

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, February 05, 2018****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 a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Attorney /**  
**County Manager**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

**6:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Conveyance of Georgia Pacific Site:** the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested persons.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the Public Hearing to order, and stated this Public Hearing is for the conveyance of the Georgia Pacific site. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested persons. Chairman McKenzie requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

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

**Rashad J. Roberts:** stated the following:

1. I come to you on behalf of the Columbus Jobs Foundation;
2. I come to speak in support of the sale of the Georgia Pacific Site to R.J. Corman Railroad;
3. We stand behind the sale, we support it, we think it will be good for Columbus County to have some vitality back at the Georgia Pacific site, some sign of growth and economic development, and bringing jobs back to our area; **and**
4. We are in full support of the sale of the Georgia Pacific Site to R.J. Corman Railroad.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:35 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:35 P.M.****REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:35 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the February 05, 2018 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Chairman Amon E. McKenzie, due to the absence of Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

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

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

1. **Terry L. Mann, 203 Elm Street, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - I saw some information on the internet and on television regarding a Job Creation Program coming to Columbus County;
  - In this information the City of Whiteville was not mentioned;
  - I have spoken to Gary Lanier and he stated that Whiteville would be included; **and**
  - I would like to remind you that Whiteville is a part of Columbus County.
  
2. **Johnny D. Edge, 470 Happy Home Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following:
  - I have been approached by several citizens and asked how can we work with the Commissioners and make this a better community in which all of us live;
  - The seven (7) districts that we have should be operating as one (1) body;
  - When an issue arises, it should be known by all Commissioners to be discussed, and discovery made about the details, and the pros and cons; **and**
  - At this time, the opioid crisis needs to be the number one priority.
  
3. **JaShaurna T. Bellamy, P.O. Box 782, Tabor City, NC 28463:** stated the following:
  - As of April of this year, I will be an employee for the past five (5) years of the Social Services Department;
  - I am here to speak on behalf of myself of the Social Services Department about the pay scale;
  - The starting salaries in our sister counties, Bladen, Robeson, Brunswick and New Hanover, are anywhere from \$7,000 to \$10,000 higher than Columbus County;
  - Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Pay Plan have not been put into place;
  - The Pay Plan was last discussed in May, 2016;
  - Neglecting Phase 3 and 4 has placed some of our employees coming into our agency with no experience making more money than old employees;
  - When salaries remain the same for multiple years, they did not correlate with COLA;
  - Some of the county employees are eligible for benefits with Social Services due to their salary;
  - The employees that have to travel late at night have to use vehicles that could be a problem mechanically; **and**
  - Due to the low pay scale, the Social Services Department has a high turnover and limits what they can do to help the citizens of Columbus County.

**Agenda Item #6: OPIOID ADDICTION LITIGATION - DISCUSSION:** Terry Hutchens, Hutchens Law Firm, is requesting Columbus County to join their group in the fight against opioid abuse.

**DELETED**

**Agenda Item #7: INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PARK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT EFFORT - UPDATE:**

Emily Miller, McAdams and Associates, LLC, presented the following update on the efforts to obtain grant funding for the Logistics Park infrastructure.

**Funding Initiatives  
International Logistics Park Utilities**

**Project Scope:**

Provide water and sewer services to the International Logistics Park which will also serve the Mid-Atlantic Industrial Rail Park across the Brunswick County line.

- Better positioned to attract new or expanding industry clients
- Shovel ready site(s) to meet tight vertical schedules

-Bring two Mega Sites into alignment with current market demand

**Project Goals:**

**Short Term:**

-Extend wastewater infrastructure to International Logistics Park (ILP) and Mid-Atlantic Industrial Rail Park (MIRP)

**Long Term:**

-Extend water infrastructure to ILP and MIRP  
-500,000 Gallon elevated water storage tank for fire suppression

**Funding for Wastewater Project: - Total Cost = \$2,182,205**

-Requested Industrial Development Funds from North Carolina Department of Commerce  
-Rural Infrastructure Authority approved in August 2017  
-Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Environment Review Record (ERR) are complete and final application being submitted to Industrial Development Fund in February 2018\*

**\*note PER and ERR include total project (water and wastewater)**

**Proposed Wastewater Schedule:**

-Industrial Development Fund Final Approval and Grant Agreement Issued March 2018  
-Design and Permitting April through August 2018  
-Bid September 2018  
-Award construction contract / Notice to Proceed October 2018  
-Construction complete Summer 2019

**Funding for Water Project:**

**Total Cost - \$4,192,595 (water and elevated tank) \*includes 16" WL from Brunswick for interconnection @ \$1.2M**

-Initially met with Golden LEAF and applied for Disaster Recovery Funds  
-There was not enough funding to finance Hazard Mitigation Projects under this Program

**Funding for Water Project:**

Cost Breakdown - \$4,192,595\*  
Columbus County Water Main - \$550,000  
Brunswick County Water Line - \$1,200,000  
Elevated Water Tank (composite) - \$1,750,000  
\*includes 20% contingency

**Proposed Waterline Schedule:**

-There is adequate water capacity available to serve International Logistics Park and Mid-Atlantic Rail Park at this time  
-Upon completion of wastewater project in summer 2019, request a second grant from Industrial Development Fund (IDF) to assist with water line extensions and interconnection to Brunswick County  
-Waterline Extensions complete by December 2020

**Proposed Elevated Water Tank Schedule:**

-There is adequate water pressure available to serve the first client to locate in International Logistics Park and Mid-Atlantic Logistics Park  
-Upon recommendation by the State, Columbus County will apply for an economic development grant based on first committed client's jobs, wages and investment  
-Likely, EDPNC will review the project at that time with Commerce and Golden LEAF to determine the most appropriate funding resource(s)

**Summary:**

-Proposed Schedule:  
-Wastewater infrastructure will be complete in Summer 2019  
-Waterline extensions and interconnection complete December of 2020  
-Elevated water tank upon commitment of initial client locating at either of the two mega sites  
-Cost to Columbus:  
-Wastewater infrastructure = \$0  
-Water infrastructure TBD  
-Elevated water tank TBD

**Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION - TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:**

Vickie Pait, Families First Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2018, A Proclamation.

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS and PREVENTION MONTH, February 2018**

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, females between the ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence, experiencing abuse at a rate almost triple the national average; **and**

**WHEREAS**, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; **and**

**WHEREAS**, high school students who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; **and**

**WHEREAS**, young people victimized by a dating partner are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior and unhealthy dieting behaviors and the experience may disrupt normal development of self-esteem and body image; **and**

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of teens who experience dating violence report that incidents of abuse took place in a school building or on school grounds; **and**

**WHEREAS**, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse, and 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is one; **and**

**WHEREAS**, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and relationship skills and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise community awareness and to provide training for teachers, counselors and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit young people, their families, schools and communities regardless of socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity; **and**

**WHEREAS**, everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2018, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month throughout the county of Columbus and urge our community to work toward ending teen dating violence by empowering young people to develop healthier relationships, assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need, creating better and more resources for young people in need, instituting effective intervention and prevention policies in schools and engaging in discussions with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet epidemic of teen dating violence.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

### COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman*

*/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Vice Chairman*

*/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE*

*/s/ GILES E. BYRD*

*/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS*

*/s/RICKY BULLARD*

*/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL*

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

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2018, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

### **Agenda Item #9: TAX - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Needom Hughes, IV, Tax Administrator, delivered the following Departmental Update.

Due to the fact the Tax Office has put more emphasis on collections, along with the efficiency of the staff, our collection rate is steadily climbing. The county collection rate for the

fiscal year 2016 is 99.49% and for the fiscal year of 2017, we are currently at 87%. Also, 56% of that was collected during the month of August while the tax payers could take advantage of the 2% discount.

Tax Base value for 2017 / 2018: \$3,320,659,966  
 Tax dollar amount: \$31,241,303.67  
 Tax Parcels: 46,583

**Agenda Item #10: SOLID WASTE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Harold Nobles, Interim Public Utilities Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

**2018 ANNUAL REPORT  
 July 01, 2017 - January 29, 2018**

**Total Customers:**

County Residents: 19,261

**Total Tonnage Amounts:**

**Collected and transferred to Sampson County:**

MSW: 17,473.96 Tons  
 Brown Goods: 1,756.76 Tons  
 C&D/Roofing: 2,162.02 Tons  
**Total: 21,392.74 Tons**

**Total Land-filled Locally:**

Yard Waste: 669.35 Tons  
 LCID Convenience Centers: 16.72 Tons  
**Total: 686.07 tons**

**Total Recycled Materials:**

<u>Plastics/Glass</u>	<u>White Goods</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Other Electronics</u>	<u>Batteries</u>
9.68 Tons	129.06 Tons	59.16 Tons	11.07 Tons	1.51 Tons

<u>Cardboard/Newsprint:</u>	<u>Televisions</u>	<u>Used Engine Oil</u>	<u>Pesticide Containers</u>
21.37 Tons	38.14 Tons	59.61 Tons	0.96 Tons

**State Aid Funding:**

White Goods Metals \$ 6,313.86  
 Scrap Tires \$20,051.53  
 Solid Waste \$ 9,093.07  
**\$35,458.46**

**Noble Oil Services**

**Used Oil Vendor**

**Synergy Recycling**

**Electronics Vendor**

**Litter Enforcement:**

Complaints: 10  
 Convictions: 0

**Landfill Repairs:** Ongoing Maintenance Operation

**Compliance with NCDENR:** No violations

**Agenda Item #11: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - JOB CREATION PLAN ffor DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES PROPOSAL:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval to move forward with the Job Creation Plan for Distressed Communities in Columbus County, and for the travel expenses to be covered by budgeted Economic Development funds.

Mr. Lanier stated the following:

1. This is a county-wide plan;
2. The cost of this plan will only be for the travel expenses, which may be \$2,000.00 -

- \$3,000.00;
- 3. This will be on a state level; **and**
- 4. This information will help with the grant applications we send out.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Job Creation Plan for Distressed Communities in Columbus County, and travel expenses not to exceed three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the plan will be filed in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #12: ADMINISTRATION / LEGAL - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE of REAL PROPERTY for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Property for Economic Development Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 158-7.1.

**Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Property for Economic Development Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § G. S. 158-7.1**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute § 158-7.1 authorizes a county to undertake an economic development project by conveying property to a company in order to cause the company to locate or expand its operations within the county; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County is the owner of property known as the former Georgia-Pacific Property located at 1980 Georgia-Pacific Road, Whiteville, North Carolina, and being the same property conveyed to Columbus County by instrument of record in RB 1145, at Page 817, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County and R. J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC have engaged in private negotiations for the conveyance of the above described property and have reached tentative agreement on the terms for conveyance; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County has held a public hearing whether to approve conveyance of the property to R. J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC.

**THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:**

- 1. The chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the necessary documents to convey to R. J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC the property more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A.
- 2. The conveyance of the property to R. J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC will stimulate the local economy, promote business, and result in the creation of a substantial number of jobs in Columbus County.
- 3. As consideration for the conveyance of the property, R. J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC will pay \$2,133,620.62.

**ADOPTED** 5th day of February, 2018

(SEAL)

**/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
**JUNE B. HALL**, Clerk to the Board

**EXHIBIT A  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR PROPERTY**

Lying and being in Columbus County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

**Tract One:**

Beginning at a railroad spike in the center of U.S. Highway No. 74-76, said beginning point being the Northwest corner of the Georgia-Pacific Corporation 115.06 acre plant site, also known as "Squires Tract"; and runs thence with the center of said Highway South 70-41 West 1101.08 feet to a railroad spike in the center of said Highway; thence to and with the center of a ditch and beyond, also the John Mooney line, South 23-35 East 772.13 feet to an old iron; thence with an old marked line, also John Mooney's line, North 87-02 East 737.25 feet to an old iron-new concrete marker and oak pointers, a corner of the Georgia-Pacific Corporation "Squires Tract"; thence with the Georgia-Pacific Corporation line the following courses and distances: North 73-54 East 40.2 feet to an iron pipe; South 89-49 East 101.70 feet to an iron pipe; North 50-53 East 146.92 feet to an iron pipe; South 89-38 East 70.5 feet to a large pine; thence with an old fence and parallel with a ditch North 19-33 West 988.25 feet to the point of beginning, containing 21.62 acres, more or less, exclusive of the portion within the right-of-way of said Highway.

**Tract Two:**

Beginning at a point in the center of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Tracks at its intersection with the center of a new canal at the run of Juniper Branch and runs thence with the center of said railroad tracks North 86-30 West 2536.00 feet to a point 19.3 feet short of the center of a pipeline under said tracks at a small canal; thence with the J.W. Smith Estate and then John Mooney line North 39-44-30 East 2613.57 feet along and generally with an old hedgerow and fence to an old iron and new concrete monument by old oak pointers in the run of a small branch, Mrs. Mable Prevatte's line; thence with the run of the small branch the following courses and distances: North 73-54 East 40.20 feet to an iron pipe, South 89-49 East 101.70 feet to an iron pipe, North 50-53 East 146.92 feet to an iron pipe and South 89-38 East 70.50 feet to a large pine tree corner in the run of said branch, Mrs. Mable Prevatte's southeast corner; thence with her line along an old fence North 19-33 West 938.25 feet to a concrete monument; thence continuing the same course North 19-33 West 50.00 feet making a total of 988.25 feet to a point in the center of U.S. Highway 74-76 that runs from Whiteville to Chadbourn; thence with the center of said highway North 70-55 East 1189.05 feet to its intersection with the center of a concrete culvert at the run of Juniper Branch; thence with the center of a new canal that traverses the run of Juniper Branch; thence with the center of a new canal that traverses an agreed line between this tract and his "Sweet Farm" tract as shown on a map recorded in Map Book 1 at Page 23, Columbus County Registry, the following courses and distances: South 13-43 East 128.95 feet, South 7-48 East 440.58 feet, South 2-32 West 208.98 feet, South 10-45 East 302.45 feet, South 1-11 East 132.36 feet, South 11-08 West 258.17 feet, South 9-17 West 677.00 feet, South 9-25 West 200.32 feet, South 4-25 West 385.12 feet, South 10-22 West 88.38 feet, South 12-39 West 623.04 feet, South 13-17 West 104.36 feet to the beginning containing 123.33 acres less 1.36 acres for U.S. Highway 74-76 right-of-way.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Property for Economic Development Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § G.S. 158-7.1, in the "AS IS" condition, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: ADMINISTRATION / LEGAL - APPROVAL of AUTHORITY to REPRESENT and RESOLUTION for the OPIOID LITIGATION:**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, requested Board approval for the McHugh Fuller Law Group to represent Columbus County for the Opioid Litigation with an Authority to Represent, and the following Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

**RESOLUTION of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DATE: February 05, 2018**

**Resolution Number: 2**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County Board of Commissioners has the authority to adopt resolutions with respect to county affairs of Columbus County, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-121; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has the authority to take action to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and citizens of Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity and mortality in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market causes or contributes to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity and mortality in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the opioid crisis unreasonably interferes with rights common to the general public of Columbus County; involves a significant interference with the public health, safety, peace, comfort and convenience of citizens and residents of Columbus County, includes the delivery of controlled substances in violation of State and Federal law and regulations; and therefore constitutes a public nuisance; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the opioid crisis is having an extended and far reaching impact of the general public, health and safety of residents and citizens of Columbus County and must be abated; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the violation of any laws of the State of North Carolina, or of the United States of America controlling the distribution of a controlled substance is inimical, harmful and adverse to the public welfare of the residents and citizens of Columbus County constitutes a public nuisance; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has the authority to abate, or cause to be abated, any public nuisance including those acts that unreasonably interfere with rights common to the general public of Columbus County and/or involve a significant interference with the public health, safety, peace, comfort and convenience of citizens and residents of Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has expended, is expending, and will continue to expend in the future County funds to respond to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity and mortality within Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has received information that indicates that the manufacturers and wholesale distributors of controlled substances have distributed in Columbus County, North Carolina, and surrounding areas, and may have violated Federal and/or State laws and regulations that were enacted to prevent the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, assembled on this day at which a quorum is present, that based upon the above, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is declaring the opioid crisis a public nuisance which must be abated for the benefit of Columbus County and its residents and citizens.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Trent Burroughs, seconded by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell, and the following vote was recorded:

DISTRICT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO
I	Amon E. McKenzie, <b>Chairman</b>	X	
II	James E. Prevatte	X	
III	Giles E. Byrd	X	
IV	P. Edwin Russ	X	
V	Trent Burroughs, <b>Vice Chairman</b>	X	
VI	Ricky Bullard	<b>Absent</b>	
VII	Charles T. McDowell	X	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>	

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of



Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina and the Authority to Represent, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. The Authority To Represent will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #14: ADMINISTRATION / LEGAL - CDBG-DR NO. 17-R-3010:**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, requested Board approval of the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval, in the amount of one million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) dollars for CDBG-DR No. 17-R-3010.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement and Funding Approval, in the amount of one million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) dollars for CDBG-DR No. 17-R-3010, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be kept on file in the Administration Office, and marked as Exhibit "C", in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION / LEGAL - PROFESSIONAL BUILDING:**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, requested Board approval of the following second Lease Amendment between Hillcrest Corporation and Columbus County.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SECOND LEASE AMENDMENT**

**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**THIS SECOND LEASE AGREEMENT**, made and entered into as of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, by and between Hillcrest Corporation, a North Carolina Corporation, with its principal office in Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina, hereinafter Lessor, and Columbus County, a body politically organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of North Carolina, hereinafter Lessee;

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned parties being the Lessor and Lessee respectively, under the term of a Lease dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 and as amended on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2015, covering a portion of Lessor's Professional Building in which Lessee's office is located at Suites 201-219, 104 and 105, said Professional Building Complex being located at 805 N. Franklin Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, do now desire to modify and amend said Lease; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the current lease term of the Lease runs through February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the promises and undertakings hereinafter set forth, the parties agree that such Lease shall be and is hereby amended and modified as follows:

**The Lease Expiration Date of the Lease is extended for a period of three (3) years from March 1, 2018, to and including February 28, 2021.**

Except to account for the addition to the Lease Term as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of Lease and any previous modifications thereof shall remain unchanged.

The provisions of this Lease Modification Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Lessor and Lessee have executed this Second Lease Amendment by their duly authorized officers and representatives as of the day and year first above written.

**LESSEE:**

**LESSOR:**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**HILLCREST CORPORATION**

BY: /s/ AMON E. McKENZIE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ITS CHAIRMAN

PRESIDENT

LESSOR: Hillcrest Corporation  
 LESSEE: Columbus County @ Professional Building  
 Lease Date: 1/3/2012 3/1/2012  
 Monthly CAM: \$754.78  
 Inflationary Increases: Annual CPI Adjustments  
 Term:  
 Renewal Options: 4 Five Year Options - 1st Option 3-1-13 - 2-28-18

Date: 12/1/2017  
 CPI - Prior Year 1/1/2012 \$226.66  
 CPI - Current Year Dec - 17 \$246.52  
 CPI - Increase \$ 19.86  
 CPI - Percent Increase 8.76%

Monthly CAM Increase \$66.13

**Adjusted Monthly CAM \$820.91**

	2/28/2018	3/1/2018
Rental	\$1,937.50	\$1,937.50
CAM	<u>754.78</u>	<u>820.91</u>
	\$2,692.28	\$2,758.41

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Second Lease Amendment between Hillcrest Corporation and Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for CONSTRUCTION of US 701 at SR 1546 BILL HOOKS ROAD and SR 1352 CHERRY GROVE ROAD:**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support for Construction of US 701 at SR 1546 Bill Hooks Road and SR 1352 Cherry Grove Road from SR 1104 to SR 1403.

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for CONSTRUCTION of  
 US 701 at SR 1546 BILL HOOKS ROAD and  
 SR 1352 CHERRY GROVE ROAD from SR 1104 to SR 1403**

**DATE: February 05, 2018**

**Resolution Number: 3**

**WHEREAS**, the construction of a left turn lane on US 701 at SR 1546 (Bill Hooks Road), is needed; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the widening of the roadway two (2') feet each side to provide paved shoulders and re-surface at SR 1352 (Cherry Grove Road) from SR 1004 (Rough and Ready Road) to SR 1403 (June Baldwin Road), is needed; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the requested projects are considered to “High-Impact Low-Cost” projects; **and**

**WHEREAS**, these projects will support efforts to continue to modernize and improve mobility of the state highway system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners support the construction of a left turn lane on US 701 at SR 1546 (Bill Hooks Road), and the widening of the roadway two (2') feet each side to provide paved shoulders and re-surface at SR 1352 (Cherry Grove Road) from SR 1004 (Rough and Ready Road) to SR 1403 (June Baldwin Road).

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**, Chairman/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Manager / Attorney/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**, Vice Chairman/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for Construction of US 701 at SR 1546 Bill Hooks Road and 1352 Cherry Grove Road from SR 1104 to SR 1403, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION of SUPPORT for HB 551/SB 585 (MARSY'S LAW):**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Support for HB 551/SB 585 (Marsy's Law).

**PROCLAMATION of SUPPORT for  
HB 551/SB 585 (MARSY'S LAW)**

**WHEREAS**, Marsy's Law For North Carolina and advocacy organizations statewide are dedicated to guaranteeing victims' rights and providing a voice; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Marsy's Law For North Carolina supporters agree victims should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, reasonably heard at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of the case; **and**

**WHEREAS**, per the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) most recent "Crime in the United States" report, in 2013 a total of 33,700 North Carolinians were the victim of Violent "Index Crimes" including: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Marsy's Law for North Carolina will ensure that victims receive the same rights that are afforded to criminals and have rights to notification of release, hearings, appropriate restitution, and the right to speak at during criminal proceedings; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Victims' Rights is a non-partisan, non-political issue, and Marsy's Law is a common sense approach to ensuring Victims' Rights

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **SUPPORT FOR HB 551/SB 585 (MARSY'S LAW)** in and for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, and encourage all of our citizens to join in the commitment to protect the rights of North Carolina crime victims.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:****COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**, Chairman/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Manager / Attorney/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**, Vice Chairman/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Support for HB 551/SB 585 (Marsy's Law), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: FINANCE - AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval to extend the completion of the audit until February 28, 2018, with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to extend the completion of the audit until February 28, 2018, with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, P.A., seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:30 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 Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

January 16, 2018 **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 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	10,596
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	10,596
Expenditures	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	1,470
Revenues	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	1,470

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

*Property Value*

Amount: \$11.90  
 All Tied Up **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$12.20  
 Value: \$1,478.00 Year: 2017 Account: 01-03221 Bill#: 47814  
 Release value of equipment. Deceased. Release Whiteville Rescue(.30)

*Property Value*

Amount: \$16.75  
 Britt, Kenneth **PROPERTY:** 23627 Total: \$20.49  
 Value: \$2,081.00 Year: 2017 Account: 13-03979 Bill#: 51919  
 Release value of farm equipment. Release Klondyke Fire(1.46) release Columbus Rescue(42) release late list(1.86)

*Property Value*

Amount: \$286.02  
 Cartrette Roger Dale **PROPERTY:** 61588 Total: \$321.55  
 Value: \$73,400.00 Year: 2017 Account: 09-03850 Bill#: 55009  
 Release portion of taxes. SHB partially exempt for 2017. Release Roseland Fire(28.42) release Columbus Rescue(7.11)

*Property Value*

Amount: \$8.05  
 JCB Men LLC **PROPERTY:** 00000 Total: \$10.18  
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2017 Account: 06-00347 Bill#: 70576

Release value of boat. Sold 2015. Release Yam City(1.00) release Columbus Rescue(.20)  
release late list(.93)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$8.05
Pierce, James E Jr. & Betty Jo	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$9.08
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 2017	Account: 08-14949	Bill#:	81540

Release value of S/W Torn down in 2016. Release Columbus Rescue(.20) release late  
list(.83)

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Charles V.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90798	Total:	\$1,928.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 08-16	Account: 09-03935	Bill#:	99999
Refund user fee. Never had a can.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Czartoszewski, Walter & Elizabeth	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 4297	Total:	\$232.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-01481	Bill#:	57433
Refund user fees. Vacant.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Godwin, Kevin	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 85309	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-10823	Bill#:	63742
Refund user fee. House has been vacant.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Izzo, Samuel Shane & Anita Renae Page	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90043	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-05919	Bill#:	69876
Refund user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Malpass, Bennie Earl	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 77142	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 15-25420	Bill#:	74934
Refund user fee. Vacant.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Martin, Rodney E	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 87643	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 06-25244	Bill#:	75399
Refund user fee. S/W is vacant.			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
RBG Farms LLC & Pearl Freeman	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21246	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 12-01113	Bill#:	83456
Refund user fee. Has commercial hauler			

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Squires, Kathy Floyd	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-01399	Bill#:	89195
Refund user fee. House is vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Barnes, Jerry & Barbara	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 2134	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-05843	Bill#:	49034
Release user fee. House is vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Barnes, Jerry K & Barbara	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$232.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-00430	Bill#:	99999
Release 2 cans. Vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Barnes, Jerry K & Barbara C	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 4279	Total:	\$232.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-03200	Bill#:	49043
Release user fee. 416 S Franklin/418 S Franklin Vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bell, Jean S.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16907	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-01095	Bill#:	49888
Release user fee. Vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bellamy, Larry E & Diane A	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21165	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 12-01205	Bill#:	50019
Release user fee. House used as storage.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
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Boone, Melvinia	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18658	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11-03400	Bill#:	51193
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Boone, Miriam L. Powell	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25304	Total:	\$232.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-03360	Bill#:	51196
Release user fees Both cans apt is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Byrd, Gwyn Harrel	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 14504	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 08-02649	Bill#:	53794
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
C & E Farms Southeast LLC	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23220	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 12-03334	Bill#:	53843
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cartrette, Shannon D & Casandra	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16133	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-03956	Bill#:	55015
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Clarida, Thomas Oliver (Jr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12783	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 07-00228	Bill#:	55496
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Connor, Joannette	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27994	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 15-01206	Bill#:	56333
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Charles V.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90798	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-03935	Bill#:	57080
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Czartoszewski, Wlodzimierz	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 8449	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 03-03351	Bill#:	57432
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Farnum, Valarie Michalle	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 94839	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11-04732	Bill#:	60614
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Godwin, Brady & Hattie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82520	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 12-09509	Bill#:	63540
Release user fee vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Grainger, Billy & Hazel	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10982	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 06-16000	Bill#:	65042
Release user fee. No one lives in dwelling.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hammonds, Larry Dale & Deborah	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25911	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-00318	Bill#:	66257
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hayes, James Henry	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 0000	Total:	\$406.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 16-07780	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. House and barn are vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Haywood, David Jr	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 64500	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 10-08303	Bill#:	67285
Release user fee. House is vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Haywood, Jimmy	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17808	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 10-08320	Bill#:	67289
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Horton, Thomas Sr. & Magdaline	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 24607	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-20280	Bill#:	69160
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jablonowski, Linda B & Joseph T	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 61639	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-21110	Bill#:	69974
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
James, William(Dec) & Lethan	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 79970	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 09-15564	Bill#:	70543
Release user fee. Dwelling unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Kinlaw, Jimmy C Jr & Vickie Wray	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 78597	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 12-02454	Bill#:	72326
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lay, Ellis W	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$629.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 15-17	Account: 07-10139	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, Kathleen	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 80422	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 16-00125	Bill#:	73672
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Allene L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7306	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 03-01517	Bill#:	74045
Release user fee. Picked up can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Vernon Lee & Patricia Ann	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7404	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 03-14920	Bill#:	74486
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Malpass, Wade Herman(Jr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28897	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 15-05031	Bill#:	75089
Release user fee. Billed for 2 only has 1			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McCray, Nathine	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 11420	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 06-04943	Bill#:	75908
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mckeithan, Gwendolyn C	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$319.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 13-02808	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. 2 houses vacant. Prop#24927 #24942			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McLamb, Margaret Pearl L	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13466	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 07-02254	Bill#:	76547
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McMillan Zander(Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3457	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-57140	Bill#:	76632
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mobley, Betty Joe & Ruth	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19699	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 11-17740	Bill#:	78213

Release user fee. Vacant.

*User Fee*

Moore, Richard  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 16-17  
Release user fee. Vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 19799  
**Account:** 11-03536

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$411.00  
Bill#: 99999

*User Fee*

Norris, Monty Dean  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. House is vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 18079  
**Account:** 10-12927

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$116.00  
Bill#: 80106

*User Fee*

Olah Robin Cartrette & Robert Daniel  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. Vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 15519  
**Account:** 09-00534

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$203.00  
Bill#: 80356

*User Fee*

Overton, Margaret Marks (ETALS)  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee Discovery in error.

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
**Account:** 15-02473

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$203.00  
Bill#: 10514

*User Fee*

Pierce, Sarah & Jessie Pierce  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. House is vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 75622  
**Account:** 07-03718

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$203.00  
Bill#: 81604

*User Fee*

Robinson, Elman (Heirs)  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. Vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 9908  
**Account:** 05-05860

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$203.00  
Bill#: 84326

*User Fee*

Sadowski, Lukasz Trustee  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fees. Vacant complex.

**PROPERTY:** 99999  
**Account:** 01-08249

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$2,088.00  
Bill#: 99999

*User Fee*

Sellers, Thurston  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. Vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 4661  
**Account:** 01-81140

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$116.00  
Bill#: 85886

*User Fee*

Sellers, Troy Daniel & Eloise  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fees. 3 cans overcharged.

**PROPERTY:** 29364  
**Account:** 15-33020

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$609.00  
Bill#: 85902

*User Fee*

Smith, Nora Jane  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 15-16  
Release user fee. No can for 2015-16

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
**Account:** 03-02066

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$426.00  
Bill#: 99999

*User Fee*

Stanley, Bobby W & Brenda  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. Vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 12645  
**Account:** 07-05041

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$203.00  
Bill#: 89305

*User Fee*

Stanley, Reginal Dale  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release user fee. House is vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 00000  
**Account:** 12-26322

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$203.00  
Bill#: 89472

*User Fee*

Taylor, Joyce L.  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release portion of user fee. House is vacant.

**PROPERTY:** 13849  
**Account:** 07-17883

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$119.20  
Bill#: 91124

*User Fee*

Thomas, Eddie Junior  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017  
Release portion of user fee. Prorated.

**PROPERTY:** 11869  
**Account:** 06-00911

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$86.99  
Bill#: 91407

*User Fee*

Towns, Larry

**PROPERTY:** 00000

Amount: \$0.00  
Total: \$383.69



Value: \$0.00	Year: 16-17	Account: 13-02107	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Vereen, Claude & Joan		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18379	Total: \$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-17600	Bill#: 92973
Release user fee. Home being remodeled from Hurricane.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Frank & Allie Mae		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23422	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 13-42003	Bill#: 93959
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Gayle L.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16261	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 09-05343	Bill#: 93974
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Jimmy & Judy		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18039	Total: \$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-00520	Bill#: 94087
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Joyce S.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16869	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 09-32220	Bill#: 94140
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Williams, Bobby Dale		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25993	Total: \$101.50
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 13-43720	Bill#: 95858
Release portion of user fee. Jul-Dec			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Young, Alden Jr		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9565	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 04-05158	Bill#: 97718
Release user fee. House is vacant.			

**Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Manager:**

**Sheriff Lewis Hatcher:** stated the following:

-Relative to the traffic we had in Lumberton, I would like to thank the SBI, FBI, Highway Parol, my staff, and the City of Whiteville;

-The men involved in the traffic were from here and the City of Whiteville;

-I would like to thank Kay Worley for the Command Center for the manhunt; **and**

-Bladen County and Brunswick County's Sheriff's Offices assisted.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Edwin Russ:** stated he was not aware of the condition of the vehicles at Social Services.

2. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:

-The employee training at Social Services is taking from six to eight (6-8) months and that I do not understand the process;

-Harold, there is some disposed furniture between M/M Ray Road and Nakina and Bethel that needs to be picked up; **and**

-For clarification, I have been working with the owner of The Farm for three (3) months, along with the Planning Department, the Attorney and the Manager on this matter.

3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

-Sheriff, I congratulate you for a job well done;

-I would like for Klondyke-Chadbourn Fire Department to be given a Resolution of Appreciation for getting their fire rating down to a 5; **and**

-I would like for everyone to realize we are limited to what we can do and what we can control.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the following Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Klondyke- Chadbourn Fire Department to be prepared and awarded for their work and efforts in getting their fire rating down to 5, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to  
*KLONDYKE - CHADBOURN VOLUNTEER FIRE and RESCUE DEPARTMENT***

**WHEREAS**, within Columbus County, there are several fire and rescue units that render aid to the citizens in times of need and injury within the most prompt time within their accessible equipment, supervision and staff; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the **Klondyke-Chadbourn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department** was chartered many years ago and has been operating to render help since that time; **and**

**WHEREAS**, **Klondyke-Chadbourn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department** started working diligently to help anyone in need in a prompt time frame; **and**

**WHEREAS**, **Klondyke-Chadbourn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department** has dedicated members and answers multiple calls per year, and renders help to anyone in need, and in this process has saved many lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Klondyke-Chadbourn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department** for their diligent and endless hours of dedication in requesting the Fire Rating to be in line with Number 5 ultimately benefitting the citizens of Klondyke and Chadbourn and Columbus County.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 5th day of February, 2018.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE** Chairman

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

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

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS** Vice Chairman

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

4. **Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs:** stated the following:

-I would like to thank the Sheriff for the handling of the recent situation we had and for what you do every day;

-Gary, the house that I called about today, what is the situation on that? Mr. Lanier replied stating that John Ganus was checking into this; **and**

-Loretta, what is the situation at Animal Control? Loretta replied stating we turn the animals as quickly as we can, but more animals do come to the shelter.

5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated I heard on the news that New Hanover and Brunswick Counties had received additional heating funds of \$400,000.00, and I was wondering why Columbus County was not included. No reply was received.

6. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated Columbus Regional Healthcare System Administrator was leaving.

C. **County Manager / County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:

-I would like to introduce Loretta Shipman as the new Animal Control Director;

-The pertinent people met and worked out a Memorandum of Understanding for Animal Control for the City of Whiteville;

-I received information on the members for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Columbus County Schools Board of Education, and they will be Randy Coleman, Monty Herring and Barbara Yates Lockamy;

-I received information on the members for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education, and they will be Coleman Barbour, Gregg Merritt and Kandle Rogers;

-The next step will be for someone to take the lead and schedule a meeting;

-I have received a call from an individual who is moving four (4) pieces of equipment for a nuclear facility from somewhere in Virginia to South Carolina that are 286' long, 19' high and 24' wide and he wants to be able to get around the courthouse; **and**

-We still have mold at the Board of Elections, and I will let Larry Hayes bring you up-to-date on the situation.

**Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director:** stated the following:

1. The Board of Elections failed the industrial hygienist test again for the third time;
2. The dry fog was repeated and new samples will be taken.

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

At 7:58 P.M., Commissioner Byrd 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, after a five (5) minutes recess, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:**

No action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:46 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman McKenzie requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Manager / Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *"The County Manager / Attorney discussed personnel issues with the Board of Commissioners. No decision or action was taken"*.

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

**Agenda Item 23: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:47 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 05, 2018  
7:30 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
/ **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

January 16, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 05, 2018  
7:30 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
/ **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

January 16, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 05, 2018  
7:30 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
/ **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

January 16, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 05, 2018  
7:30 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
/ **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

January 16, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, February 05, 2018**  
**7:30 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
 / **County Attorney**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

January 16, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman**