

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

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 their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Tuesday, the third Monday being a legal holiday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

ACTING CLERK:

**Samantha Alsup, Economic
 Development/Planning Assistant**

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the January 17, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Reverend Ron Alford of Butler Branch Church. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

The following retirement plaque was presented to **Patricia Strickland** for her employment with Tabor City Library.

PRESENTED TO***PATRICIA STRICKLAND***

***IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
 FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
 TO
 TABOR CITY LIBRARY***

10-26-1987 - 12-20-2016

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjust the Agenda by moving Agenda Item #13 to Agenda Item #6A, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the January 03, 2017 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Anita Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
 - I am here to voice a concern regarding Columbus Regional Medical Center, and the staff and the treatment of my brother in that facility on the 10th of January, 2017;
 - He arrived there about 11:15, and we called for nurses several times;
 - During the period of that time, we received no assistance;
 - He did receive blood being drawn, received a CT scan, he was disoriented and confused;
 - A chest x-ray was done, and at about 3:00, he was informed that he would be admitted on the sixth floor but we needed to wait for a bed;
 - During the time he was laying there, he wasn't really laying, he was thrashing, pulling out IV tubes, trying to get out of bed and received no assistance;
 - His feet were hanging off the stretcher;
 - We called for nurses several times but got no assistance;
 - The comment from a nurse was once he was admitted to sixth floor, the Emergency Room was not responsible for him;
 - We had no call light to use, and I went outside to call the administrator;
 - I came back in the Emergency room at 4:15 and we were told my brother would be moved up to the 6th floor, the doctor came to the Emergency Room around 6:21 and stated he had been waiting for my brother;
 - My brother was moved to the 6th floor around 8:20 and the staff was very nice to him;
 - At 9:02 P.M., my brother passed away; **and**
 - Everyone needs to have dignity and respect and this was total neglect.

2. **Kay C. Horne, 416 Holly Circle, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
 - I serve on a committee with the Episcopal Church, and we represent Pender, Columbus, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties;
 - This committee was formed to help people who suffered from Hurricane Matthew;
 - We surveyed areas that were damaged and needed help; **and**
 - There are many people who will help Columbus County.

3. **Reverend Neil Smith, 131 Conway Road, Fair Bluff, NC 28439:** stated the following:
 - I am the pastor of Fair Bluff United Methodist Church and Cerro Gordo United Methodist Church;
 - I appreciate the few minutes to speak to you;
 - On behalf of the churches, the Chamber of Commerce and the town, relative to the Fair Bluff Senior Center, there has been a lot of mis-communication;
 - Scottie Williams, my brother, owns a building, the Masonic Lodge in Fair Bluff, he has been holding off to rent with the impression that it would be used for the Senior Center; **and**
 - The decision needs to be made and to keep people informed of what is happening.

4. **Reverend Johnny Moore, 255 Peach Street, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
 - I live on Peach Street off of Highway 701 in a subdivision;
 - There are thirteen (13) homeowners on this road;
 - The condition of the road is so bad that emergency vehicles, solid waste vehicles, UPS trucks will not travel on it;
 - We have fixed the road several times, but it keeps getting worse, and Hurricane Matthew has made it worse;
 - We need some rocks to fill the holes so they will not continue to wash out; **and**
 - We need some help with this road.

Agenda Item #6A (Moved): Agenda Item #13: FAIR BLUFF SENIOR CENTER - DISCUSSION of OPTIONS:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard and Amanda Harrelson, Director of Aging, delivered the following discussion of the options for the Fair Bluff Senior Center.

Commissioner Ricky Bullard:

1. After Neil Smith and I talked, a lot of things have happened;
2. I will request that Amanda Harrelson come forth and explain some of these things that have happened;
3. The Fair Bluff Senior Center will not be closed, and was never considered;
4. It will be opened up.

Amanda Harrelson, Director of Aging: stated Neil Coles, Grants Manager with North Carolina Emergency Management Public Assistance, and Brian Snell are here to explain some details.

Neil Coles: stated the following:

1. We have fifteen (15) applicants in this county who have been working with FEMA since the disaster;
2. I am here tonight to give you a brief overview of how the FEMA Program works with this particular facility;
3. It is an eligible facility to be brought back to pre-disaster condition;
4. There is a concern relative to the facility being in a floodplain;
5. There is an opportunity for that facility to be mitigated and it can be lifted up above the floodplain;
6. It could be moved to another facility, but there are some caveats that need to be worked out between Columbus County and the Town of Fair Bluff and guide FEMA;
7. This facility could be moved or possibly elevated;
8. The federal representatives are not here tonight, and the federal provides 75% of the funds and the State provides 25%;
9. This will be a large project, over \$127,000.00 in damages and also the equipment needed;
10. The process is moving forward, and our contact is Brian Snell;
11. There are mitigation funds on top of public assistance funds;
12. We are dealing with fifty (50) counties;
13. We are dealing with disasters in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida; **and**
14. There have been some FEMA changes.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

1. Location information needs to be submitted to FEMA to determine what needs to be done;
2. Process is moving accordingly;
3. Two (2) optional locations are being discussed;
4. The existing location's owner is holding discussions with the insurance company to determine if we can occupy the building;
5. Two (2) other locations have been found, the Masonic Lodge and the ABC store;
6. The Masonic Lodge is on the river front and FEMA has stated it would need to be lifted up twelve (12") inches, and it is on a cement slab;
7. The other building that we found is the old ABC store;
8. How many funds would be available to do what needs to be done?;
9. We will reimburse you with what is eligible, a minimum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars with a maximum five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars;
10. Information provided that FEMA would pay for the loss of equipment, installation of windows needed, pay for six (6) months of rent and ADA improvements;
11. The particulars to work at are:
 - The best eligible route to follow;
 - Pre-existing conditions; **and**
 - Insure the building;
12. The faster the County moves, the faster FEMA moves, because the State is intensely involved;
13. Fair Bluff is a high issue, along with many other small towns that have been devastated;
14. The County Commissioners need to be involved and keep pressing, procure your bids and get all of the documentation needed, we can start writing a project and it will be communicated to the primary contact, Bobbie Faircloth, and which direction to move forward;
15. Nothing will move forward until you sign off on it;
16. The square footage on the buildings that are being looked at is as follows:

-3,936 Square Feet	Existing facility
-3,888 Square Feet	ABC Store, losing 48 square feet
-3,195 Square Feet	Masonic Lodge, losing 751 square feet;
17. Are there any funds available to build a new building outside of the flood plain?;
18. The ABC store is feasible and the best option for a location;
19. FEMA will not pay for windows installed;
20. What is the rent on the ABC store?;
21. A For Sale sign on the ABC store stating \$37,500;
22. The owner of the ABC Store states the following:
 - The ABC Store is dry and a new roof was done two (2) years ago;
 - We used it as a temporary City Hall;
 - I need to know if this is a lease or a purchase and the length of the lease;
23. The County Attorney needs to discuss the details of the ABC Store with the owner; **and**
24. The Senior Center is important for the citizens in the area and plays a big role in their lives.

Karen Grainger: stated the following:

1. Carl Mares owns the building they presently are in now, he is not waiting for insurance, and there is no insurance on the building;
2. He has been quoted an excessive amount to help fix the building;
3. Scottie is willing to take two hundred and 00/100 (\$200.00) dollars per month on his building;
4. At this time, we don't know what is going to happen with the buildings in Fair Bluff;
5. We have several people who have volunteered to help pay for the areas that FEMA will not cover; **and**
6. Please let us know what we need to do.

MOTION:

After additional and lengthy discussion, Commissioner Bullard made a motion to move the Fair Bluff Senior Center to the Masonic Lodge, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.

After further discussion, Commissioner Bullard withdrew his motion, and Vice Chairman McKenzie withdrew his second.

After additional discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for William S. Clark, County Manager, to find out the details about the ABC Store, and to find out from FEMA if there were funds available to help fix up the existing building, and to bring recommendations back to the Board.

Agenda Item #7: SOCIAL SERVICES - CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, requested Board approval for the recommendations made. James Clark, Consultant, presented the following Consultant Report.

**Execlink, LLC
Consultant Report
To
Columbus County Department of Social Services
Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

By: James Butler Clark, MSAS

January 17, 2017

Section 1: Presenting Problem

Child Protective Services are federally mandated; however, North Carolina remains one of the few states that administers its Child Welfare System at the county level. These federally mandated services are applicable to the entire state without consideration to county lines. The North Carolina Division of Social Services recognizes all children in North Carolina have the right to live free from abuse and neglect without regard to where they live or with whom they live. Therefore, all 100 counties in North Carolina bear the responsibility for ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and their families. The County Social Services Director must decide how these interrelated aspects of protective services will be provided by the agency. Under authority granted in North Carolina General Statute 108A-74, if the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines a county department of social services is not providing child protective services, foster care services, or adoption services in accordance with state law and with applicable rules adopted by the Social Services Commission, or fails to demonstrate reasonable efforts to do so, then the Secretary, after providing written notification of intent to the county director of social services; to the chair of the county board of commissioners, and to the chair of the county board of social services; and after providing them with an opportunity to be heard, may intervene in the particular service or services in question. Intervention includes, but is not limited to; withholding state and federal child welfare funds, sending staff to the agency to provide oversight, and assuming direct responsibility for providing services and billing the county for the cost.

The State Division of Social Services conducted a Child Welfare Review at the Columbus County Department of Social Services, identified numerous deficiencies, and has required the County to bring in an independent Consultant to provide oversight to the development and implementation of their Program Improvement Plan (PIP). As identified in a report dated April 27, 2016, specific areas of concern include insufficient contacts and case documentation, lack of appropriate use of standard decision making tools and Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT), incomplete evaluations of safety

resources and kinship placements, insufficient supervision and failure to follow policy regarding reports on open cases and fatalities. As related in a letter dated July 28, 2016, areas of concern persisted and include collaterals not being contacted as identified, CFT's are not being held in the timeframes dictated in policy, nor with fidelity as to the CFT facilitator, supervision is not documented as occurring as needed, background checks on safety resources and kinship placements are not occurring timely; nor before children are placed in these homes. Additional concerns identified include a lag in time from closure of an assessment found in need of services to the time in-home services begin, visitation plans are not present, and overall lack of documentation that shows issues are being addressed.

Section 2: Description of Services, Purpose of Contract and Findings

- The consultant will review Columbus County Department of Social Services Child Welfare Program Management.

The Child Welfare Program at the Columbus County Department of Social Services is supervised by a Social Work Program Manager, who directly supervises three Children's Services Supervisors and who in turn reports to the Social Services Director. It is important to note in Columbus County, the Board of Commissioners made a decision to abolish the Social Services Board and has elected to assume the responsibilities and authority of the Board. In this regard, the County Manager serves as a liaison between the Social Services Director and his Board (CCBOC), but does not directly supervise the Social Services Director. In my view, this creates a void in the chain of command and has the potential to create communication problems. Frequent close detailed communication between the Social Services Director and his governance board is absolutely essential to the smooth efficient operation of the Social Services Department. This would include troubleshooting problems and maintaining quality in Child Welfare Programing. North Carolina General Statute 108A stipulates the county board of social services shall have the following duties and responsibilities: (1) To select the county director of social services according to the merit system rules of the North Carolina Human Resources Commission; (2) To advise county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans to improve the social conditions of the community; (3) To consult with the director of social services about problems relating to his office, and to assist him in planning budgets for the county department of social services; (4) To transmit or present the budgets of the county department of social services for public assistance, social services, and administration to the board of county commissioners; (5) To have such other duties and responsibilities as the General Assembly, the Department of Health and Human Services or the Social Services Commission or the board of county commissioners may assign to it. Clearly, the Board of County Commissioners in this instance shares the responsibility for resolving and remediating the problems identified in the state review. It is my recommendation the Board of County Commissioners, in consultation with the County Manager and the Director of Social Services, review and reflect on their decision to abolish the DSS Board and decide on how it wants to move forward. Should the county desire assistance in facilitating this discussion, Aimee Wall at the UNC School of Government has offered consultation to the county in reviewing governance options and answering questions. My other recommendation on Child Welfare Program Management is for the Director of Social Services to review the span of responsibility and control currently assigned to the Social Work Program Manager, as it appears there is a need to dedicate additional time and resources to the management of Child Welfare.

- The consultant will review Columbus County Department of Social Services Child Welfare Case Supervision.

Child Welfare Case Supervision is the process through which professional Social Work Staff are supervised as they provide services to children and their families. The work is complex, challenging, and at times dangerous to all concerned. The primary purpose of the Child Protective Services Supervisor is to provide appropriate clinical administrative guidance to the workers who will be providing a continuum of services to families who are not functional due to either situational or chronic problems such as child abuse, neglect or dependency. State mandated staffing standards indicate the need for an additional supervisor at the Department of Social Services to meet the worker to supervisor ratio of one to five.

In addition, the agency is not meeting the caseload standards for full time equivalent (FTE) Social Work Positions, resulting in the need for three FTE Social Work Positions. Baseline staffing is essential and therefore, I am recommending the additional staff; one FTE Child Welfare Supervisor and three FTE Social Work Positions be added immediately; and the position be incorporated in the FY2016/17 Social Services Budget; and the new positions be budgeted in the FY2017/18 Social Services Budget. The addition of these staff will enable and enhance the agency's ability to address

issues to include providing LINKS Services, provide CFT Facilitators and license needed Foster Homes.

- The consultant will review the Columbus County Department of Social Services Child Welfare Program Procedures to ensure compliance with federal and state child welfare standards.

The North Carolina Division of Social Services establishes program policy and procedures based upon federal requirements with responsibility for carrying out these duties based at the local level. In the recent reviews, a number of issues were cited, which indicates the agency is not in full compliance with all federal and state child welfare standards. The procedures established by the state are very specific with time lines and required documentation. The agency is developing a strategy to ensure timely purposeful documentation of case activities. Technological improvements are in the planning, which include shared drive and lap top availability to enhance documentation efforts and supervisory review.

I am recommending the agency review, in detail, their current plan for the provision of Child Welfare Services twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. The agency employs an informal system wherein the Social Work Staff rotates on-call coverage and supervisors rotate to provide backup supervision. All this is in addition to their regular work days. It should be noted; emergency child welfare situations are prone to develop during those times when regular staff and specialized staff are not available; such as nights, holidays and weekends. The county's Child Protective Services Program Representative has recommended the county employ the best and brightest for on-call coverage during nights and weekends and that in addition, the agency employ staff to provide their 24/7 emergency coverage. Best Practice in Child Welfare for night and weekend coverage calls for specialized emergency Social Work Staff. Based on the models employed in neighboring counties (Brunswick, Robeson and New Hanover), two FTE Social Work Positions are required, along with assigned supervision to adequately address this current deficit. Although, not included in our requests for staff at this time, the agency should undertake a study, in consultation with their CPR, to address this critical deficit as soon as possible. The agency is reviewing after-hours system connectivity to access agency and criminal records, which is limited as Social Work Staff are currently utilizing personal cell phones to conduct agency business. This is not appropriate and the agency should address communication deficits through the agency budget.

- The consultant will review child welfare cases to validate federal and state policy compliance.

A sample of child welfare cases have been reviewed by the consultant. A closed and an open case for each worker was reviewed and follow-up conducted with the worker and supervisor. The cases are well organized and the ones reviewed were complete. Problematic is the amount of material contained in many of the long term files, which can consist of several notebooks or file folders. The state is embarking on a project to automate child welfare and to blend the child welfare system into NCFAS. This will be a two or three year project; yet agencies should be evaluating their current operating systems to ensure it will comply with all requirements for the proposed automated statewide child welfare system.

- The consultant will monitor the progress and timeliness as specified in the Child Welfare Program Development Plan.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services received the Columbus County DSS Program Development Plan (PDP) in response to the program evaluation and PDP Review conducted September 14 -16, 2016. Upon review, it is found to address all the findings identified in the final evaluation report and has reasonable time frames and outcomes identified. It is approved as of November 18, 2016 and accepted as the plan of action to improve and enhance the county's child welfare program. The PDP cites concerns with supervisory oversight, consultation and staff training. Improvement has been noted in structuring supervision to make it consistent across child welfare. We have reviewed best practice supervision, are revising supervision tools and focusing on risk and safety. Basic training for workers and supervisors has been emphasized and progress has been made to ensure all staff receive required training timely. Consultation with state staff has resulted in state training resources being prioritized to address Columbus County Child Welfare Training needs. CFT facilitation, Links Liaison and Foster Home Licensing will be addressed in major part through the addition of needed staff. Length of time CPS In-Home Service cases are open and CFT meeting frequency were issues in the reviews. Close supervision is being stressed to address these issues. Making timely appropriate contacts along with

documentation are being more closely monitored. In-house case transfers are primarily responsible for these deficiencies, which is within the agency's hands to address. Viewing cases as agency cases rather than unit cases is key, along with consistent supervisory attention and management oversight. The responsible individual list needs more attention; as that is our best means to track those abusing or neglecting. Tracking and documenting contacts, along with concurrent planning, are keys to permanency planning. CCDSS is currently meeting the requirements for foster care visits. Credit checks and data management will be better addressed through reorganization of clerical support to child welfare. The use of structured decision making tools needs continuing improvement and CFT's should be tracked more closely to ensure the meetings are timely and consistent with policy. The agency conducted in-house training on safety resources/kinship placements, as they continue to prepare for policy changes in the near future. Child fatality tracking is under review in the agency and the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT)/Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) reorganization will assist in meeting this critical function.

- The consultant will report to the Social Services Director and share any findings and progress regarding the Child Welfare Division and the Child Welfare Services Program Development Plan.

The consultant is working closely with the Director and Social Work Program Manager to identify problem areas and assist in developing strategy to address the problems.

- The consultant will attend Child Fatality Prevention Team Meetings, Community Child Protection Team Meetings and Child and Family Team Meetings, as his schedule permits.

The consultant attended the join CCPT/CFPT and found the teams in need of some reorganization and fine tuning. The membership, which is required, is not being fully addressed. The fine line that separates these two respective teams was not in place, nor was the responsibility split between health and DSS, as required by North Carolina General Statutes. Several cases were reviewed and a child fatality, which had been missed, was brought before the group. The consultant is working with the Social Work Program Manager and the responsible supervisor to re-engage and refocus these teams.

- The consultant will present to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager's Office as requested, unless information requested is prohibited by North Carolina General Statutes. The consultant will prepare a summary report of his work, including findings and recommendations at the completion of the contract period to Columbus County.

The consultant is to present his report to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Executive Summary

The Columbus County Department of Social Services Child Welfare Program finds itself out of compliance with federal and state guidelines, standards and policy due to a multiplicity of factors. The Child Welfare units, which include Investigations & Intake/Treatment, In-Home Services and Foster Care are currently understaffed with respect to line Social Work positions, as well as, being short one full time Supervisor. This situation has existed for some time and has become chronic due to heavy worker turnover. State mandated staffing standards for both Social Workers and Child Welfare Supervisors set the stage for quality Child Welfare Services. These are minimum ratios and in many North Carolina counties, the Social Services Department staff at higher levels to compensate for employee turnover; and to enhance the safety of the children for whom they have responsibility. Understaffing leads to dysfunctional service delivery systems that fail to meet standards and increases the level of risk for abused, neglected and dependent children.

For example, Supervisors find themselves covering one or more vacant caseloads, which can dramatically reduce the time available to supervise their social work staff.

The effects tend to snowball, which leads to additional problems, as more and more staff are performing tasks for others, while the limitations on time and energy prevent them from addressing their own responsibilities. This is unacceptable and raises the safety risk level for children in the county. Child Welfare Social Work and Social Work Supervision is complex, detailed and challenging. As detailed in the report, every effort should be expended to maintain adequate qualified staff, who can produce quality work over the long term. In addition to staffing up to

minimum standards, it is also recommended the agency establish a Contractual Line Item, which will allow the agency to bring in temporary staff, who are ready to work on a short term basis, either through a temp agency; such as Vanguard, or by recruiting retired employees who are ready to work on a short-term basis should the need arise to fill gaps. It will also be incumbent upon the agency to budget for space needs, office equipment, telephones and other items incidental to bringing on new staff.

At our request, the state identified comparison counties; Lenoir and Edgecombe, which are most like us statistically, so we could compare and contrast our respective services delivery models. The comparison counties both utilize a four supervisor structure. They average twenty-three Social Work positions, which compare to our own three supervisor structure with eighteen Social Work positions. Workloads in all three counties are comparable. It is therefore imperative the Columbus County Department of Social Services bring staffing to the minimum standards for both Social Work and Social Work Supervisors. It is also recommended clerical staff be increased by .5 FTE (this is to be addressed through reassigning and reallocating an existing position) and that transportation needs be addressed by the addition of two FTE Transportation Aides. The addition of transportation and clerical support serve as Social Work/Supervisor multipliers by relieving these professional staff of responsibilities that are more cost effectively performed by paraprofessional staff, thus enabling the professional staff to provide intensive services to protect children.

The management of turnover presents challenges for the Columbus County Department of Social Services. The Child Welfare turnover rate for Columbus County in 2014 was 34%, in 2015 was 17% and for 2016 it is again rising. Neighboring counties compete for our qualified trained staff. Entry level salaries in Columbus County lag behind Brunswick, New Hanover and Robeson Counties, enabling our new hires, who have been trained at our cost to fill their vacant positions. County Personnel Policies tend to extend the recruitment timeline. For example, recruiting from within, which in and of itself is not a bad policy, extends the recruitment timeline when there are no qualified applicants in-house; and I am recommending the agency recruit both within and outside at the same time, to reduce the recruitment period. Child Welfare staff have stringent preservice training requirements before becoming work ready. County policy holds firm and fast to bringing in new staff at entry level salaries, which diminishes DSS ability to recruit experienced staff. The Social Services Director, who has the exclusive authority, with respect to

Social Services Personnel, should have the flexibility to make personnel decisions that are timely and in the best interest of the agency and county.

Budgeting for the proposed staff additions, needed technological improvements and establishing a contractual line item require analysis. As you are aware, the state fiscal year FY2016/17 is at midpoint; and the current budget cycle will conclude June 30, 2017. Therefore, we are concerned with financing program improvements this fiscal year and beginning the process of folding in the increased costs for FY2017/18. We have been working with the County's Local Business Liaison to analysis current year spending and cost projections. First and foremost, our strategy is to maximize the receipt of federal and state funding and minimize the need for county dollars to finance program improvements. Let us be clear, there will be increased costs in the current year and additional costs in FY2017/18; however, based on our analysis, the actual outlay of additional county dollars to finance improvements this year will be minimal. Through the full budgeting and utilization of existing federal and state funding streams, along with utilizing lapsed salary funds this year; and the phased in process of bringing new staff on board, the agency budget is expected to be able to absorb this increased cost for the FY2016/17 budget cycle.

On a much more positive note, the consultant would like to recognize the strengths which he has observed within the agency during the past several months. This is an agency that works together to get things done and that became abundantly clear as the agency was confronted with the state's critique of its Child Welfare Program, their response to Hurricane Matthew; implementing a Disaster Food Stamp Program and carrying out the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. The staff worked closely together to serve the citizens of Columbus County regardless of where they were assigned within the agency; so this truly was an agency response to the multiple crises confronting Columbus County. The Child Welfare Staff has stepped up to deal with the state review. The agency has developed a Continuous Quality Improvement strategy and in fact, put together a CQI Work Group; which consists of management, supervisors and representative line staff to work on agency solutions to the concerns. The Program Improvement Plan is coming to fruition with a number of goals, either fully implemented or at least initiated. Overall, with your support, I see the agency strengthening and moving forward. As the state's Children's Program Representative stated the Child Welfare Program at the Columbus County Department of Social Services will only be as good as the

Columbus County Board of Commissioners allows it to be. Thank you for your continuing support.

Estimated Cost for Child Welfare

SW Supervisor III entry level: \$40,970 after probation \$43,018

SW III entry level \$34,225 after probation \$35,936

Retirement 7.25% - SW Supervisor III \$3,118.80 - SW III \$2,605.36 x 3 - \$7,816.08

FICA 7.65% - SW Supervisor III \$3,290.87 - SW III \$2,749.10 x 3 = \$8,247.30

Insurance \$763.38 approximate/monthly = \$9,160.56

<u>SW Supervisor III</u>	<u>SW III</u>
\$43,018.00	\$35,936.00
3,118.80	2,605.36
3,290.87	2,749.10
<u>9,160.56</u>	<u>9,160.56</u>
\$58,588.23	\$50,451.02 x 3 = \$151,353.06

\$ 58,588.23

151,353.06

\$209,941.29 (annually) 2017-2018

\$17,495.10 x 5 months = \$87,475.50

Agenda Item #8: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, presented the following Monthly Administrative Update.

On December 8, 2016 I attended the Directors Association's Executive Board meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. During the session, we received an update from the NCFAST Team. They are working with pilot counties around the Child Welfare and Day Care programs being put into NCFAST. Day Care conversion into the new system will be done by local DSS staff in preparation for implementation in 2017. A schedule will be provided with expected dates for counties to start this new payment system for Child Care. Information about this new process has been sent out to Day Care providers across the state.

The state is also working on testing for the LIEAP and CIP programs that will be added in NCFAST in the future.

The NCFAST Team is working on a statewide document management system. The goal is to have something in place by June 2018. These new programs being added to NCFAST may require local counties to upgrade their bandwidth and computers in order to operate effectively in NCFAST. They will provide the minimum requirements to counties soon.

We were reminded about the new Child Welfare policy around temporary safety agreements that will start January 1, 2017. This new policy will require more court time for county social work and court staff in Child Welfare. There will also be some new Medicaid policy requirements starting January 1, 2017. This will require counties to have Medicaid applications processed timely or risk the state temporarily taking over the administration of its Medicaid program; if timely processing rates are not met for three or five consecutive months. The state will be working with counties on strategies to meet timeliness of processing applications and getting applicants access to benefits if they are eligible via a joint corrective action plan; not to exceed 12 months or 18 months maximum, if the county shows measurable progress in meeting the time standards.

During the month of December, we continued to work on our strategies for improving our Child Welfare program and meeting the goals/outcomes on our Program Improvement Plan. The Program Manager and I have met with our Program Consultant, our State Fiscal Representative and local Accounting Specialist, in an effort to identify funding sources that can be used this fiscal year to help us in securing additional staff, technology upgrades to improve our Child Welfare program; and meet state program requirements. We are in the process of finalizing our report and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. In addition to these meetings, our consultant and I had a

conference call with the Division Director and our State Representative to give them an update on what we are planning; and to get any additional suggestions from them. We are in the process of putting some local agency protocols and policies in place to ensure state requirements are followed and to monitor our staff compliance.

Our consultant's contract will end in December 2016; however, he will continue to work with us via phone and emails. He and I will present a Report of Findings and Recommendations at the January 17, 2017 board meeting.

**December 2016
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 204 Applications Approved: 189 Active Cases: 5,392 Benefits Issued: \$1,512,225 Participants Served: 12,077
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 91 Cases Terminated: 53 Redeterminations: 507 Applications Processed: 191
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 177 Applications Processed: 163 Redeterminations: 252 Total Medicaid Cases: 14,465 Total Individuals Receiving: 16,766
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 94 Orders Enforced: 868 Active Cases: 4,039 Collections: \$456,255.42

**December 2016
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 12 County Wards: 22 Number of Payee Cases: 29 Adults Served APS: 30 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,638 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$26,782.84
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 30 Reports Screened Out: 6 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 33 Children Served: 72 Contacts with Families Monthly: 279 Assessments: 26
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 71 Children Placed Outside County: 16 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 10 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 7 Total Children in Foster Care: 81
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 21 Applications Approved: 20 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 332 Entered Employment: 0 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 4

Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$3,868.78 New Referrals: 0 Cases Established: 0
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 399 Children on the Waiting List: 375 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$149,414.15

**November 2016
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 251 Applications Approved: 165 Active Cases: 5,423 Benefits Issued: \$1,519,301 Participants Served: 12,023
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 149 Cases Terminated: 32 Redeterminations: 200 Applications Processed: 137
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 174 Applications Processed: 135 Redeterminations: 421 Total Medicaid Cases: 14,507 Total Individuals Receiving: 22,782
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 93 Orders Enforced: 961 Active Cases: 4,041 Collections: \$474,741.66

**November 2016
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 16 County Wards: 22 Number of Payee Cases: 43 Adults Served APS: 43 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 788 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$17,206.86
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 39 Reports Screened Out: 9 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 35 Children Served: 75 Contacts with Families Monthly: 285 Assessments: 26
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 73 Children Placed Outside County: 16 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 8 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 7 Total Children in Foster Care: 81
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 23 Applications Approved: 19 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 362 Entered Employment: 1 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 3

Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$6,392.88 New Referrals: 0 Cases Established: 1
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 401 Children on the Waiting List: 457 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$155,666.80

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Children's Protective Services/Intake/Investigation/Assessment

Children's Protective Services/In-Home Services

Children's Protective Services/Foster Care/Adoptions

Adult Services

Work First Employment

Child Day Care

Program Integrity

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager

Vacancies/Updates/News for December 2016

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be short staffed due to losing two Social Workers to other positions, one within the agency and the other in another county for more money. Recommendations have been made, however, one applicant did not work out. Therefore, the other applicants will be reviewed again before looking at opening up the position for advertisement again. References have been requested on at least one other Social Worker in this Unit who has applied for the same position in another county for more money. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to be short-staffed. A recommendations has been made to fill this position. However, another Social Worker has recently resigned to take a position in another county for more money. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues was to be fully staffed. New staff have completed Pre-Service training and are beginning to take on caseloads. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be short-staffed even after interviewing recently. This position was re-advertised. A recommendation has been made to fill this position. However, another Social Worker within this Unit is currently on medical leave indefinitely at this time.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to transition to the NCFast system. This Unit also assists with Emergency Assistance, 200%, and with CPS Intake coverage when needed.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit is currently short staffed due to a Social Worker leaving the agency for more money. Interviews have been completed and a recommendation will be made soon. This Unit will soon begin training as they become one of the next to transition into the NCFast system. Limited training and information and state support continues to be an obstacle for all services that are becoming a part of the system. However, so far the transition is going smoothly.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity is currently assisting with Energy Assistance/Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) which opened up December 1 to households that have a person 60 and older or a person receiving SSI/SSA/VA and services through the Division of Aging and Aging Services. In the month of November 665 applications were taken with 596 approvals. The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) has exhausted its funds. 1236 CIP applications were taken with 1186 approvals. January 1, 2017 the LIEAP program opens up for all others that did not qualify in December.

Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and

Housekeeping
Food and Nutrition and Family and Children's Medicaid
Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)
Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: **December 2016**
News/Updates/Vacancies

Family and Children's Medicaid and Adult Medicaid:

Both Medicaid Teams continue to receive applications from the Federal Marketplace. December is always the busiest month out of the year with the MQB/E Program, (Medicare for Qualified Beneficiaries Program). This program has the highest income level and only pays for the client's Part B Medicare Premium, which for anyone that was on Medicare prior to 2016 is \$104.90/month; anyone that enrolled for Medicare in 2016 their premium is \$121.80/month and anyone that enrolls in 2017 their premium will be 134.00/month. All of these reviews were completed timely. State Representatives met with us on December 8th to begin a series of visits that the state has implemented to help counties discuss issues and go over new policies. The State is under corrective action with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid due to the untimeliness of applications and reviews across the State. That was the top discussion. The "Report Card" for Medicaid has been put in NCFAST now and counties are expected to pass each category each month. Adult Medicaid have been struggling to pass their categories due to staff shortage and backlog. We are proud to say that we did pass our report card for November 2016. As we look at rearranging staff to help in areas that need the help, we hope to continue to keep all work within their compliance timeframes. Family and Children's Medicaid has enough staff to handle the workload and keep their work within their timeframes. One position has been transferred to Adult Medicaid to be able to meet our timeliness standards. Both intake and reviews of Family and Children's Medicaid have been able to help Food and Nutrition and Adult Medicaid complete some of their work. We still have 3 vacancies and have recommended 2 for hire.

Food and Nutrition:

Intake and Processing continue to be flooded with applications and are struggling with their timeliness again due to the disaster. We are short staffed in this department also but soon hope to make a recommendation for new hire for intake. The supervisor over the intake/processing will be out for several months also. However, we are keeping our heads up and having confidence that as an agency we can pull from other departments if necessary to get the work completed. The review team continue to work with some issues with help desk tickets and cards that the system did not activate for the disaster.

Work First/Cash///Transportation////Interpreter/////Maintenance///Housekeeping & Deputy:

- Work First caseloads have become small enough for them to be able to help in Adult Medicaid.
- The interpreter has been extremely busy with our regular programs and interpreting for those that are in to apply for the energy programs.
- The Deputy, maintenance and housekeeping remain very busy with the added clients coming thru the building for the energy programs.
- We have had 27 work orders completed by county maintenance for December; from leaks to hunks of wallpaper coming down and interfering with outside exits and entrances to large cracks in the walls.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Child Support had 4 court days in December and prepared 322 cases for court while our paralegal prepared 191 orders and reviewed 98 orders from the attorney. Child Support is preparing for a new Child Support Judge effective January 1 and look forward to working with Judge C. Ashley Gore.

Agenda Item #9: ANIMAL CONTROL - NC SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM:

Joey Prince, Animal Control Director, requested Board permission to begin using the North Carolina Spay/Neuter Program.

Mr. Prince stated the following:

1. I will not be spending any County money on this program;
2. This program is for low income people, and for poverty level, 100% or less, and if they are in certain programs;
3. If they get their animal spayed or neutered at a local vet, the Animal Shelter will pay for it, and at the end of each quarter, we will be reimbursed by State funds;
4. This is a good program, and it will not cost us anything;
5. We process three thousand (3,000) animals a year;
6. My survival rate is high and this can make things a lot better because some of the people in the County cannot afford to get their animals fixed, and we go to the same houses to pick up puppies and kittens;
7. I would like to do something to attack the problem instead of dealing with the aftermath;
8. The veterinarianians will accept the Medicaid payment, and the veterinarianians doing this are Dr. Barnhill, Burris and Martin;
9. If we ever have a situation where we have too many animals to be done in one (1) week, Fix A Friend in Brunswick County will handle the overflow and they will accept the Medicaid payment; **and**
10. They will have to show evidence they are eligible for this service.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to permit using the North Carolina Spay-Neuter Program, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: ANIMAL CONTROL - APPOINTMENT of DANGEROUS DOG COMMITTEE:

Joey Prince, Animal Control Director, requested the Board to appoint a Dangerous Dog Committee to determine the status.

Mr. Prince stated the following:

1. The State gives me the power to declare a dog dangerous, or potentially dangerous;
2. Someone has been allowed to appeal my decision;
3. We need a Dangerous Dog Committee formed to discuss this; **and**
4. I have spoken to the members of the Animal Control Advisory Committee, and Robert Adams, Pat Faircloth and Jesse Stafford from the Humane Society to serve, and they have agreed.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to appoint Robert Adams, Pat Faircloth and Jesse Stafford to the Dangerous Dog Committee, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL of BIDS:

Danny Fowler, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval of the following bids for chipping storm debris to be reimbursed by FDMA.

COMPANY	GRINDING PRICE	GRINDING/HAULING PRICE
American Property Experts Wilmington, NC	\$3.50 Per Cubic Yard	\$13.50 Per Cubic Yard
Rufus S. Young Construction Lake Waccamaw, NC	\$2.24 Per Cubic Yard	\$3.00 Per Cubic Yard or \$12.00 Per Ton
Four Points Recycling Jacksonville, NC	\$18.00 Per Ton	\$24.50 Per Ton

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to allow Commissioner Byrd to abstain, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Rufus S. Young Construction at \$3.00 per cubic yard or \$12.00 per ton, for the chipping of storm debris, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: AIRPORT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. I am happy to report that things are going great at the airport.
2. The parallel taxiway has been completed, is serving us well, and is a tremendous safety asset.
3. We anticipate starting the construction of additional hangars in the spring, which when completed will bring in additional revenue. Our next project will be the widening, strengthening and resurfacing of the runway and apron.
4. When the weather is good up and down the east coast our customers often refer to us as “Columbus County International Airport”.
5. It is interesting and rewarding to serve the pilots and the variety of aircraft that stop for business and for fuel. I am happy to report that sales have been consistent.
6. Columbus County Airport serves an important role for a wide range of aircraft including but not limited to: medical transport, military, agricultural and corporate aircraft.
7. Since I last spoke with you, over 20,000 pilots, passengers and their guests have been welcomed to Columbus County Airport.
8. An economic impact study performed by the NC DOT Division of Aviation found Columbus County to have an economic impact of over \$121,980,000 to our region.
9. We maintain approximately 250 acres at the airport using our 30 year old tractor and bush hog which can be a little challenging at times.
10. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department who cut around the runway and parallel taxiway lights using their zero turn mowers. This is a big help and it is much appreciated.
11. I also sincerely appreciate the help of all of the other county departments that assist us as needed.
12. I would like to add a very special thank you to you, the Commissioners, for your support without which none of the improvements could have been accomplished.
13. With your support we will continue to work to make Columbus County Airport the very best that it can be.
14. Please come out to visit us. We are open 364 days a year, closing only on Christmas day.
15. Thank you and come see us at your airport.

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

At 9:08 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie 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 Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 03, 2017 **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 9:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-6110-550010	Non-Capitalized Outlay	3,791
Revenues	10-3611-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,791
Expenditures	10-5150-512100	Colpo Salaries	2,217
	10-5150-518100	Colpo FICA	181
	10-5150-518200	Colpo Retirement	151
	10-5150-523900	Colpo Drugs and Medical	2,000
	10-5150-526001	Colpo Departmental Supplies	1,800
	10-5150-532101	Colpo Postage	100
Revenues	10-3515-489065	Colpo Local Fees	525
	10-3515-440033	Colpo Medicaid	5,924
Expenditures	10-4324-541920	Debris	120,000
Revenues	10-3301-423000	Federal Share Revenues	90,000
	10-3315-433000	State Share Revenues	30,000

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

Value:	Year:	PROPERTY:	Total:
<i>Property Value</i>		Account:	Bill#:
Alfano, Joseph F & Jacqueline A.		PROPERTY: 86858	Amount: \$39.94
Value: \$4,900.00	Year: 2008	Account: 12-00811	Total: \$44.35
Release value. Sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(.98) release Water II(3.43)			Bill#: 45426
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$39.94
Alfano, Joseph F & Jacqueline A.		PROPERTY: 90627	Total: \$45.26
Value: \$9,300.00	Year: 2008	Account: 12-00811	Bill#: 45425
Release value. Sold at tax sale. Release Water II(5.32)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$115.74
Bennett, Erick J		PROPERTY: 86858	Total: \$128.52
Value: \$9,300.00	Year: 2009	Account: 12-03029	Bill#: 99999
Release value sold at Tax sale. Property# 86858&90627 Release Columbus Rescue(2.84) release Water II(9.94)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$53.05
Hickman, Dorothy (ETALS)		PROPERTY: 93710	Total: \$175.37
Value: \$5,090.00	Year: 2016	Account: 11-00124	Bill#: 4358
Release user fee and entire value. Camper sold 4-29-14. Release Columbus Rescue(1.32)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$605.36
Rabon, Mark Glenn (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 25352	Total: \$673.04
Value: \$164,600.00	Year: 2016	Account: 13-00367	Bill#: 19438
Release portion of value should have been billed at land use value. Release Klondyke Fire(52.64) release Columbus Rescue(15.04)			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Brown, Beverly G.		PROPERTY: 96993	Total: \$208.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 05-00838	Bill#: 89141
Refund user fee. Shop vacant. Can picked up 5/1/13			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$106.02
Coleman, James Chadwick		PROPERTY: 88271	Total: \$124.47
Value: \$0.00	Year: 15-16	Account: 15-03344	Bill#: 99999
Refund value of boat. Sold and listed in SC. Release Acme Delco(15.81) release Columbus Rescue(2.64)			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Coleman, Jan Davis c/o Jerry & Barbara		PROPERTY: 24973	Total: \$208.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 13-04317	Bill#: 92688
Refund user fee. Can picked up 10/13/10 vacant.			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00

Gore, Ronald Lane	PROPERTY: 60126	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-00124	Bill#:	1049
Refund user fee. M/H vacant.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$87.75
Stocks, Christy Short & Jeffrey W	PROPERTY: 83388	Total:	\$97.56
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 13-38366	Bill#:	26325
Refund value of boat. Sold Refund Klondyke Fire(7.63) refund Columbus Rescue(2.18)		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Benton, Lloyd W	PROPERTY: 15340	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-01280	Bill#:	87032
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Bullard, Paul Levon	PROPERTY: 17434	Total:	\$121.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 10-01760	Bill#:	89889
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Cartrette, Delinda	PROPERTY: 91399	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-02064	Bill#:	91572
Release user fee. Vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Cartrette, Delinda	PROPERTY: 91399	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-02064	Bill#:	91572
Release user fee. Billed for 2 cans only 1.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Cartrette, Ferrill & Ethel	PROPERTY: 15455	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-03200	Bill#:	91595
Release user fee. Vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Clarida, Thomas Oliver (Jr)	PROPERTY: 12783	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-00228	Bill#:	92235
Release user fee. Can picked up 3/19/12		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Evans, Jimmy G & Sonda Simmons	PROPERTY: 6794	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-04050	Bill#:	96972
Release user fee. House vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Fisher, Hilda Norris	PROPERTY: 61654	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 13-03618	Bill#:	97778
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Godwin, Brady & Hattie	PROPERTY: 82520	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 12-09509	Bill#:	166
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Gainer, Billy & Hazel	PROPERTY: 10982	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-16000	Bill#:	1632
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Hall, Margaret Faye	PROPERTY: 84951	Total:	\$69.32
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 12-04215	Bill#:	2522
Release portion can picked up in August		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Jacobs, Tonya	PROPERTY: 14117	Total:	\$178.84
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 08-01703	Bill#:	6906
Release portion of user fee. Received can Nov 2.		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Lee, Ronnie D.	PROPERTY: 5901	Total:	\$121.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 01-07503	Bill#:	9574
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, William Monroe & Jolene F.	PROPERTY: 10382	Total:	\$416.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-04112	Bill#:	10197
Release user fee. 2 vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, William Monroe & Jolene F.	PROPERTY: 10691	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-02935	Bill#:	10091
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.,			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Darrell Laverne	PROPERTY: 13371	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-10378	Bill#:	10533
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
MCCray, Nathine	PROPERTY: 11420	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-04943	Bill#:	12291
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
MCLamb, Margaret Pearl	PROPERTY: 13466	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-02254	Bill#:	12934
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 12/6/13			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McMillan, Zander	PROPERTY: 3457	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 01-57140	Bill#:	13019
Release user fee. Can picked up 2005			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nichols Ronald Cornelius(Heirs)	PROPERTY: 19733	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 11-02507	Bill#:	15893
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Olah Robin Cartrette & Robert Daniel Olah	PROPERTY: 15519	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-00534	Bill#:	16673
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Patterson, Peggy L.	PROPERTY: 24997	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 13-32043	Bill#:	17338
Release user fee. Can picked up 2-6-09			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pierce, James E Jr & Betty Jo	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$121.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 08-14949	Bill#:	17847
Release user fee. M/H demolished.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pierce, James Edison, Jr.	PROPERTY: 91768	Total:	\$121.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 08-02332	Bill#:	17850
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Plowman, Walter Scott & Chanteau Yvette	PROPERTY: 87106	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-02429	Bill#:	18079
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Robinson, Elman (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 9908	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 05-05860	Bill#:	20641
Release user fee. Can picked up 2008			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, Lauletta C.	PROPERTY: 11947	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-01564	Bill#:	24103
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stephens, Lorie	PROPERTY: 75694	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-36530	Bill#:	26055

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stocks, Christy Short & Jeffrey W	PROPERTY: 80168	Total:	\$118.94
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 13-38366	Bill#:	26325
Release user fee.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stocks, Gayle H.	PROPERTY: 76338	Total:	\$69.32
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-16724	Bill#:	26346
Release user fee. Can picked up Sept 16			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Gayle L.	PROPERTY: 16261	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-05343	Bill#:	30253
Release user fee. Can picked up 3/6/15			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wells, Johnnie F (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 29712	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 15-38580	Bill#:	31483
Release user fee. Can picked up 3/2/11			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Marian Wells	PROPERTY: 18423	Total:	\$121.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 10-18560	Bill#:	32388
Release user fee. Vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Worley, Roy Dale (Sr)	PROPERTY: 13162	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 07-05422	Bill#:	33538
Release user fee. Vacant.			

Agenda Item #16: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
-We need a member on the Health Board to replace Peggy Blackman and Pat Ray has agreed to serve;

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to appoint Pat Ray, RN, 3858 Red Hill Road, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 642-4813 (home), (910) 770-1078 (cell), to the Columbus County Health Board, to serve the unexpired term of Peggy Blackman, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

- The Town of Brunswick is experiencing flooding from Highway 130 to the Mill Pond as a result of Hurricane Matthew and not beavers;
- Through correspondence with FEMA and on-site visits, FEMA has stated if Columbus County will pay their part with the Town of Brunswick, Columbus County will be reimbursed by FEMA.

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to agree to pay our part of approximately \$7,000.00 for the cleaning of a ditch on Mill Pond Road to eliminate flooding, with documented papers of agreement from FEMA, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
-Mr. Clark, help Amanda Harrelson with the information needed for the Fair Bluff Senior Center; **and**
-We need to collect the information needed to make the decision on the merging of our two (2) school systems.

Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney: In accordance to the North Carolina General Statutes, the following information is relative to the merger of school systems.

N.C.G.S. § 115C-67. Merger of units in same county. (Highlighted information distributed at meeting only)

City school administrative units may be consolidated and merged with contiguous city school administrative units and with county school administrative units upon approval by the State Board of Education of a plan for consolidation and merger submitted by the boards of education involved and bearing the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

County and city boards of education desiring to consolidate and merge their school administrative units may do so by entering into a written plan which shall set forth the conditions of merger.

N.C.G.S. § 115C-68.1. Merger of units by the Board of Commissioners.

(a) The Board of Commissioners of a county in which two (2) or more local school administrative units are located, but all are located wholly within the county, may adopt a plan for the consolidation and merger of the units into a single countywide unit.

The plan adopted under this subsection shall require that the county adopting the plan provide local funding per average daily membership to the resulting local school administrative unit for subsequent years for at least the highest level of any local school administrative unit in the county during the preceding five (5) fiscal years before the merger.

(c) The plans under this section shall be prepared and approved in accordance with G.S. § 115C-67 as provided by general law, or G.S. § 115C-68 as provided by general law, as applicable, except that the county and city boards of education shall not participate by preparing, entering into, submitting, or agreeing to a plan, and the plan shall not be contingent upon approval of the voters.

(e) If the State Board of Education fails to approve a plan submitted to it under this section, such failure to approve does not preclude the approval of the plan by the General Assembly by local act.

N.C.G.S. § 115C-68.2. Merger of units by the local boards of education.

If a city board of education notifies the State Board of Education that it is dissolving itself, the State Board of Education shall adopt a plan of consolidation and merger of that city school administrative unit with the county school administrative unit in the county in which the city unit is located; provided however, if a city school administrative unit located in more than one county notifies the State Board of Education that it is dissolving itself, the State Board shall adopt a plan that divides the city unit along the county line and consolidate and merges the part of the city unit in each county with the county unit in that county and the plans shall take effect on the same day.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion that William S. Clark, County Manager, and Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, contact the counties with the same geographic makeup as Columbus County, who have merged their school systems for the status of their merger statistics, and bring the information to the Board, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. Chairman James E. Prevatte voted no, and the remaining six (6) Board members were in favor.

2. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - The Evergreen Recycling Center was moved to Cerro Gordo from the Evergreen area and needs to be replaced;
 - We need to work on getting water lines to Silverspoon Road; **and**
 - The majority of our citizens are in favor of improving our school systems, and we need to make the citizens aware it would require an increase in the property taxes to accomplish this.

3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - The Board needs to decide how much money we will need to accomplish this, where the money is going to be derived from, and if we are willing to increase the property taxes; **and**
 - You need to check the deductible on your insurance for buildings which could go up in a named storm.

4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - It was nice going to the swearing in ceremony for Brendon Jones at the new Courthouse;
 - I look forward to going to look at the school on January 25, 2017; **and**
 - I am not in favor of merging the school systems.

5. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - Last week, four (4) of the Board members attended the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference;
 - I have provided each Board member a copy of the twenty (20) Legislative Goals that were voted on and approved;
 - Before we can proceed with the needed projects, we need to know what we can do;
 - This Board needs to decide what we can do with the old Courthouse, and I will call for a workshop; **and**
 - With the recent activity of Eastpointe, I am recommending that we merge with Trillium, and the Board will need to approve and adopt the following Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, to Disengage Columbus County from Eastpointe LME/MCO and to re-align with Trillium Health Resources LME/MCO.

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO DISENGAGE
COLUMBUS COUNTY FROM EASTPOINTE LME/MCO
AND TO RE-ALIGN WITH
TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES LME/MCO**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is presently affiliated with the Eastpointe LME/MCO for the co-ordination of state-funded and Medicaid behavioral healthcare services for eligible residents of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners desires to prepare for the future consolidation of behavioral healthcare services under Medicaid Reform and best serve the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, Section 122C-115(a3) of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that, with the approval of the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, a county may disengage from an LME/MCO and re-align with another LME/MCO for the provision of state-funded and Medicaid behavioral healthcare services; **and**

WHEREAS, Trillium Health Resources (“Trillium”) has a proven track record of successful operations and co-ordination of behavioral healthcare services for eligible members; **and**

WHEREAS, Trillium Health Resources operates and provides mental and behavioral health services for eligible members in twenty-four (24) counties in eastern North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is contiguous to other existing Trillium member counties; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners desires that Columbus County no longer be affiliated with Eastpointe and instead desires that Columbus County be affiliated with Trillium Health Resources for the co-ordination of behavioral healthcare services for eligible Columbus County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 122C-115 (a3), and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the North

Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and effective on the Effective Date as defined

below, disengages Columbus County from the Eastpointe LME/MCO and re-aligns Columbus County with Trillium.

2. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that Trillium:
 - I. Pass a Board resolution consenting to the addition of Columbus County to Trillium's contracts with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance ("DMA") and Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services ("DMH"); **and**
 - ii. Work with the Columbus County Manager and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to develop a process by which Columbus County is disengaged from Eastpointe and aligned with Trillium Health Resources. Such a process should satisfy the objectives set forth in North Carolina General Statute § 122C-115 (a3), including sub-sections (1) through (5).
3. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services:
 - ii. Direct DMA and DMH to work with Trillium and the Columbus County Manager to develop the re-alignment process described in paragraph 2(ii) above;
 - ii. Approve the amendment of Trillium Health Resources' contracts with DMA and DMH to add Columbus County to the Trillium service area and that the effective date of this re-alignment shall be no later than the first day of the month following ninety (90) days after the approval of this re-alignment process by the Secretary (the "Effective Date");
 - iii. Ensure that the portion of Eastpointe's state fund balance, Medicaid savings, and Medicaid risk reserve commensurate with Columbus County, and any portion of Eastpointe's fund balance comprised of funds contributed by Columbus County, be transferred to Trillium on or before the Effective Date; **and**
 - iv. Direct Eastpointe to fully co-operate and appropriately co-ordinate with Trillium Health Resources to smoothly and efficiently transition consumers from Eastpointe to Trillium. Such co-operation and co-ordination shall include, but not limited to, the timely provision of consumer records, provider contracts, financial data, and other records, documents, reports, and/or information relating to Columbus County consumers as requested by Trillium.

This the 17th day of January, 2017.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: s/s JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, to Disengage Columbus County from Eastpointe LME/MCO and to Re-Align with Trillium Health Resources LME/MCO, and ask Trillium to accept Columbus County, with a walk-in clinic, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to remind you of next Wednesday, January 25, 2017, the trip to view the school, and we will be leaving the Administration Building at 8:30 A.M., casual dress.
- D. **County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** Relative to Peach Street discussed earlier, I have called Raleigh, and there are no funds from FEMA or the State for private roads.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 10:00 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 10:13 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Prevatte requested Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: "The County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners issues involving Group III Construction Company. The N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11((a) (6) Personnel was not addressed".

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

Agenda Item #18: ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:15 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. These minutes were recorded by Samantha Alsup, Economic Development/Planning Assistant, and typed by June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
9:08 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager
Mike Stephens, County Attorney
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June Hall, Clerk to the Board

ACTING CLERK:

Samantha Alsup, Economic
Development/Planning Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:08 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 03, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 03, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
9:08 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager
Mike Stephens, County Attorney
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June Hall, Clerk to the Board

ACTING CLERK:

Samantha Alsup, Economic
Development/Planning Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:08 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 03, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 03, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
9:08 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager
Mike Stephens, County Attorney
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June Hall, Clerk to the Board

ACTING CLERK:

Samantha Alsup, Economic
Development/Planning Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:08 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 03, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 03, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
9:08 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager
Mike Stephens, County Attorney
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June Hall, Clerk to the Board

ACTING CLERK:

Samantha Alsup, Economic
Development/Planning Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:08 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 03, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 03, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
9:08 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager
Mike Stephens, County Attorney
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June Hall, Clerk to the Board

ACTING CLERK:

Samantha Alsup, Economic
Development/Planning Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 9:08 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

January 03, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the January 03, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:09 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman