

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, August 01, 2016****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 first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING: **Proposed Amendment to Columbus County Abandoned Structure Ordinance** - the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the Public Hearing to order and stated the Public Hearing was for the Proposed Amendment to the Columbus County Abandoned Structure Ordinance. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public. Chairman Byrd requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

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

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

1. At the last meeting, I requested that classic or antique cars be added to this amendment, and it has not been added;
2. This could be a tractor or piece of equipment also;
3. I have been informed this information will be included in a junkyard ordinance that you are working on, but you will not find classic cars and/or classic equipment in junkyards;
4. This could easily be a barn find and junkyards are very different from an abandoned structure; **and**
5. A classic car and/or classic equipment need to be exempt in the Abandoned Structure Ordinance.

Gary Lanier, Planning Director: stated the following:

1. After we start the process, there are six (6) months to devalue; **and**
2. We need to be allowed to clean the site.

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. In my area, there is a spot located near a church that needs cleaning up; **and**
2. There are two (2) houses within one-half mile of my house and the person that inherited this property is in the military, and the grass is growing, and I would like to know how you plan to handle a situation of this nature.

Gary Lanier: replied stating the structure has to be declared as an abandoned structure for this to apply.

Commissioner Prevatte: You can define what a classic car is by looking at the State DMV website.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:23 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

6:30 P.M.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: **Revisions to Columbus County Economic Development Incentive Grant Policy** - the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd opened the Public Hearing and stated the Public Hearing is for the revisions to the Columbus County Economic Development Incentive Grant Policy, and the purpose of the Public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public. Chairman Byrd requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

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

Terry Mann, 203 Elm Street, Whiteville, NC 28472: stated the following:

1. I am here tonight as the Mayor of Whiteville and a property owner in downtown Whiteville;
2. To give you a little background, before Tom Stanley passed away, Director of the Whiteville Downtown Development, he approached the City Manager and myself about trying to do some kind of inventive program that we could use to work with some of the old and empty buildings downtown;
3. It would give someone an incentive to buy a building and do something with it;
4. We worked on this program, we had several meetings, and then Tom Stanley passed away and it got put on the side, and we were fortunate enough to find Gene Merritt out of Wilmington who was interested in continuing Tom's work, so we started the meetings back up, and finally adopted a plan about six (6) months ago;
5. If the building is purchased at \$10,000 and the owner spends \$50,000, then the owner will pay taxes on the \$10,000, for 5 years at the \$0.51 cents city tax rate; **and**
6. We are asking the County to adopt this plan at their tax rate of \$0.805.

Commissioner Bullard: stated the following:

1. This is a good plan for the City of Whiteville; **and**
2. This plan should be county wide because there are a lot of mom and pops businesses that need this to help their investments.

Chairman Byrd: This plan needs to be county wide and include the farmers also.

Commissioner Burroughs: stated it was his interpretation that in order to qualify, the properties would have to be within the identified areas.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

1. Application to municipal service areas;
2. Does this apply to existing buildings or new buildings, or both?;
3. If interested in participating, you will have to have a business plan under Whiteville's plan rules;
4. Lowering the amount of the investment to \$25,000 to qualify;
5. Developing an incentive policy for businesses separate and apart from industry;
6. Availability be made county wide and not only to municipal service areas; **and**
7. The vote and action on this matter needs to take place after all the changes have been made to separate the industry incentive policy, the business incentive policy and to make the policy to be county wide.

John Thompson, 505 North Madison Street, Whiteville, NC 28472: stated the following:

1. I have just purchased 15,000 square feet downtown;
2. I will be spending one-half million dollars in remodeling;
3. There will be six (6) apartments upstairs and a business downstairs, and I will have five (5)

- employees; **and**
4. With this incentive, it will help me float the taxes, insurance and overhead for five (5) years.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:57 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:57 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 6:57 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the August 01, 2016 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Boy Scout Wynston Shuman.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard presented the following retirement plaque to Melissa F. Garrell for her many years of service at the Columbus County Health Department.

PRESENTED TO

MELISSA F. GARRELL

***IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
TO***

COLUMBUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

07-01-1987 - 07-20-2016

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Workshop with Piedmont Natural Gas Minutes, as recorded, and the July 18, 2016 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with one (1) correction on Page 730, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Agenda Add-on for the **Revised** Resolution on Participation in State Health Plan, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION - REVISED RESOLUTION ON PARTICIPATION IN STATE HEALTH PLAN:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following **Revised** Resolution on Participation in State Health Plan.

REVISED RESOLUTION ON PARTICIPATION IN STATE HEALTH PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has long been committed to providing adequate, quality health insurance coverage to its employees; **and**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina provides comprehensive health insurance coverage to its employees, and to public school teachers, under the State Health Plan; **and**

WHEREAS, Session Law 2016-104 was signed by Governor Pat McCrory on July 22, 2016, allowing local governments to participate in the State Health Plan; **and**

WHEREAS, after analyzing costs and calculations of the County's current coverage and of what would be available under the State Health Plan, the County has determined to participate in the State Health Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the County of Columbus desires to participate in the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees established under Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, and does, by this Resolution, express its intent to so participate as provided in General Statutes §135-48.47.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County of Columbus desires to enter into participation in the Plan on January 01, 2017, and this Resolution is adopted and shall be provided to the State Health Plan.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 1st day of August, 2016.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, Chairman

/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

/s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**, Manager

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Attorney

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the **Revised** Resolution on Participation in State Health Plan, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for Public Input. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #7: HEALTH - UPDATE ON HOME HEALTH:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, delivered the following update on Columbus County Home Health.

1. We did hire an experienced Home Health nurse, and after starting employment, due to illness, she took a leave of absence;
2. The existing Home Health nurse was doing PR calls;
3. Theresa Smith, Director of Home Health and I talked, and with the patient load of one hundred fifty-six (156) patients, we did not see the need for hiring the two (2) full-time people;
4. You did receive a report showing a three hundred ninety thousand, one hundred thirty-four and 35/100 (\$390,134.35) dollars loss for Home Health; **and**
5. This is going to get worse, because reimbursement is still going down, and Medicare and Medicaid has again mandated that the reimbursement go down.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

1. Two (2) additional employees were not hired for Home Health, as directed by the Board;
2. Daily visits have not been made by the PR employee;
3. The Home Health patient load is at 156;
5. Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement has gone down and may continue to go down;
6. The need for Home Health to be transferred to the hospital;
7. Keeping Home Health for another year as originally discussed;
8. Hiring a full-time marketing person and keeping Home Health until Christmas to see which direction it will go in financially;
9. Why is out-of-county Home Health agents getting some of the county Home Health patients and Columbus County is not?; **and**
10. Take the legal steps necessary to start the process of transferring Home Health.

MOTION:

After lengthy and in-depth discussion, Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to take the appropriate legal steps to put Home Health out for bid for sale or lease, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

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

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

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

Agenda Item #8: PLANNING - AMENDMENT NUMBER 6 to COLUMBUS COUNTY ABANDONED STRUCTURE ORDINANCE:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Amendment Number 6 to Columbus County Abandoned Structure Ordinance. (The Public Hearing was held at 6:00 P.M., on this date, before the meeting.) This matter was tabled at the July 05, 2016 Board Meeting.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY ABANDONED STRUCTURE
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

AMENDMENT NO. 6 – Section 504 Enforcement, add “Section 504.1 Nuisance Conditions and Junked or Nuisance vehicles; removal authorized.

Upon notice issued to the owners of any abandoned structure as herein defined, it is also determined that any of the following conditions or any combination thereof, are found to be present or exist within (150') one hundred fifty feet of said abandoned structure, such notice shall include an order to also remove, remedy or otherwise abate such conditions by the imposed deadline as related to the removal, remedy or abatement of said structure or structures.

1. Any grass, weeds or similar noxious vegetation having an overall height of more than eighteen (18") inches above the surrounding ground within an area of approximately one hundred fifty (150') feet in any direction of an abandoned structure.
2. An open place, collection, or concentration of mattresses, boxes, paper, garbage, trash, refuse, old clothes, rags, automobile parts, tires or rims, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, appliances, cans and containers, household goods, plumbing or electrical fixtures, old rusty metal, or other similar items.
3. A collection place for lumber, bricks, blocks, nails, building hardware, roofing materials, scaffolding, masonry materials, electrical supplies or materials, plumbing supplies or materials, heating and air conditioning supplies or materials or any other type of old or unusable building supplies (especially those with nails, staples or sharp objects and edges) or other similar items.
4. Any junked or nuisance vehicle that found to exist on the property of an abandoned structure as defined herein;
 - (A) Junked motor vehicle: As authorized and defined in G.S. 153A-132.2, the term junked motor vehicle means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that:
 - (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
 - (2) Cannot be self-propelled or move in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
 - (3) Is more than five (5) years old and appears to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - (B) Nuisance vehicle: A vehicle on public or private property that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, and unlawful, including a vehicle found to be:

- (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, other insects, rats or other pests; or
- (2) A point of heavy growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation which exceeds eighteen (18") inches in height ; or
- (3) In a condition allowing the collection of pools or ponds of water; or
- (4) A concentration of quantities of gasoline, oil, or other flammable or explosive materials as evidenced by odor; or
- (5) An area of confinement which cannot be operated from the inside, such as, but not limited to, trunks or hoods; or
- (6) So situated or located that there is a danger of it falling or turning over; or
- (7) A collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste, or any other rotten or putrescent matter of any kind; or
- (8) One which has sharp parts thereof which are jagged or contain sharp edges of metal or glass;
- (9) Any other vehicle specifically declared a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance by the County Board of Commissioners.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of August, 2016.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

**MIKE STEPHENS
Columbus County Attorney**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve Amendment Number 6 to Columbus County Abandoned Structure Ordinance, with the correction of added verbiage pertaining to classic or antique vehicles, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REVISIONS to ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the revisions to the Economic Development Incentive Grant Program. (The required Public Hearing was held at 6:30 P.M. on this date, before the meeting.)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to table this matter until the changes have been made, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: ELECTIONS - APPROVAL of PURCHASE of VOTING EQUIPMENT with MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:

Carla Strickland, Board of Elections Director, requested Board approval to purchase forty-two (42) ESS Model DS200 Vote Tabulators with Maintenance Contract.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the purchase of forty-two (42) ESS Model DS200 Vote Tabulators at the purchase price of two hundred forty-five thousand, seven hundred sixty and 00/100 (\$245,760.00) dollars, with the trade in value of twenty-four thousand and 00/100 (\$24,000.00) dollars of the M100 Tabulators, with ballot boxes, and maintenance agreement, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: ELECTIONS - REQUEST to REMOVE ESS MODEL M100 VOTE TABULATORS from FIXED ASSET LISTING:

Carla Strickland, Board of Elections Director, requested Board approval to remove ESS Model M100 Vote Tabulators from the fixed asset listing and utilize as trade in on purchase of new equipment.

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to remove ESS Model M100 Vote Tabulators from the fixed asset listing and utilize as trade in on purchase of new equipment, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: ELECTIONS - REQUEST for RE-CLASSIFICATION and RAISE for EMPLOYEE:

Carla Strickland, Board of Elections Director, requested a re-classification and raise for an employee.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to table this Agenda Item until a later meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: PURCHASING / SAFETY - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

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

Purchasing/Fleet data is between July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Processed 1220 PO's...(last year's total was 1160)

On-going projects: Video Arraignment and First Appearance for new courthouse, A/C units for Animal Control, etc...

Warehouse: central office supplies, apx \$58,000 inventory. Supplies pulled/packed and delivered every Thursday morning, annual inventory completed...

Landlines: Countywide, State ITS, new system in Health Department, presently working through process for a new system at Sheriff Office.

Cell Phones: county-wide excluding Sheriff, apx 90

Wex: county-wide, gas card program, apx 261

Credit Cards: county-wide, apx 39 Business/50 P-cards, presently working with BB&T to improve process, 6 merchant services accounts at present

Copier Program: county-wide, apx 120 (includes fax machines),” cost per copy” program,

GovDeals: sold 5 vehicles to date

Fleet Management

Vehicles: apx 98, excluding Sheriff

Fleet Maintenance:

202 reported issues to garages

17 average per month

Safety data is between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015

County Safety incidents...36 total (34 last year)

Recordable incidents...6 (6 last year)...Complete breakdown included...

Annual OSHA Reports completed and submitted

Safety Committee meets monthly at a different department with a safety topic presented and a safety audit of that department.

Annual Safety Training completed by ALL employees...

Various training as needed...Defensive Driving, Forklift, First Aid, etc...

Agenda Item #14: LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL - AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY and N-FOCUS PLANNING and DESIGN, INCORPORATED:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval of the Agreement between Columbus County and N-Focus Planning and Design, Incorporated so entitled “Agreement with Local Government” to perform specified functions relative to Ordinances.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Agreement between Columbus County and N-Focus Planning and Design, Incorporated, so entitled “Agreement with Local Government” to perform specified functions relative to Ordinances, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this Agreement 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 #15: GOVERNING BODY - APPROVAL of RECORDS RETENTION and DISPOSITION SCHEDULES:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval of the following Records Retention and Disposition Schedules and Amendments.

DEPARTMENT	APPROVAL NEEDED
Public Transportation	April 01, 2006 Schedule November 07, 2014 Amendment
Register of Deeds	August 29, 2013 Amendment November 07, 2014 Amendment
Sheriff’s Office	2015 Schedule
Tax	September 03, 2013 Amendment November 07, 2014 Amendment
Veterans	November 01, 2004 Schedule November 07, 2014 Amendment

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the above listed Records Retention and Disposition Schedules and Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to the FOLLOWING COUNCILS/COMMISSIONS and BOARDS:

June B. Hall requested the following appointments/re-appointments/replacements to the following Councils/Commissions and Boards.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	VII	Johnny Edge	06/30/2016	John Blosser
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III V VII	Sandra Lewis Patrick Milligan Rhonda Bullard- Dutton	06/30/2016 06/30/2016 06/30/2016	HOLD Joan Humphrey HOLD
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board Motion: Commissioner Russ Second: Vice Chairman McDowell	EB	Jackie Ray (ETJ) -Resigned-	N/A	Matthew S. McLean

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment Motion: Commissioner Russ Second: Vice Chairman McDowell	EB	-VACANT-	N/A	J.E. Thompson

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

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 18, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each water district, respectively.

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

At 7:48 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4960-535903	M/R No Till Drill	1,008
Revenues	10-3496-499110	Fund Balance Appropriation - No Till Drill	1,008
Expenditures	10-4201-548010	Incubator Project - Tabor City Building	55,000
Revenues	10-3991-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	55,000
Expenditures	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	(276,669)
Revenues	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	(276,669)

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$147.46
Freeman, Wantia & James	PROPERTY: 88818	Total:	\$608.18
Value: \$32,800.00	Year: 12-14	Account: 04-02221	Bill#: 99999
Release value of dwelling. Sold at tax sale for less than full due. Release Bolton Fire(73.20) release Columbus Rescue(14.64)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$81.39
Hamilton, Mildred T.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$753.56
Value: \$3,190.00	Year: 13-15	Account: 01-36286	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value of S/W. Deed shows new owners. Release Bolton Fire(7.08) release Whiteville Rescue(2.03) release late list(9.06)			

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$342.20
Helms, Jeff	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$385.79
Value: \$2,697.00	Year: 06-15	Account: 08-01152	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value of boat. Runover by Car Dec. 2013. Release Columbus Rescue(8.52) release late list(35.07)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$139.39
Hipps, Warren Eston	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$157.10
Value: \$3,011.00	Year: 11-15	Account: 10-09046	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Owner lives in Myrtle Beach, SC Taxes uncollectible. Release Columbus Rescue(3.44) release late list(14.27)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$422.17
Holland Barbara A.	PROPERTY: 89205	Total:	\$1,825.97
Value: \$3,100.00	Year: 10-15	Account: 13-04054	Bill#: 99999
Release value of S/W. Deeded to Kel-Han Propertyeis, LLC in 2009. Release Klondyke Fire(36.47) release Columbus Rescue(10.43) release late list(46.90)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$5.82
Ridgeland Acres, LLC	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$7.34
Value: \$362.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 06-05758	Bill#: 99999
Release value of business equipment. Out of business, Release Yam City(.72) release Columbus Rescue(.14) release late list(.66)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$46.21
Newman Elmer Thomas (Jr)	PROPERTY: 21951	Total:	\$487.95
Value: \$2,810.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 12-00547	Bill#: 99999
Refund value of S/W Discovery to Act#12-02930. Refund North Whiteville(4.59) refund Columbus Rescue(1.15)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Wantia & James	PROPERTY: 88818	Total:	\$320.36
Value: \$0.00	Year: 13&15	Account: 04-02221	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Home burnt 2013.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Johnson, Mary E.	PROPERTY: 91733	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-04451	Bill#: 41036
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

Nakoma Simmons, Cooperative Extension: I have with me tonight C.J. Freeman, a young man representing Columbus County who will be at the NCACC Conference in Winston-Salem.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - Human trafficking is handled in a different way and is an advantageous manner for the girls; **and**
 - When the girls are picked up, they are taken to a holding place where workers are helping to keep them from getting back on the streets, and not just thrown into jail.
2. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the following:
 - At the NACo Conference, I attended a workshop on infrastructure;
 - The ceiling for the federal grants to qualify for is \$20 million; **and**
 - The rural counties are in the same situation that we are.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated in lieu of renting all vans, it would be wise to have a few vans on hand.

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

At 7:53 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:17 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Byrd requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, "The County Manager discussed the position of Building Inspector, and the Board of Commissioners gave the County Manager the authority to negotiate the salary for the Building Inspector position".

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to give William S. Clark, County Manager, the authority to negotiate on behalf of hiring the Building Inspections Director, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:19 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, August 01, 2016

7:47 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:

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

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 7:47 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 18, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 01, 2016
7:47 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:

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

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 7:47 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 18, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 01, 2016
7:47 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:

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

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 7:47 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 18, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 01, 2016
7:47 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:

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

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 7:47 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 18, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 01, 2016
7:47 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:

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

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 7:47 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 18, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman