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, G. change "180 days to state "60 days".

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, G. (3) change "10 days" to state "30 days" and change "180 days" to state "60 days".

AMENDMENT NO. 5: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, G. (6) change "shall" to "may".

2. **Allen Turner, Press Representative:** Are these new versions on line?
Gary Lanier: Yes.

3. **Vice Chairman Bullard:** Have you had any problems with the one hundred eighty (180) days, and now it is stating sixty (60)?
Gary Lanier: the one hundred eighty (180) days would take more than a year or more, and the sixty (60) days can be done in six (6) months approximately.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:37 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

6:37 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

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

At 6:37 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by Boy Scout, Benja Ferris, at the recommendation of Chairman Trent Burroughs.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to COLUMBUS COUNTY DIXIE YOUTH - CERRO GORDO LEAGUE for HOSTING the 2015 NORTH CAROLINA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL MAJORS TOURNAMENT:

Vice Chairman Ricky Bullard is requesting Board approval and adoption of the Proclamation of Appreciation to Columbus County Dixie Youth - Cerro Gordo League for Hosting the 2015 North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball Majors Tournament.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to table this Agenda item until the September 21, 2015 Board Meeting due to the fact the representatives could not attend this meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUES:
Willie Young 08-01-1988 - 08-20-2015
Carol Clark 08-22-1994 - 08-22-2015

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to table this Agenda item until the September 21, 2015 Board Meeting due to the fact the retirees could not attend this meeting, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Elder Johnny Moore, 255 Peach Street, Clarkton, NC:** stated the following:
-I am here tonight about the condition of Peach and Plum Road, and this is my third time being present at a meeting;
2. The fire trucks, ambulances, trash trucks and postage service will not come on this road due to its condition;
3. A Sheriff's deputy got stuck due to its condition;
4. There are fourteen (14) people living on the road and the majority of the people are homeowners;
5. We need help on this road to better its condition; **and**
6. In time of sickness and help, we have to take the person to Highway 701 for them to be picked up.

Commissioner Byrd: How long is the road?

Elder Johnny Moore replied stating the road is not long. The road is like a horseshoe from Highway 701 and Memory Road.

Discussion: lengthy discussion was conducted on the following topics:

- The property being private;
- There might not be enough feet for the Department of Transportation to obtain a sixty (60') feet right-of-way;
- Following the guidelines of a Homeowners Association;
- Charging property taxes on the citizens and not providing the needed services;
- Send our representatives another letter asking for help; **and**
- The dirt road has no ditches on either side.

Commissioner Prevatte: Try to formulate a Homeowners Association.

Chairman Burroughs: I would like for the County Attorney to send another letter to our representative relative to this road.

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

- I have a problem with the speed limits on Highway 74 because they are variable;
- They have not updated the speed limits since they updated that road;
- The average cost for these speeding tickets is about \$300.00; **and**
- I would like for you to do what you can do to get this changed.

Agenda Item #8: PLANNING - COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE to be RESCINDED and REPLACED:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested Board approval to rescind the existing Ordinance, and replace with the following Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. (The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:00 P.M. on this date before the meeting.)

Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTION

Section I. General Purpose.

The following land use regulations are adopted for the purpose of promoting health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Columbus County. These standards shall allow for the placement and growth of such uses with the appropriate approval and permitting, while maintaining the health, safety, and general welfare standards of established residential and commercial uses in Columbus County.

Section II. Legal Authority.

This ordinance is adopted under the general ordinance authority granted to counties by the General Assembly of North Carolina. (N.C.G.S. 153A-121).

Section III. Territorial Coverage.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 153A-122, this ordinance shall apply to all areas of unincorporated Columbus County which are not within the extraterritorial planning jurisdiction of any municipalities. All municipalities, their respective corporate limits, and extra-territorial jurisdiction shall be exempted from the ordinance, unless they choose to adopt this ordinance or some form thereof. **This ordinance shall apply to all areas in Columbus County's planning jurisdiction that are not already zoned at the date this ordinance is adopted.**

ARTICLE II

ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICT(S)

Section I. General Use District (G-U)

The General Use District is established as a zoning district in which the principal use of land is for uses that are in harmony with residential, agricultural, and commercial development in Columbus County. Any use not discussed in Article IV is a permitted use in the (G-U) district if it can be properly identified and determined to be a classified land use by the Planning Director. If a land use cannot be determined by the Planning Director or his designee, the use is not permitted, and a text amendment to this ordinance will be required before the use will be approved and permitted.

Section II. Bona Fide Farm Operations

Bona fide farm operations are exempt from this ordinance. Bona fide farm operations include growing crops, raising livestock and poultry, growing plants in a greenhouse or nursery, and tree farming as defined by N.C.G.S. 106-581.1.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Section I. Establishment, Membership and Rules of Procedures

1. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby create and establish a Board of Adjustment.
2. The Board of Adjustment shall consist of five voting members and two alternate members. In so far as possible, members of the board shall be appointed from different areas within the County's jurisdiction. Initial appointment of the board shall have terms of appointment as follows: Three (3) members for a term of three (3) years, two (2) members for a term of two (2) years and two (2) members for a term of one (1) year. Following the expiration of terms of the first appointed board members, the successors to the regular members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only.
3. The Planning Director and/or his designee shall serve as clerk to the Board of Adjustment.

4. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the Chairman and at such other times as the board may determine. The board shall establish rules of procedure at the first called meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.
5. A quorum is not obtained unless five voting members are present. In the event there is abstention for reason declared into the record by a voting member, then a particular matter cannot proceed unless and until five other voting members are present and vote.
6. As required by N.C.G.S. 153A-345.1 and 160A-388, a concurring vote of four-fifths of the board shall be necessary to grant a variance. A majority of the members shall be required to decide any other quasi-judicial matter or to determine an appeal made in the nature of a certiorari. For purposes of this section, vacant positions on the board and members who are disqualified from voting on a quasi-judicial matter shall not be considered members of the board for calculation of the requisite majority if there are no qualified alternates available to take the place of such members.
7. A member of any board exercising quasi-judicial functions pursuant to this Article shall not participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected person's constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker. Impermissible violations of due process include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business or other association relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. If an objection is raised to a member's participation and that member does not recuse himself or herself, the remaining members shall by majority vote rule on the objection.
8. As early as possible in each new year the voting members shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman. Either such party when in the chair shall have the authority to administer oaths to witnesses.
9. All decisions of the Board of Adjustment run with the land, never the person or corporation. Special Uses may have time limits imposed on their validity.
10. The minutes of the Board of Adjustment shall be kept in such detail as necessary, and do not reflect official action of the Board until adoption of same.
11. Minutes shall be filed in the office of the Planning Director, as a public record.
12. The chair of the board, any member acting as chair of the board, and the clerk to the board are authorized to administer oaths to witnesses in any matter coming before the board. Any person, who while under oath during a proceeding before the Board of Adjustment, willfully swears falsely is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
13. The Board of Adjustment shall have the authority to subpoena witnesses and compel the production of evidence as specified in N.C.G.S. 153A-345.1 and 160A-388.
14. All other rules regarding the Board of Adjustment, not stated herein, are set out more fully in N.C.G.S. 153A-345.1 and 160A-388.

Section II. Powers and Duties

The Board of Adjustment shall hear and take final action on the following development review procedures:

- Variance
- Special Use Permit
- Appeal of Administrative Decision

ARTICLE IV

SPECIAL LAND USES

Section I. Regulated Uses.

Special Use permits are only required for the land uses listed below:

Heavy Industrial uses (unless in an area already zoned as I-II – Heavy Industrial)
 Light Industrial Uses (unless in an area already zoned as I-I – Light Industrial)
 Industrial Parks
 Private and Public Utilities and related operations
 Solar Energy Generation Facilities (See Appendix A)
 Propane, Fuel Oil, Gasoline, or Other Hydrocarbon Bulk Storage Facilities
 Junk, Storage, Recycling, Reclamation, or Salvage Yards
 Electronic Gaming Operations
 Wireless Communication Towers or other steel frame structures/towers
 Firing Range (Indoor/Outdoor)
 Landfill (Demolition and Sanitary)
 Mining/Quarrying, Borrow Pits, and/or Extraction Operations
 Go-Cart, Motor Cross, and or other categories of race tracks.
 Intensive Livestock Farming
 Meat Packing Facilities
 Land Application of Animal and Human Waste
 Adult Businesses (**See Columbus County Code Dealing With Adult Business Establishments: Article II. Masseurs, Massage Parlors, Health Salons and Clubs --Section 18-16 through 18-68**)
 RV Campgrounds (**See The Columbus County Code Dealing With Campgrounds: Article VI. Resort Vehicle Campgrounds -- Section 18-152 through 18-255**)
 Manufactured / Mobile Home Parks (**See – The Columbus County Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance Adopted November 3, 2009 and as Amended**)

Section II. Definitions and Rules of Construction

Rules of Construction:

- A. Words used in the present tense shall include the future tense.
- B. Words used in the singular number shall include the plural number and the plural singular.
- C. The word "shall" and "will" are mandatory and not discretionary.
- D. The word "may" is permissive.
- E. The word "lot" shall include the words "parcel", "plot" and "tract".
- F. The word "building" and "structures" are synonymous.
- G. The phrase "used for" shall include the terms "intended to be used", or "intended for" and "designed for" and "occupied for".
- H. Words used here in the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender.
- I. References to section numbers herein refer to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance unless specifically stated otherwise.

Definitions:

Words and terms set forth below shall have the meanings ascribed to them. Any word, term(s) or phrase used in this Ordinance not defined below shall have the meaning ascribed to such word, term or phrase in the most recent editions of Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, Black's Law Dictionary unless, in the opinion of the Administrator, established customs or practices in Columbus County justify a different or additional meaning. Furthermore, for the purpose of this Ordinance, certain words, terms and phrases are herein defined as follows:

Adult Business: An adult business shall be defined as any business activity, club or other establishment which permits its employees, members, patrons or guests on its premises to exhibit any specified anatomical areas before any other person or persons. This includes any establishment that, as their primary business, is involved in the sale of adult oriented literature, video recordings, etc.

Asphalt Plants: A plant used for the manufacture of asphalt, macadam and other forms of

coated road stone, sometimes collectively known as blacktop.

Bona Fide Farms: A commercial agricultural use of a tract of five (5) or more acres used exclusively for the raising of crops, livestock, or other plants and animals, including orchards, vineyards, and nurseries, along with any buildings and structures that are customarily and necessarily incidental to such activities, as set forth in NCGS 105-277.1 et seq. This shall include the retail sale of agricultural products grown or raised on the premises or agricultural products purchased for resale. In addition, this Ordinance does not impose nor exercise any controls over croplands, timber lands, pasture lands, orchards, or idle or other farmlands. Nor does it exercise control over any farmhouse, barn, poultry house, or other farm buildings, including tenant or other houses for persons working on said farms, as long as such houses shall be in the same ownership as the farm and located on the farm. Residences for non-farm use or occupancy and other non-farm uses shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Cement Mixing Facilities: A facility that combines various ingredients to form concrete. Some of these inputs include sand, water, aggregate (rocks, gravel, etc.), fly ash, potash, and cement. This includes ready mix and central mix plants.

Chemical Manufacturing: The mechanical or chemical transformation of materials and substances into new products, including the assembly of component parts and the blending of materials.

Chemical Storage Facility: Chemical storage facilities are places for bulk storage of any raw chemicals not covered by other categories. They may be either gas, liquid, or solid. This does not include warehouse storage of packaged chemicals or chemical products.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan: A general plan for the future development of Columbus County, adopted by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners according to the provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Chipping Mill: The conversion of wood or logs into wood chips.

Electronic Gaming Ordinance: A business enterprise, whether principal or accessory, where persons may play games on on-site machines/terminals/computers that reveal the results of sweepstakes or similar contests associated with the on-site purchase of internet time, phone time, office supply or other retail good; and where redeemable cash sweepstakes awards (government issued coins and bills in hand) in amounts of \$10.00 or more may be received. This definition does not apply to any game or process prohibited by N.C.G.S. §§ 14-304 through 14-309 or to any game regulated by the North Carolina Education Lottery Commission.

Electrical Generating Facility: An industrial facility also referred to as a power station, generating stations, power plants, power house or generating plant is an industrial facility for the generation of power.

Explosive Manufacturing: Explosive and emulsion manufacturing projects.

Firing Range: A specialized facility designed for firearms practice where ammunition is used. May be indoor or outdoor.

Fuel Oil Bulk Storage: Storage facilities where 30,000 gallons or greater of fuel is stored.

Industrial Uses: Any use or category of uses that meet the criteria set forth below for Heavy, Light, or Industrial Park uses:

1. Heavy Industrial - Intensive industrial processes that encompass more than one acre and generate EPA controlled discharges as part of their by product, and by their nature, create high decibel noise, smoke, or dust. May also include mining and related excavations and extractions of material for sale off site, asphalt plants, explosive manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, paper mills, and large scale wood processing operations.
2. Light Industrial - Industry that is less intensive and not otherwise covered by the definition of Heavy Industry. Examples may include, but not be limited to, small manufacturing, small spinning/sewing operations, solar farms, cement mixing facilities, warehousing, small scale craft and wood working facilities.
3. Industrial Park - Large tracts of land that are designated as an industrial park, typically operated by the County, that has water and sewer available to it.

Intensive Livestock Operation/Animal Operation: Any enclosure, pen, feedlot, building, or group of buildings intended to be used, or actually used, to feed, confine, maintain, or stable a concentration of cattle, horses, sheep, poultry, or swine and that meet the following criteria as defined by N.C.G.S. 143-215.10B:

1. Anytime the total number of animals meets or exceeds the following threshold level:
 - Cattle - minimum 100 animals
 - Horses – minimum 75 animals
 - Swine – minimum 250 animals
 - Sheep/goats - minimum 1000 animals
 - Poultry - minimum 30,000 animals
2. Where dietary needs are met primarily by means other than grazing; and,
3. Where liquid animal waste is primarily handled through a liquid waste management system, or any agriculture feedlot activity with a liquid animal waste management system that discharges to the surface waters of the State.

Intensive livestock operations include any buildings, structures, excavations, or enclosed areas directly involved therein, including land used for pasture or feedlot purposes, and any animal waste storage structures, excavations or areas directly connected to or associated with such operations.

Intensive livestock operations typically include an enclosure, pen, feedlot, building or group of buildings intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising or hold of animals where animal waste may accumulate or where vegetative cover cannot be maintained due to the concentration of animals.

Junk, Storage, Recycling, Reclamation, or Salvage Yards: Any area, in whole or in part, where waste or scrap materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, packaged, disassembled, or handled, including, however not limited to: scrap iron and other metals, scrap building/construction materials, plastic pipe, paper, rags, vehicles, vehicle parts and components, rubber tires, bottles, cans and household goods. The term includes junkyards and auto wrecking yards but does not include uses established entirely within enclosed buildings.

Landfill (Demolition & Sanitary): A sanitary landfill is a site used for the disposal of solid wastes beneath layers of soil and other materials. A demolition landfill is a site that is used for the disposal of stumps, limbs, leaves, concrete, brick, wood, uncontaminated earth and other solid wastes resulting from construction, demolition or land clearing.

Land Application of Waste: Land application of any human or animal waste, treated or untreated.

Manufactured Mobile Home: A structure defined by the Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance for Columbus County as approved November 3, 2009 and as may be amended.

Manufactured Home Park: A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land as defined by the Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Ordinance for Columbus County as approved November 3, 2009 and as may be amended.

Meat Packing Facility: A facility used for processing and packing meats to be sold for wholesale.

Mining: The breaking or disturbing of surface soil or rock in order to remove minerals to make them suitable for commercial, industrial or construction use. -

Mining does not include:

- Those aspects of deep mining not having significant effect on the surface, where the affected land does not exceed one acre in area;
- Excavation or grading when conducted solely in aid of on-site farming or of on-site construction for purposes other than mining, such as constructing a

residence, garage, commercial or industrial building;

Excavation or grading when conducted in aid of construction borrow pits in conjunction with site prep for an approved development;

Mining operations where the affected land does not exceed one (1) acre in area;

Plants engaged in processing minerals produced elsewhere and whose refuse does not affect more than one (1) acre of land; or,

Removal of overburden and mining of limited amounts of any ores or mineral solids when done only for the purpose of and to the extent necessary to determine the location, quantity, or quality of any natural deposit, provided that no ores or mineral solids removed during exploratory excavation or mining are sold, processed for sale, or consumed in the regular operation of a business, and provided further that the affected land resulting from any exploratory excavation does not exceed one (1) acre in area.

Nonconforming Use: The use of a building, mobile home, or land which does not conform to the use regulation of this Ordinance, either at the effective date of this Ordinance or as a result of subsequent amendments which may be incorporated. Any building or land use covered by this Ordinance that is not operational during a one (1) year period from adoption of this Ordinance shall be considered a nonconforming use.

Propane or Gasoline Bulk Storage: The storage of product at 30,000 gallons or greater for the purpose of an individual or corporation to sell various quantities for profit.

Race Tracks (Includes Go-Cart, Motocross, etc.): Any facility used for the purpose of racing vehicles such as cars, four-wheelers, dirt bikes, go-carts, etc.

Recreation Vehicle (RV) Campgrounds: Any site or tract of land upon which fifteen (15) or more recreational vehicle spaces are provided for temporary occupancy. A recreational vehicle park shall also be known as a campground or travel trailer park.

Site Plan: A specific and detailed plan of development meeting the requirements of this ordinance.

Solar Farm/Park: Any parcel of land one (1) acre or greater where solar panels are located for the purpose of selling power. (See Light Industrial)

Wireless Communication Facility: A Wireless Communication Facility is any unstaffed facility for the transmission and/or reception of wireless telecommunications services, usually consisting of an antenna array, connection cables, an equipment facility, and a support structure to achieve the necessary elevation.

Wireless Telecommunication Tower: Any tower or structure erected for the purpose of supporting, including, but not limited to, one or more antennas designed to transmit or receive television, AM/FM radio, digital, microwave, cellular, telephone, or similar forms of electronic communication. Alternative structures, as defined by this Ordinance, are considered towers by this definition. The following shall not be included in this definition:

Amateur radio facilities with antennas mounted on supporting structures less than 100 feet in height;

Residential antennas for receiving television or AM/FM radio broadcasts;

Residential satellite dishes; or,

Commercial or industrial satellite dishes that are less than 20 feet in height.

ARTICLE V

SPECIAL USE APPROVAL PROCESS

Section I. Purpose and Procedures

Special Use Permits shall be granted by the Columbus County Board of Adjustment as permitted by 153A-340(c1) for the uses listed as special uses in Article IV.

The owner of the property or his agent who is requesting a Special Use Permit shall submit a Special Use Permit application to the Planning Director at least three weeks prior to a public hearing on the application scheduled before the Planning Board. The Special Use permit application can be found on the Columbus County Planning Department website found at columbusco.org. Such application shall include all of the requirements pertaining to this Ordinance including any proposed site plans, the names and addresses of all adjacent property owners including property owners that are directly across from any public or private street or roadway, and the requisite fee established by the Columbus County Planning Department Fee Schedule. After a public hearing, the Columbus County Planning Board shall forward a recommendation to the Columbus County Board of Adjustment for their consideration.

Planning Department Administrative Review:

1. Pre-Development Conference: All applicants shall meet with the Planning Director to discuss the permit application, proposed site plans, and additional information needed for approval process.
2. Technical Review Committee: The Planning Director shall make and distribute copies of the proposed site plan to the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, the Columbus County Health Department, the Columbus County Board of Education (*only, if the project involves multi-family housing*), the Columbus County Inspections Department, the Columbus County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Columbus County Fire Marshal, the Columbus County Tax Administrator and the local District Engineer of the State Department of Transportation. The Technical Review Committee shall be given ten (10) days to review and respond with comments. The Technical Review Committee shall forward their comments, if any, to the Planning Director. The Planning Director shall consider any reasonable request submitted by the committee member in writing which will be reviewed by the Planning Director and/or the Planning Board Chairman, who then shall grant or deny the request. Upon receipt of comments from the Technical Review Committee, the Planning Director shall prepare a report summarizing the comments, if any, for review by the Planning Board and the applicant. The applicant may then submit a revised site plan to the Planning Department at least five (5) days prior to the public hearing before the Planning Board.
3. Prior to approval of the site plan, the Planning Director may consult with other qualified personnel for assistance to determine if the application meets the requirements of this Ordinance.

Section II. Planning Board Action

1. After the Pre-Development Conference, the Planning Director shall set a date and time for a public hearing before the Planning Board. Notice of the public hearing shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a local newspaper of general circulation, said notice to be published the first time at least ten (10) days, but not more than twenty-five (25) days, prior to the date fixed for said public hearing. In addition to the newspaper advertisement, the property concerned shall be posted indicating that a public hearing will take place regarding a proposed zoning change/permitting action by the Columbus County Planning Department, at least one week before the public hearing. The posting shall also include the phone number of the Planning Department so that more information can be provided upon request.
2. The Planning Board shall consider the application, the comments of the applicant, and any comments of any interested persons attending the public hearing. In conducting the public hearing, the Planning Board shall follow the same rules and procedures as employed in the conduct of public hearings held before the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. Following the public hearing, the Planning Board shall forward a recommendation to grant, deny, or grant with conditions the Special Use permit to the Board of Adjustment.
3. No Planning Board member shall participate in a manner that would violate an affected person's constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker.

Impermissible conflicts include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. If an objection is raised to a member's participation and that member does not recuse himself/herself, the remaining members shall by majority vote rule on the objection. Vacant positions on the Planning Board and members who are disqualified from voting on the matter shall not be considered "members of the Board" for calculation of the requisite majority.

4. In deciding whether or not to recommend the issuance of a Special Use permit, the Planning Board shall use as a guide the specific conditions outlined in this Article for each use proposed. In making their recommendation to the Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board shall consider the following criteria:
 - A. That the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety, if located according to the plan submitted and approved;
 - B. That the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
 - C. That the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and
 - D. That the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Columbus County Land Use Plan.

Based above criteria, the Planning Board shall then forward a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment regarding the Special Use Permit.

Section III. Board of Adjustment Action

1. After the public hearing before the Planning Board, the Planning Director shall schedule an evidentiary hearing before the Board of Adjustment.
2. Prior to the hearing before the Board of Adjustment, the Planning Director shall pursuant to NCGS 160A-388(a2) notify by first class mail all owners of property abutting the property that is the subject of the hearing and to owners of property across any public or private street from the subject property. Within that same time period, the property concerned shall be posted indicating that a public hearing will take place regarding a proposed zoning change/permitting action by the Columbus County Planning Department, at least one week before the public hearing. The posting shall also include the phone number of the Planning Department so that more information can be provided upon request.
3. The Planning Director shall provide to the Board of Adjustment, copies of the application, site plans, reports and any other written administrative material relevant to the evidentiary hearing. The administrative materials may be submitted at the hearing or distributed, in written or electronic form, to the Board prior to the evidentiary hearing. At the same time a copy of the administrative materials shall be submitted to the applicant or landowner, if he is not the applicant. The administrative materials shall become part of the hearing record. Any objections to the inclusion or exclusion of administrative materials shall be made at the hearing.
4. At the evidentiary hearing the applicant, the owner of the subject property, local government, adjacent landowners and any other interested person who has relevant evidence to offer, shall have the right to present evidence and participate in the hearing.
5. At the evidentiary hearing, the Board of Adjustment shall consider the application and other relevant evidence, including sworn testimony and exhibits and may deny,

grant or grant with reasonable and appropriate conditions the Special Use permit. In conducting the evidentiary hearing, the Board of Adjustment shall follow quasi-judicial procedures as set forth in NCGS 153A and 160A.

6. The concurring vote of four-fifths of the Board shall be necessary to grant a variance. A majority of the members of the Board shall be required to decide any other quasi-judicial matter or to determine an appeal made in the nature of certiorari. Vacant positions on the Board and members who are disqualified from voting on the matter shall not be considered “members of the Board” for calculation of the requisite majority if there are no qualified alternates available to take the place of such members.
7. No Board of Adjustment member shall participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected persons’ constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker. Impermissible conflicts include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. If an objection is raised to a member’s participation and that member does not recuse himself/herself, the remaining members shall by majority vote rule on the objection.
8. In rendering a decision on a Special Use permit, the Board of Adjustment shall consider the following conditions for each proposed use:
 - A. Whether or not the use materially endangers the public health or safety;
 - B. Whether or not the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
 - C. Whether or not the use will substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property or will be a public necessity; and
 - D. Whether or not the location and character of the use, will be in harmony with the area in which it is located and be in general conformity with the Columbus County Land Use Plan.
9. Every quasi-judicial decision shall be based upon competent, material, and substantial evidence in the record. Each quasi-judicial decision shall be reduced to writing reflecting the Board’s determination of any contested facts and their application to the applicable standards. A quasi-judicial decision is effective upon filing the written decision with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. The decision of the Board shall be delivered within a reasonable time by personal delivery, electronic mail, or by first class mail to the applicant, property owner, and to any other person who has submitted a written request for copy prior to the date the decision becomes effective.
10. In granting the Special Use Permit the Board of Adjustment may designate conditions which, in its opinion, assure that the use in its proposed location will be harmonious with the area and with the spirit of this Ordinance and in keeping with the public welfare. All such additional conditions shall be entered in the minutes of the hearing at which the Special Use Permit is granted, on the Special Use Permit itself, and on the approved plans submitted therewith. All specific conditions shall run with the land and shall be binding on the original applicants for the Special Use permit, their heirs, successors and assigns. The Special Use permit shall be kept on file in the office of the Planning Department, including in the Planning Department’s electronic data files.

Section IV. Denials and Appeals

If the Board of Adjustment denies the Special Use Permit, the Board shall enter the reason for their action in the minutes of the meeting at which the action is taken.

No appeal may be taken from the action of the Board of Adjustment in granting or denying

a Special Use permit except through the Columbus County Superior Court within thirty (30) days.

If denied, the applicant must wait for a period of six (6) months before a new application can be submitted.

Section V. Failure to Comply/Notification of Adjacent Property Owners

In the event of failure to comply with the plans approved by the Board of Adjustment, or with any other conditions imposed upon the Special Use permit, the permit shall thereupon immediately become void and of no effect. No building permits for further construction or certificates of occupancy under this Special Use permit shall be issued, and all completed structures shall be regarded as nonconforming uses subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. In such cases, owners of adjoining property shall be notified that the Special Use permit is no longer in effect.

Section VI. Expiration of Special Use Permit

In any case where a Special Use permit has not been exercised within the time limit set by the Board of Adjustment, or within one year if no specific time limit has been set, then without further action, the permit shall be null and void. "Exercised" as set forth in this section shall mean that binding contracts for the construction of the main building have been let; or in absence of contracts that the main building is under construction to a substantial degree; or that pre-requisite conditions involving substantial investment are contracted for, in substantial development; or completed (sewerage, drainage, etc.). When construction is not a part of the use, "exercised" shall mean that the use is in operation in compliance with the conditions set forth in the permit.

Section VII. Modifications of Plans

Where plans are required to be submitted and approved as part of the application for a Special Use permit, the Board of Adjustment may authorize modifications of the original plans.

Section VIII. General Requirements for Special Uses

A site plan must be submitted with the Special Use Permit Application and may be prepared by the applicant. The site plan must include the following:

1. The shape and dimensions of the lot on which the proposed building(s) is to be erected;
2. The location of said lot with respect to adjacent rights-of-way;
3. The shape, dimensions, and location of all buildings, existing and proposed, and required setbacks;
4. The nature of the proposed use of the building or land, including the extent and location of the use;
5. The location and dimensions of off-street parking and loading space and means of ingress and egress;
6. The square feet and percentage of lot as built upon area if the lot is located in a Watershed;
7. The location and type of all required buffers;
8. Required Driveway Permits from the Department of Transportation;
9. A landscape plan that meets requirements of the Highway Corridor Overlay District (if applicable);

10. A Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan (if applicable) as submitted to the Land Quality Section, Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and,
11. The location and dimensions of outdoor activity areas including outdoor storage, location and type of outdoor lighting, and areas of environmental concern such as flood plains, surface water, and drainage ways.
12. Any other information, which the Planning Staff may deem necessary for consideration in enforcing all provisions of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VII

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section I. Administration & Enforcement.

The Planning Director of his/her designee shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

If the Planning Director shall determine that any of the provisions of this ordinance are being violated, they shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to within ten (10) working days correct the violation. He may order the discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; the removal of illegal buildings or structures or of addition, alterations, or structural changes thereto; the discontinuance of any illegal work being done; and may take any other action authorized by this ordinance to insure compliance with, or to prevent violation of, its provisions.

Section II. Conflict with Other Laws.

Wherever the provisions or application of this ordinance impose higher standards than are required in any other local ordinance or regulation, the provisions or application of this ordinance shall govern. Wherever the provisions of any other statute or local ordinance or regulation impose higher standards than are required by the provisions or application this ordinance, the provisions of such other statute or local ordinance or regulation shall govern.

Section III. Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of any article of this ordinance; or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made hereunder; or who shall continue to work upon any structure after having received written notice from the Ordinance Administrator to cease work, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor as provided by N.C.G.S. § 14-4 as may be amended from time to time, and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed twenty days. Each day such violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. Notice of violation shall be sufficient if directed to the owner, the agent of the owner, or the contractor and left at his known place of residence or place of business. In lieu of or in addition to the criminal penalties outlined above, each person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty, under N.C.G.S. 153A-123©, in the amount of two-hundred (\$200.00) dollars per day. No penalty shall be assessed prior to notice to the violator. For every day a violator is in violation of this ordinance, it shall be considered a separate offense. If the violator does not pay such penalty within 30 days of notification of its assessment by written citation it and any subsequently accruing penalty may be recovered by the County in a civil action in the nature of a debt. Any contest of said penalty shall be by appropriate action taken in the General Court of Justice for Columbus County.

Section IV. Severability Clause

Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part hereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section V. Ordinance Amendments

After a recommendation from the Planning Board, this Ordinance may be amended by the Board of Commissioners following a public hearing on the proposed changes. The Board shall cause notice of the hearing to be published once a week for two successive calendar weeks. The notice shall be published the first time not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days before the date fixed for the hearing. In computing such period, the day of publication is not to be included but the day of the hearing shall be included.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 8th day of September, 2015.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **G. TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

APPENDIX A

Minimum Solar Farm Requirements

1. All solar farms must be set back from an adjacent highway right-of-way at least 50 feet. Similarly, a side or rear set-back distance of 30 feet from any property line is required.
2. A vegetative buffer consisting of either one or two rows of staggered evergreen vegetation is required as per the vegetative buffer design specification sheet available from the Columbus County Planning Department. A vegetative buffer may be constructed using any of those evergreen varieties identified or an approved equivalent. A staggered two row buffer is to be located between any solar farm fencing and an adjacent highway. Similarly, a two row vegetative buffer is required to screen the farm from the direct view of adjacent residential housing units. Where required, a single row vegetative buffer is required along perimeter fencing as noted in item three (3) below.
3. A vegetative buffer consisting of one row of evergreen vegetation is required along all perimeter areas not covered under item number 2 above (i.e. where two row vegetative buffering is called for) but with the following exception(s):
 - a. Where a natural vegetative buffer already exists on the property and which allows for said natural vegetative buffer to remain and be maintained in an undisturbed natural state which provides adequate screening to adjacent parcels on the side or sides, or along the back fence line of the solar farm.
 - b. When a solar farm is located over 250 feet from an adjacent highway such that only minimal vegetative screening is needed to prevent the farm from becoming a distraction to drivers on the adjacent highway or to adjacent landowners.
4. Vegetative buffers may be located within the required setback areas.
5. The maximum height for a ground mounted solar system under these guidelines is 15 feet above ground level.
6. General Standards:
 - a. All Solar Farms shall comply with all Building and Electrical Codes
 - b. Shall not create a visual safety hazard for any passing motorist or aircraft
 - c. Shall be removed, at the property owner's expense, or at the solar farm owner's expense within one hundred and eighty (180) days of determination by the Planning Department that the facility is no longer being maintained in an operable state of good repair or is no longer supplying solar power.
 - d. All solar farms must be maintained in a reasonable fashion with regard to the facility grounds such that the facility does not become a public eyesore or contain undergrowth which may harbor vermin due to the excessive length of grass and other vegetation located inside or outside of the perimeter fencing.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to rescind the existing Ordinance and

replace with the **revised** Columbus County Land use Regulation Ordinance, as presented on its first reading, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PLANNING - ABANDONED STRUCTURE ORDINANCE, AMENDMENTS #1 - #5:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested Board approval of amendments #1 - #5 to the Abandoned Structure Ordinance. (The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. on this date before the meeting.)

COLUMBUS COUNTY ABANDONED STRUCTURE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, C. (3) change “180 days” to state “60 days”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, C. (6) add the following language, “and that the appeal must be in writing addressed to the Columbus County Planning Board” after “receipt of notice”.

AMENDMENT No. 3: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, G. (3) change “180 days to state “60 days”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, G. (3) change “10 days” to state “30 days” and change “180 days” to state “60 days”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5: Section 503.3 Notice, Hearing, Appeal, Lien on Property, G. (6) change “shall” to “may”.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 8th day of September, 2015.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **G. TRENT BURROUGHS**, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve Amendments #1 - #5 to the Abandoned Structure Ordinance, as presented on its first reading, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PLANNING - REVISED FEE SCHEDULE:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested Board approval of the following **revised** Fee Schedule.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEES

September 08, 2015

APPLICATION REQUEST	FEE
Subdivision (SD) Major Review Minor Review (10 lots or less) Fines	\$100 \$50 Varies (up to \$500/day)
Mobile Home Park (MHP) Certification Letter Fines	\$35 plus \$5/space (whether occupied or not) Varies (\$200/day/violation)

RV Park/Campground (RVCG) Review	\$300 plus \$10/space
Site Plan (SP) Review	\$350 plus \$50/lot
Special Use Permit (SUP) Application Fee, Staff Review, and Advertising Fee for Public Hearings as needed	\$500
Appeals (AP) Variance Application Public Notice Ad Adjoining Owners	\$300 \$150 \$50
Miscellaneous (MC) Ordinance Copy Verification Letter	\$0.25/page \$35

***Minor Subdivision Review is defined as one involving no new public or private streets or roads or right-of-way dedication, no easements, no extension of public water and/or sanitary sewer systems other than to serve individual lots, where the entire tract to be subdivided will result in ten (10) or fewer lots after the subdivision is completed.**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the revised Planning Fee Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: SOLID WASTE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Danny Fowler, Solid Waste Director, delivered the following Departmental update to the Board.

Total Customers:

County Residents: 19,131
Municipal Residents: 4,878

Total Collected and Transferred to Sampson County:

MSW: 18,217.34 Tons
Brown Goods: 2,189.54 Tons
C&D/Roofing: 2,405.00 Tons
22,811.88 Tons

Total Land-filled Locally:

Yard Waste: 358.62 Tons
LCID Convenience Centers: 10.49 Tons
369.11 Tons

Litter Enforcement:

Complaints: 25
Convictions: 0

Total Recycled:

<u>Plastics/Glass</u>	<u>White Goods</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Electronics</u>	<u>Auto Batteries</u>
34.68 Tons	140.97 Tons	108.97 Tons	163.20 Tons	112 Each

<u>Used Engine Oil</u>	<u>Cardboard/Newsprint</u>	<u>Pesticide Containers</u>
3,487 Gallons	40.75 Tons	4,683 Pounds

State Aid Funding:

White Goods Metals	\$18,536.14	One quarter disbursement has not been received yet from the state.
Scrap Tires	\$53,382.79	One quarter disbursement has not been received yet from the state.
Solid Waste	\$20,217.52	One quarter disbursement has not been received yet from the state.

Landfill Gas Project

A total of \$19,790.27 has been collected for the sale of electricity to BEMC.

Landfill Repairs: Ongoing Maintenance Operation

Compliance with NCDENR: No violations

Agenda Item #12: PROCLAMATION - FALL LITTER SWEEP 2015 by the COUNTY of COLUMBUS a PROCLAMATION:

Danny Fowler requested Board approval and adoption of the following Fall Litter Sweep 2015 by the County of Columbus a Proclamation.

**FALL LITTER SWEEP 2015 by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus organizes an annual fall countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the 2015 "**FALL LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place **September 19 through October 03, 2015** and encourages local governments, businesses and communities, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; **and**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the **Fall 2015 Litter Sweep** cleanup will celebrate the 27th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 5,000 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; **and**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **September 19 through October 03, 2015**, as "**FALL LITTER SWEEP**" time in Columbus County, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of September, 2015.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, Vice Chairman

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE

/s/ GILES E. BYRD

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

/s/ WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manager

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Attorney

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER #8:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval to execute Change

Order Number 8 for the new Columbus County Courthouse. (This matter was tabled at the August 17, 2015 Meeting.)

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to approve for William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 8 for the new Columbus County Courthouse, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this Change Order 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 #14: FIREWORKS - REQUEST from the NORTH CAROLINA YAM FESTIVAL:

Maria S. Cartrette, Manager, requested permission for fireworks at the Tabor City Athletic Complex for the Yam Festival.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve permission for fireworks at the Tabor City Athletic Complex for the Yam Festival, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER PROCLAMATION:

The Board Chair of Eastpointe requested Board approval and adoption of the following National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month September Proclamation.

**NATIONAL ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends; **and**

WHEREAS, recent studies show that 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder, and that 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness; **and**

WHEREAS, additional studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction; **and**

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our communities to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and our society; **and**

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; **and**

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and **Columbus County Board of Commissioners** invite all residents of Columbus County to participate in the recognition of "**National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in the Board by the laws of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2015 as

"ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH" in Columbus County, and call upon the people of Columbus County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "**Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal**".

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2015.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman
 /s/ AMON E. McKENZIE
 /s/ GILES E. BYRD
 /s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL
 /s/ WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manager

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, Vice Chairman
 /s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE
 /s/ P. EDWIN RUSS
 /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board
 /s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Attorney

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: CDBG - GRANT #11-C-2369 CATALYST GRANT (CAT) CLOSE OUT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested September 21, 2015, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing to be established for the CDBG - Grant #11-C-2369 Catalyst Grant (CAT) Close Out.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish September 21, 2015, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for the CDBG - Grant #11-C-2369 Catalyst Grant (CAT) Close Out, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENT - WHITEVILLE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

ETJ member, Robert Nelson's term expired on 08-01-2015 and needs to be re-appointed.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to table this Agenda item until contact has been made with Robert Nelson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: MINUTE CORRECTION - JULY 20, 2015 REGULAR SESSION BOARD MINUTES:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval of the following correction to the July 20, 2015 Minutes.

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(Agenda Item #9:) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE - SOCIAL SERVICES:

CORRECTED VERBIAGE:

(Agenda Item #9:) SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

The Board of Commissioners is the Department of Social Services Board, and it is a legal requirement that the Social Services Monthly Administrative Update be delivered to the Board monthly.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the above listed correction to the July 20, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:17 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard 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 Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

August 17, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

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

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

At 7:18 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, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

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

Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$332.79
Carrolton Home Care Inc.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$341.06
Value: \$41,340.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-05172	Bill#: 25010
Release value of business equipment. Moved to Bladen County. Release Whiteville Rescue(8.27)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$16.10
Cook, Bobby	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$453.70
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 09-00618	Bill#: 99999
Release value of M/H. DBL Act#9-05165. Release Williams Fire(1.20) release Columbus Rescue(.40)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Felder, Betty Faye & Charles Flowers	PROPERTY: 4411	Total:	\$77.40
Value: \$4,411.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-26357	Bill#: 31127
Release value of dwelling. Rebilled to prop#97348. Should have been a lease hold. Release North Whiteville(61.92) release Whiteville Rescue(15.48)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$120.75
Hawes, Kenneth D & Sara S.	PROPERTY: 96534	Total:	\$135.75
Value: \$20,800.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-03704	Bill#: 37090
Release portion of value on property. Billed at market value in error. SHB Land Use Value. Release Nakina Fire(12.00) release Columbus Rescue(3.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$268.07
Hinson, Wayne	PROPERTY: 94887	Total:	\$519.37
Value: \$33,300.00	Year: 2015	Account: 12-02558	Bill#: 38629
Release value. Sold to Kyle Gore, Longs SC Sept 2014. Release Evergreen Fire(26.64) release Columbus Rescue(6.66)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$239.09
Jerusalem Temple Fellowship Deliverance	PROPERTY: 2162	Total:	\$245.03
Value: \$29,700.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-06927	Bill#: 40801
Release value of church. Should be exempt. Release Whiteville Rescue(5.94)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$561.89
Johnson, John W. (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 7218	Total:	\$1,781.63
Value: \$47,400.00	Year: 11-15	Account: 03-11980	Bill#: 99999
Release entire portion of value. Sold at tax sale for \$3000. Release Brunswick Fire(97.02) release Whiteville Rescue(27.72)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$17.16
Koonce, Enterprises Ltd	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$17.59
Value: \$2,132.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-04041	Bill#: 42375
Release value of business equipment. Business closed and sold. Release Whiteville Rescue(.43)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,368.86
Lamar Adv of Elizabethtown #205	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,402.87

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Value: \$170,045.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-50841	Bill#: 81458	
Release value of business equipment. Double billed. Release Whiteville Rescue(34.01)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$304.30
McKeithan, Jackie Faye		PROPERTY: 99999	Total:	\$342.10
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-00863	Bill#: 99999	
Partial release of value. Properties 8320/8276/94098/8319 billed at market value in error. Release Old Dock Fire(30.24) release Columbus Rescue(7.56)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$17.97
McPherson, Judy		PROPERTY: 15703	Total:	\$20.21
Value: \$2,232.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-18657	Bill#: 46830	
Release value of boat. No longer owner. Release Roseland Fire(1.79) release Columbus Rescue(.45)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$518.42
New Covenant Faith Bible Church		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$576.38
Value: \$60,200.00	Year: 2015	Account: 13-00741	Bill#: 99999	
Release entire value. Prop#91014&61014 Brought in exemption form. Tax exempted. Release Klondyke Fire(45.08) release Columbus Rescue(12.88)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$54.50
Perritte, Derrick		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$277.91
Value: \$6,770.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-01772	Bill#: 50909	
Release value of mobile home. DBL Act#9-04012. Release Williams Fire (4.06) release Columbus Rescue(1.35)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$39.04
Smith, Wanda Nobles		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$262.86
Value: \$4,850.00	Year: 2015	Account: 10-03051	Bill#: 57659	
Release user fee. Can paid on Act#10-01530. S/W is DBL. Release Cole Service(4.85) release Columbus Recue(.97)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$13.88
Suggs, Lacy P. Jr.		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$14.23
Value: \$1,725.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-04522	Bill#: 60274	
Release value of boat. Removed from wildlife report for 2015. Release Whiteville Rescue(.35)				
<i>Property value</i>			Amount:	\$2,678.16
Trillion Partners Inc		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$3,018.27
Value: \$328,608.00	Year: 2009	Account: 02-00607	Bill#: 55099	
Release entire value. Account was in Bankruptcy. Received a final payment. Release Whiteville Rescue(65.72) release late list(274.39)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$362.25
Ward, Veronica G.		PROPERTY: 7063	Total:	\$407.25
Value: \$47,200.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-00815	Bill#: 63905	
Release portion of value. SHB Exempt. Property Deed should have been recorded before Jan 1, 2015. Release Old Dock Fire(36.00) release Columbus Rescue(9.00)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$393.64
WEC Investments		PROPERTY: 10846	Total:	\$670.32
Value: \$48,900.00	Year: 2015	Account: 06-04848	Bill#: 64585	
Release portion of value. Billed in error. Rebilled to Act#06-05448. Release Yam City Fire(48.90) release Columbus Rescue(9.78)				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Jacobs, Dexter Lynn		PROPERTY: 91431	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 04-04133	Bill#: 99999	
Refund user fee. M/H sold and moved.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$100.63
Lennon, Robert & Geraldine		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$400.83
Value: \$12,500.00	Year: 2013	Account: 15-03908	Bill#: 56566	
Refund Discovery. Billed in error. Refund Acme Delco(15.00) refund Columbus Rescue(2.50) refund late list(64.70)				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Connie M. (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 23132	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 12-01155	Bill#: 4020	
Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4/2012.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Barnhill, Milton Ross & Alma		PROPERTY: 87537	Total:	\$218.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-03429	Bill#: 19748
Release user fee. House burned.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Barron, Lisa		PROPERTY: 6468	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-04049	Bill#: 19837
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2/10/14			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Blackwell, Edith B.		PROPERTY: 29869	Total: \$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 16-03724	Bill#: 21274
Release user fees. 2 dwellings vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bolton Church of God		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 18-00442	Bill#: 67496
Release user fee. House torn down. Can picked up			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bowen, Susan		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$90.81
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-00909	Bill#: 21955
Release portion of user fee. Can picked up. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Boyd, Larry James (ETAL)		PROPERTY: 27600	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-04968	Bill#: 22004
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Not liveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bruno, Mark		PROPERTY: 26086	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 13-05439	Bill#: 23142
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bryant, Jeffery		PROPERTY: 96029	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 12-01936	Bill#: 23235
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Remodeling Home.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bullock, David Wayne		PROPERTY: 60586	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-00478	Bill#: 23635
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Byrd, Giles & Sons Inc.		PROPERTY: 19800	Total: \$109.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 11-04796	Bill#: 24181
Release portion of user fee. Hunting camp.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Caines, Howell E.		PROPERTY: 89995	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 07-01220	Bill#: 24363
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Cartrette, Shannon D. & Casandra H.		PROPERTY: 16133	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-03956	Bill#: 25433
Release user fee. Can picked up 9/9/13			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Charles Louvania M		PROPERTY: 14136	Total: \$308.81
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 08-00136	Bill#: 25634
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Connor, Lee V (Jr) (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 27994	Total: \$90.81
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-09860	Bill#: 26682
Release portion of user fee. Vacant can picked up			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Cribb, Bobby K. & Betty Jo		PROPERTY: 15605	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-05670	Bill#: 27385
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00

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Dale, James Douglas (ETALS)	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,308.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 18-04801	Bill#:	67563
Release user fees. Uses a commercial hauler			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Janice M.	PROPERTY: 92580	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 03-02351	Bill#:	28144
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Floyd, C Neil	PROPERTY: 19063	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 11-09060	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Prop#19063/19062 Has commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Flynn, Floyd W	PROPERTY: 28234	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 15-14000	Bill#:	31674
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 5/12/11			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Formyduval, Ishmael (Jr)	PROPERTY: 6875	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 03-03720	Bill#:	31842
Release user fee. 2 Dwellings vacant. Cans picked up.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Fowler, Nicky Gene (Jr)	PROPERTY: 10529	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 06-12261	Bill#:	32153
Release user fee. M/H sold. Can picked up			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Elbert	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 04-01814	Bill#:	32422
Release user fee. Can picked up 9/29/10			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gore, Daniel Jackson & Janice W	PROPERTY: 7339	Total:	\$1,090.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 03-00761	Bill#:	34186
Release user fees. No Can at 5 buildings.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gore, Ronald Lane	PROPERTY: 60126	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 07-00124	Bill#:	34627
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, William O & Naomi	PROPERTY: 28384	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 15-16580	Bill#:	35172
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2008			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Grissett Swamp Mine Inc.	PROPERTY: 13040	Total:	\$108.98
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 07-03621	Bill#:	35858
Release portion of user fee. Can picked up 6/23/15			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hall, Ronnie Ray & Barbara Jo	PROPERTY: 7805	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 03-09940	Bill#:	36117
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/2013			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ham, James T(Jr) & Carol	PROPERTY: 27473	Total:	\$108.98
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 15-01507	Bill#:	36147
Release portion of user fee. Sending can in August 2015.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hardwick Ronnie Gayle	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 09-00926	Bill#:	36686
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hinson, Lillie Mae	PROPERTY: 18353	Total:	\$72.04
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 10-08741	Bill#:	38527
Release portion of user fee.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hobbs, Tena Gray	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-04525	Bill#: 38686
Release user fee. Can picked up Dwelling vacant			
<i>.User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jacobs, Margie Huggins	PROPERTY: 8982	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 04-08510	Bill#: 40301
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jenkins Ruth Nance Bryan (Mrs)	PROPERTY: 21391	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 12-13280	Bill#: 40675
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jenrette, Hilda & Dustin Smith	PROPERTY: 6772	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-05649	Bill#: 40712
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 10/17/08			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Johnson, John R. & Mary	PROPERTY: 11386	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 06-21243	Bill#: 41003
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jordan, Charles L. & Kay	PROPERTY: 87677	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 06-03319	Bill#: 41541
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4/23/14			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lambert, Paul & Terry Alane	PROPERTY: 95245	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-02350	Bill#: 42551
Release user fee. Only has 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, Phoebe M.	PROPERTY: 89609	Total:	\$90.81
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-05360	Bill#: 43612
Release portion of user fee. Can picked up			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, Phoebe M.	PROPERTY: 89609	Total:	\$18.13
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-05360	Bill#: 43612
Release user fee. Can picked up			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lighthouse Baptist Church	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 18-04357	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Can paid under Act#18-00132			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Betty Louise Ward	PROPERTY: 13368	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 07-10340	Bill#: 43925
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 6/12/08			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Lawson & Hattie	PROPERTY: 7354	Total:	\$90.81
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-14340	Bill#: 44164
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Massengill, Ellen	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-02597	Bill#: 45328
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
MCDaniel, Sandra	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-00337	Bill#: 45791
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 1/24/11			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McKeithan, Jackie	PROPERTY: 7474	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-15799	Bill#: 46086

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Release user fee. Can picked up 1/9/07

User Fee

MCPerson, James Wallace

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. House is vacant.

PROPERTY: 00000
Account: 09-04218

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 46782

User Fee

Meadows, John A. & Sandra

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Vacant. Can picked up 10/15/09

PROPERTY: 23298
Account: 12-00411

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 47048

User Fee

Melvin, Audrey Lynn

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

PROPERTY: 9167
Account: 04-00222

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 47232

User Fee

Mintz, Robert

Value: \$0.00 Year: 14-15

Release user fees. 2 Vacant properties

PROPERTY: 00000
Account: 13-27923

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$872.00
Bill#: 99999

User Fee

Moore, Richard

Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-15

Release user fees. No 911 address. M/H not set up yet.

PROPERTY: 19799
Account: 11-03536

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$654.00
Bill#: 99999

User Fee

Nobles, David G.

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

PROPERTY: 25204
Account: 13-29620

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 49380

User Fee

Nunez, Eleazar & Amada

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fees. Vacant house and store

PROPERTY: 13176
Account: 07-05707

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$436.00
Bill#: 49952

User Fee

OsBourne, Robert Ray & Gladys

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Only 1 can

PROPERTY: 19760
Account: 11-18820

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 50137

User Fee

Parnell, Jackie B & Jimmy

Value: \$9,859.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

PROPERTY: 9859
Account: 05-04990

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 50541

User Fee

Porter Swamp Baptist Church

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fees. Cans picked up 10/23/12

PROPERTY: 00000
Account: 18-00145

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$436.00
Bill#: 67308

User Fee

Price, Glenn

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

PROPERTY: 22243
Account: 12-22580

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 52266

User Fee

Richardson, Sheila Williams

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Can picked up 9/1/11

PROPERTY: 87198
Account: 13-03728

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00
Bill#: 53728

User Fee

Sasser, John Bennett

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant

PROPERTY: 9316
Account: 04-00626

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$131.00
Bill#: 54884

User Fee

Sharp, Clarence & Letitia

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015

Release user fee. 1 Apt vacant.

PROPERTY: 4680
Account: 01-81501

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$131.00
Bill#: 55605

User Fee

Squires, Kathy Floyd

PROPERTY: 00000

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$218.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-01399	Bill#: 58748
Release user fee. Can picked up 12/18/13			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Taylor, Joyce L.		PROPERTY: 13849	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 07-17883	Bill#: 60640
Release user fee. M/H not hooked up.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Thompson, Mary B.		PROPERTY: 27602	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-03803	Bill#: 61255
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Todd, Bobby S.		PROPERTY: 82766	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2012	Account: 13-40142	Bill#: 40026
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Turbeville, Taft & Beulah Jane		PROPERTY: 17063	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-30880	Bill#: 62040
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 3/9/11			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Tyson, Kelton & Gladys		PROPERTY: 5663	Total: \$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-97761	Bill#: 62252
Release 2 cans. Vacant dwellings.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Walker, Phyllis Miles		PROPERTY: 89002	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 13-01749	Bill#: 62888
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Wallick, David M.		PROPERTY: 18418	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 10-05405	Bill#: 62982
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, James Floyd & Rachel		PROPERTY: 90477	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-04031	Bill#: 63473
Release user fee. Can picked up 3-17-2005.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Warren, Charles Edward		PROPERTY: 8364	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-28240	Bill#: 63982
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Wells Fargo Financial NC 1 INC		PROPERTY: 4447	Total: \$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-07544	Bill#: 64617
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. House Demolished.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Williams Connie M. (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 23132	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 12-01155	Bill#: 65300
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 4-2012			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Williamson, Hank		PROPERTY: 23212	Total: \$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 12-30645	Bill#: 65864
Release user fee. M/H vacant. Used for storage.			

Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director:** stated the following:
-At our last Interstate Railroad Committee Meeting, it was offered up that the committee do up some plaques; **and**

-I propose that this Board do some type of recognition or appreciation proclamation for the following individuals who gave a lot of leadership and effort:

Kenneth Moss;
Henry Lowenstein;
Dennis Worley; **and**
Doug Wendel.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion for the Board to present a Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to the four (4) above listed individuals on the Interstate Railroad Committee, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director:** stated the following:
 - We had the sale for the refunding bond, and at the market's rate, at the time it was sold, we are actually showing a net present value savings of \$1,352,000;
 - This will be a total savings of \$2.4 million over the life of the refunding; **and**
 - The actual closing will take place on September 23, 2015.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - Myself, Commissioners McDowell and Burroughs attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference a couple of weeks ago;
 - We attended a workshop on mental health which dealt with how much time the Sheriff's department spent on the mental health patients;
 - A mental patient could tie up a Sheriff's deputy for 1-2 days;
 - We have more mental people in prison than in hospitals;
 - It takes \$30,000 per year to house a mental person in prison;
 - We are facing cuts in the state on mental health issues; **and**
 - I am encouraging all the members of this Board to support mental health issues.
2. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - At the Columbus Regional Healthcare System Board Meeting, I heard something alarming regarding Homehealth;
 - Kim Smith, Health Director, does not want any salvaging of Homehealth, and does not want to work with it;
 - The CEO of Columbus Regional Healthcare System does not want to work with the Health Director, and stated she had not be very cooperative, and no good response had been received; **and**
 - I think that Columbus Regional Healthcare System will come up with a good plan for Homehealth.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** Do we have a schematic plan or route in Columbus County for the railroad?
Gary Lanier: Yes, we do.
4. **Vice Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
 - I did attend the rescue meeting at Cerro Gordo this past week;
 - I was impressed and Ms. Kay Worley done a good job of getting things cleared up; **and**
 - The meeting was very effective and very much needed.
5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Greenville; **and**
 - I attended some workshops and attended a budget simulation by youth, and this was very impressive.
6. **Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - Commissioners McDowell, Russ, Prevatte and myself attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference in Greenville;

- Several of our Board members were recognized by the LELA (Local Elected Leadership Academy) and were given awards;
- This is on the State level.

- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
1. The Railroad Reception at Vineland Station will be on November 19, 2015; **and**
 2. Greg King, CEO of R.J. Corman, will try to be here at the next meeting.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

At 7:32 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.22 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:57 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, "*The Economic Development Director, Gary Lanier, discussed with the Board of Commissioners Project Black. No action was taken. The Board of Commissioners and the County Manger discussed a personnel complaint involving a County employee. No action was taken.*"

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

Agenda Item #23: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:58 P.M., Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

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COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 08, 2015
7:17 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
Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 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 # 19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting MINUTES:

August 17, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

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
Tuesday, September 08, 2015
7:17 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
Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 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 # 19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting MINUTES:

August 17, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

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
Tuesday, September 08, 2015
7:17 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
Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 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 # 19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting MINUTES:

August 17, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

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
Tuesday, September 08, 2015
7:17 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
Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 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 # 19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting MINUTES:

August 17, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

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
Tuesday, September 08, 2015
7:17 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
 Edwin Russ
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:17 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 # 19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting MINUTES:

August 17, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:18 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman