

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, November 19, 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 the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

PUBLIC HEARING: **Contracting to Make Economic Development Incentive Grant for GESS International:** the purpose of the Public Hearing is to invite all interested persons to attend and present their views.

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 was for the contracting to make an Economic Development Grant for GESS International. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to invite all interested persons to attend and present their views.

READING of POLICY ENTITLED "POLICY on COMMENTS at PUBLIC HEARINGS":

Chairman McKenzie requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Ms. Prince orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

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

Commissioner Giles Byrd: stated the following:

1. On Page 27 of the Board Packet, it is stated on bottom of the page "This is only a proposal. All incentives must be approved by Columbus County Board of Commissioners. The requirement of creating a minimum number of jobs has been dropped, but the number created may influence the decision by the Commissioners"; **and**
2. Why has the number of jobs been dropped?

After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board to inquire about this matter after Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, arrives at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

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

6:37 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 6:37 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie opened the November 19, 2018 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Chairman Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag

of the United States of America which was led by Chairman Amon E. McKenzie.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE to OUTGOING CHAIRMAN AMON E. MCKENZIE:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, presented the following plaque to outgoing Chairman Amon E. McKenzie.

PRESENTED TO:

AMON E. McKENZIE

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**THIS THE 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER 2018
in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP
as CHAIRMAN to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the November 05, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Calvin Norton, 206 Ander Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472:** stated the following:
 - I would like to say congratulations to Commissioner McKenzie;
 - I would like to thank you for always being available when I call or visit you and taking the time to answer my questions, and taking time to explain;
 - You are my friend and will always be my friend;
 - You have done a good job in your position; **and**
 - The salaries for our law enforcement is too low and needs to be adjusted.

2. **Christopher J. Schuh, 5217 Miller Road, Tabor City, North Carolina 28463:** stated the following:
 - I have placed a panel box on the side of a building, and this panel box will not be used for the building;
 - I can not get the final approval from the County to have the power turned on;
 - The inspector is stating they need to see inside the building for safety reasons before the inspection can be completed;
 - It is my opinion that this is an invasion of the 4th Amendment; **and**
 - I am asking the County to finalize approval to get the power turned on.

After discussion was conducted relative to this matter, it was the consensus of the Board for the pertinent personnel to meet and decide what needed to be done, and the contact for the answer would be Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, and Waylon Townsend, Building Inspections Director.

3. **Johnny Edge, 470 Happy Home Road, Nakina, North Carolina 28455:** stated the following:
 - Congratulations Mr. McKenzie, and I give you much respect for serving this County for

twenty (20) years;

-The Dollar General Store in the Old Dock Community has been robbed twice in the last few months;

-The Sheriff's Department is understaffed and underpaid, and this should be a major concern for everybody;

-Columbus County is the third largest county in North Carolina;

-It is time to take another route relative to the Sheriff's Department;

-It is time to eliminate any barriers between the City of Whiteville and Columbus County since Whiteville is the town seat; **and**

-It is time to take a close look and approach of how to improve this situation.

Agenda Item #7: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION REQUESTING NC DOT to NAME the BYPASS at 701 and US 74 OVERPASS in HONOR of KEVIN CONNER:

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners requested approval and adoption of the following Resolution Requesting NC DOT to Name the Bypass at Highway 701 and U.S. 74 Overpass in Honor of Trooper Kevin Keith Conner.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NC DOT to NAME the BYPASS at HIGHWAY 701 and U.S. 74 OVERPASS in HONOR of TROOPER KEVIN KEITH CONNER

WHEREAS, Trooper Kevin Keith Conner was an employee with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol; **and**

WHEREAS, Trooper Conner served with distinguished honor during his tenure with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol; **and**

WHEREAS, Trooper Conner was active in his community, a dedicated family man and will be remembered as a true friend and a hero by his fellow citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County are grateful for individuals who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect their family, friends and neighbors; **and**

WHEREAS, Trooper Conner made this sacrifice and perished in the line of duty, while protecting the citizens of Columbus County on October 17, 2018; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners are indebted to **Trooper Conner** for his sacrifice and wish to remember and honor his name.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that NC DOT name the bypass at Highway 701 and U.S. 74 Overpass in honor of **Trooper Kevin Keith Conner** for his many years of distinguished public service to the State of North Carolina and fellow citizens of Columbus County.

APPROVED and ADOPTED the 19th day of November, 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**, County 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 Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Requesting NC DOT to Name the Bypass at Highway 701 and U.S. 74 Overpass in Honor of Kevin Keith Conner, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PRESENTATION - ENGAGE EMPOWER EXCEL TUTORING PROGRAM:

Dr. Shannon Register, Executive Director, delivered the following power point presentation on the Engage Empower Excel Tutoring Program.

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About Us:

- 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant
- First Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church
- Engage Empower Excel Tutoring Program

Current Community Partners:

- First St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
- Southeastern Community College - Educational Talent Search
- Columbus County Department of Social Services
- Whiteville Police Department
- TNT Construction
- Whiteville Fire Department
- Columbus County Health Department
- Columbus County Public Library

21st CCLS Grant

- Authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015
 - Provide opportunities for academic enrichment,, including providing tutorial services to help students
 - Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities
 - Offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement
- Awarded for 3 years from NC Department of Public Instruction

Engage Empower Excel

- Community-based program
- After school tutoring and summer enrichment
 - Minimum of 12 hours of tutoring a week
- Two (2) Sites - West Columbus High School and Whiteville High School
- Community Partnerships
- Employees
 - Program Director, 12 Teacher Tutors, 2 Site Coordinators, Guidance Counselor, Community Advocate, Mentor Coordinator and Public Relations Coordinator
 - Note: All staff are required to have a background check
- Student Selection Criteria - At least one at-risk factor
 - Scored Level I and/or Level II on the English and/or Math North Carolina End-of-Course assessments or currently not passing a course
 - Suspended from school at least once in the previous or current school year
 - Skipped school at least two or more times
 - Identified based on EVAAS at-risk report

Academic SMART Goals

Goal 1: Provide students in grades 9-12 learning opportunities to assist them in increasing academic achievement

- Tutoring in core academic areas
- Blended learning approach - online program focuses on weak math/English skills
- Project-based learning with a focus on STEM
- Individualized learning plan - focus on academics, attendance and behavior
- Summer program (focus on weak English and math skills; opportunity for credit recovery; and internships)

Goal 2: Provide students in grades 9-12 learning opportunities that decrease the number of inappropriate behaviors in schools

- Implement social and emotional learning to include academic behaviors - at least twice a week
- College and Career Development Program
 - Focus on ACT and 21st century skills
 - Connect learning to careers, college and future plans
 - Field trips
- Summer opportunities - job shadowing; work-based learning; internships; partner with in-demand fields of the local workforce and build career competencies and readiness; and community service learning
- Mentoring program

Goal 3: Provide participating students' parents opportunities to increase parental awareness and involvement in their children's education

- Provide parent workshop series - Empower Parents, Nurture Families and Strengthen Community
- Community Advocate works with parents
- Monthly Engage Empower Excel parent newsletters

Program Information

- West Columbus High School: Monday - Thursday from 3:20 P.M. - 6:20 P.M.
- Whiteville High School - Monday - Thursday from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

- Serve 80-100 students at each site
- Snacks served daily
- Transportation provided

Outcomes

- College and Career Ready Students
- Career Exploration
- Hands-On Experiences
- Civic Engagement
- Parent Empowerment

Agenda Item #9: AIRPORT- LETTER of AGREEMENT for AIRPORT SAFETY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS and RESOLUTION:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, requested Board approval of the following Letter of Agreement for Airport Safety/Maintenance Projects and Resolution.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR
AIRPORT SAFETY/MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

THIS AGREEMENT is made, this 19th day of November, 2018 by COLUMBUS COUNTY (Airport Owner) as owner and operator (hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”) of the COLUMBUS COUNTY AIRPORT (Official Airport Name) (hereinafter referred to as “Airport”) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (Division of Aviation), an agency of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as “Department”), for the purposes of future and as-yet unspecified safety or maintenance services to be performed by said Department in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions hereof.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Sponsor is primarily responsible for maintaining the facilities of the Airport to protect and preserve the safety of flight operations at, from and to the Airport; **and**

WHEREAS, the Department shares the interest of the Sponsor in the prompt and adequate maintenance and repair of the paved surfaces of the Airport which support aircraft movements on the Airport; **and**

WHEREAS, the Sponsor and the Department may, from time to time, mutually determine that certain paved surfaces and adjacent areas on the airport have aged and deteriorated and/or that other infrastructure is in need of maintenance or repair, and that the Sponsor could benefit from the assistance of the Department in accomplishing such maintenance and repair; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7 of North Carolina General Statute 63, the Department is authorized to undertake safety improvements of aircraft movement areas, on publicly owned and operated airports in North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, the Sponsor and the Department agree that upon the request by the sponsor and the acceptance by the Department, certain needed improvements at the Airport may be undertaken by the Department in conformance with the provision of North Carolina General Statute 63; **and**

WHEREAS, the Department requires a Commitment and Release of Liability statement to be on file in its offices, in order to be able provide and oversee such maintenance and repair at the Airport.

NOW THEREFORE, the Sponsor does hereby commit to the following measures:

1. This Letter of Agreement supersedes all prior agreements between the Department and Sponsor with respect to the subject matter of this Letter of Agreement.
2. Upon the Sponsor’s approval, the Department, using NCDOT state forces and/or private contractor(s) under a Purchase Order Contract, may perform the requested maintenance and repair to the Airport. This work may include, but not be limited to; Joint and Crack Sealing, Pavement Repairs and Patching, Surface Treatments, Maintenance Overlays, Electrical, Grading, Drainage Improvements, Pavement Markings, or other infrastructure maintenance.
3. The Sponsor will receive notification from the Department of the Department’s willingness to perform (or pay to have performed) any item or items of work approved by the Sponsor and a proposed schedule for performing the work and the force or contractor the Department

proposes to perform the work.

4. If the schedule and the force or contractor proposed by the Department for performing the work is acceptable to the Sponsor, the Sponsor shall authorize the Department (or its contractors) to enter upon the property of the Airport during the scheduled time to perform the work.
5. If the schedule and the force or contractor proposed by the Department for performing the work is unacceptable to the Sponsor, the Sponsor shall inform the Department of the reasons for its objections and the Sponsor and the Department will engage in dialogue with the intent of determining if an alternative schedule or force or contractor is acceptable to both the Sponsor and the Department. If the Sponsor and the Department cannot reach agreement through the process described in paragraph 4 then the Department will withdraw its offer to perform the requested work.
6. The Sponsor hereby represents to the Department that the title to the pavement and adjacent areas of the Airport is vested in the Sponsor.
7. The Sponsor agrees to provide a duly authorized representative who will be present and/or available at all times the work is in progress (including nights and weekends, as applicable) to monitor project operations and assist the Department's representative.
8. The Sponsor agrees to provide a duly qualified operator who will monitor the airport's UNICOM radio transceiver at all times the work is in progress (including nights and weekends, as applicable) and will issue airport advisories as necessary on the UNICOM radio transceiver.
9. The Sponsor agrees, when needed, to formally close any runway, taxiway, or apron at all times when the work is in progress on that pavement area and to take appropriate steps to prohibit use of such areas by aircraft and/or ground vehicles while the work is being performed or the subject pavement areas are in an unsafe or uncured condition due to the conduct of the work.
10. The Sponsor agrees to issue and keep current the necessary Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) until all work is completed and the Department's representative notifies the Sponsor's representative that the affected areas may be returned to service.
11. The Sponsor agrees that the Department may, in its sole discretion, determine the design, scope of work, materials to be used, and methods of accomplishing the authorized work. The Department covenants that any and all such work as it performs or has performed at the Airport pursuant to this Agreement will meet or exceed all relevant State of North Carolina and Federal Aviation Administration specifications for the type of pavement concerned and the type of maintenance or repair that is being performed.
12. To the maximum extent allowed by law, the Sponsor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department and its officers and employees from all suits, actions, or claims of any character because of injury or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property resulting from work performed under this Commitment. This indemnity does not extend to causes of action arising from the negligence of the Department, its officers and employees or any of Department's contractors who performed the work.
13. Should Sponsor fail to comply with any material duty required of it under this Agreement the Department shall give written notice to the sponsor of the details of its non-compliance and provide a reasonable period in which the Sponsor can cure its non-compliance. Upon the expiration of said cure period without the Sponsor having come into compliance, the Sponsor agrees that, at its sole and unlimited discretion, the Department shall have the right to immediately stop all work being performed at the Airport and release the work area to the jurisdiction of the Sponsor.
14. The Sponsor understands that for the Department to perform maintenance or safety services, the Airport and Sponsor must be in good standing on all State and Federal Grant Requirements and Assurances before any project shall be performed under this Commitment.
15. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 above, this Commitment will expire on December 31, 2023. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 above, this Commitment may be

terminated by either the Department or the Sponsor by providing written notification of termination. The effective date of termination pursuant to this paragraph shall be the date of receipt of the notice of written termination by the non-terminating party.

NC Division of Aviation

BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

Bobby Walston, P.E.
Aviation Director

WITNESS WHEREOF, the Sponsor has executed this Commitment on the date first written on Page 1 of this document.

COLUMBUS COUNTY
/s/ **Amon McKenzie, Chairman**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED
/s/ **June B. Hall, Clerk to the**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

State of North Carolina)
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County of Columbus) **RESOLUTION**

The Board of Columbus County Commissioners (hereinafter "Commissioners") at their regular meeting on the 19th day of November, 2018, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Columbus County (hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor") acknowledges that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "Department") requires a Commitment and Release of Liability statement to be on file in order to provide and oversee maintenance and safety improvements on the operational surfaces of the Columbus County Airport in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 63.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commissioners do hereby now by resolution formally resolve that the Director of the Columbus County Airport of the Sponsor, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a Commitment and Release of Liability with the Department, thereby binding the Sponsor to fulfillment of its obligation as incurred under this resolution and its commitment to the Department.

RESPECTFULLY ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 2018.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **Amon McKenzie**
Chairman, Columbus County Commissioners

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of Columbus County Board of Commissioners meeting held on November 19, 2018.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

This the 19th day of November, 2018.

/s/ **June B. Hall, Clerk to the**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement for Airport Safety/Maintenance Projects and Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: BOARD OF ELECTIONS - BUDGET SHORTFALL:

Carla Strickland, Elections Director, is requesting Board approval of the amendment to the budget.

This Agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item #11: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PROJECT GESS INCENTIVE GRANT:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following incentive Grant for Project GESS.

COLUMBUS COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT

Project: GESS

Total Investment Yr. 1:	\$26,030,000	15 to 19 New Jobs
Yr. 2 (20 Year Depreciation):	\$24,890,000	
Yr. 3 (20 Year Depreciation):	\$23,750,000	
Yr. 4 (20 Year Depreciation):	\$22,610,000	
Yr. 5 (20 Year Depreciation):	\$21,470,000	

County Tax Rate: 0.805

Tax Year	County Property Taxes Paid on Investment**	Percentage	Grant Amount
Tax Year 1	\$209,542	85%	\$178,110
Tax Year 2	\$200,365	80%	\$160,292
Tax Year 3	\$191,188	75%	\$143,391
Tax Year 4	\$182,011	70%	\$127,407
Tax Year 5	\$172,834	70%	\$120,983
Total over 5 year period	\$955,938	76%	\$730,183

**Hypothetical does not include detailed depreciation schedules, which will affect property taxes paid and incentives grant awarded.

This is only a proposal. All incentives must be approved by Columbus County Board of Commissioners. The requirement of creating a minimum number of jobs has been dropped, but the number created may influence the decision by the Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the Project GESS Incentive Grant, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: PLANNING - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING for DECEMBER 03, 2018, at 9:00 A.M., on PROPOSED AMENDMENT to COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE:

Samantha Alsop, Planning Director, requested the Board to establish December 03, 2018, at 9:00 A.M., as a Public Hearing date.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to establish December 03, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Joy Jacobs, Public Transportation Director, delivered the following departmental update.

	Budget:		State Surplus Sales:
	Local Match Budgeted	Local Match Actual Spent	\$3,726.00
Administrative	\$27,503.00	\$25,777.00	
Capital	\$12,140.00	\$11,440.00	
TOTAL:	\$39,643.00	\$37,217.00	

Advertising Revenues (Peck FY 17-18):		Surcharge Income (FY 2017-2018):	
MONTH	AMOUNT	MONTH	SURCHARGE/RECEIVED

July		July	\$3,208.59
August		August	\$3,720.85
September	\$225.00	September	\$3,162.60
October		October	\$3,669.05
November		November	\$3,395.56
December	\$225.00	December	\$3,007.06
January		January	\$3,117.94
February		February	\$3,250.10
March	\$225.00	March	\$3,397.52
April	\$635.6	April	\$3,220.21
May		May	\$3,347.89
June	\$225.00	June	\$3,128.09
TOTAL:	\$1,535.62	Total Generated and Received:	\$39,625.46

TOTAL INCOME: \$44,887.08

ROAP Funding for Trips:		Veterans Transportation		
RECEIVED	LEFT OVER	RECEIVED	SPENT	LEFT OVER
\$180,324.19	\$5,519.88	\$22,000.00	\$19,971.91	\$2,028.09

Agenda Item #14: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie Social Services Director, delivered the Monthly Departmental Update.

During the month of October, we completed the application process for Disaster Food and Nutrition Assistance. Applications were taken Monday, October 1, 2018 through Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 8am until 5pm. During this six-day period, 5,130 applications were taken; in addition to the 2,298 taken September 28 and 29, 2018; for a total of 7,428. There were 339 applications denied for benefits. The total benefits approved was \$4,343,035.00. While applications for D-SNAP were being taken, representatives from USDA visited our agency three times to observe the process and ensure we were in compliance with program requirements. They were very pleased with our operation of the D-SNAP program.

On October 1, 2018 we also had a visit from the Secretary of Health and Human Services; Dr. Mandy Cohen and the Assistant Secretary; Mr. Michael Becketts. They were given a tour of our agency, information about the process and spoke with several staff during their visit. Before leaving, Secretary Cohen used our intercom system to deliver a message of thanks and support to all staff for their efforts during Hurricane Florence and D-SNAP.

A special thanks goes out to several of our local businesses and individuals who supplied us with tents and chairs for our seniors. Some also donated money, gift cards and pizza to provide lunch for staff on the two Saturdays applications were taken. They were the following: Peoples Funeral Home, Peacock Funeral Home, McKenzie Funeral Home, Worthington Funeral Home, Food Lion, Domino's Pizza, Bojangle's, Sweet Melodee's and Mrs. Cyndi Hammonds.

A special thanks also to Mrs. Kim Smith for coordinating mosquito spraying, Kay Worley, Stuart Carroll, the maintenance department and Commissioner James Prevatte, who assisted with water, porta johns, etc.

On October 11, 2018 we assisted with the operation of two shelters that were opened due to Hurricane Michael. Thankfully, this was a short-lived event.

On October 17, 2018 I spoke with the repairman from Century Link concerning our phone system. He stated the system is old and it's hard to get parts. He stated there is no training for repair of the system and the main switch is bad. We have also made contact with the Century Link Consultant

to secure a quote on replacing the system and will communicate that information to the County Manager, Finance and Purchasing when it is received prior to presenting to the Board of Commissioners.

On October 30, 2018 we met with our Child Welfare Representative and our Program Development Plan Consultant to review our improvement plan. They also reviewed a small sample of cases. We are continuing to make progress in Child Welfare and the review team will continue to provide support to us. The Social Work Program Manager, Child Welfare Supervisors and I participated in this plan review.

During the month of October, I attended the following meetings: Department Managers, Smart Start Partnership and the Pre-K Advisory Board.

We are in the process of training our temporary staff for our energy programs which are in process.

Lastly, during the month of October, we received notification from our state partners of the closing of the Lake Pointe Assisted Living facility at Lake Waccamaw. Our Adult Services unit assisted with the investigation of the facility. Staff from both Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services assisted with the relocation of the residents; along with DHHS and Trillium Health Resources. All residences were safely relocated within three days.

**October 2018
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 191 Applications Approved: 84 Active Cases: 5,439 Benefits Issued: \$1,386,675 Participants Served: 12,355
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 139 Cases Terminated: 53 Redeterminations: 407 Applications Processed: 165
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 118 Applications Processed: 136 Redeterminations: 847 Total Medicaid Cases: 13,979 Total Individuals Receiving: 23,801
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 30 Orders Enforced: 516 Active Cases: 3,972 Collections: \$480,700.00

**October 2018
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 24 County Wards: 28 Number of Payee Cases: 23 Adults Served APS: 15 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 3,233 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$64,812.15
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 36 Reports Screened Out: 22 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 47 Children Served: 83 Contacts with Families Monthly: 275 Assessments: 28

Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 55 Children Placed Outside County: 13 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 8 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 6 Total Children in Foster Care: 63
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 38 Applications Approved: 28 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 260 Entered Employment: 3 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 1
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$2,996.36 New Referrals: 0 Cases Established: 1
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 362 Children on the Waiting List: 675 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$157,454.25

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: October 2018

News/Updates/Vacancies

Child Support and Paralegal:

We are currently without a paralegal and workers are helping the attorney with orders after court. One of the Child Support Supervisors resigned and our clerical worker in that unit has moved an Income Maintenance vacancy in Family and Children's Medicaid. We are trying to get back to normalcy with our court days with workers preparing 516 cases for court. Our State Representative continues to work with us to get us back on track with all compliance timeframes.

Food and Nutrition:

Clients that were approved for Disaster Food and Nutrition have come back in to apply for the regular FNS program and we have been very busy. Some of these clients are eligible however a lot of them have been denied due to income. Out of the 7 vacancies we have in Food and Nutrition, 5 have been filled and are in the process of getting trained.

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

Family and Children's Intake/processing team continue to help Food and Nutrition take applications until new staff can get trained. This has been a great help with trying to meet USDA compliance timeframes. The Adult Medicaid team is gearing up for the additional year-end reviews for clients that are on the MQB/E program. All of these reviews come due the last month of each year. The Adult Long Term Care Team had a worker to retire the last day of October.

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and Housekeeping/Deputy:

- Our vacancy in Transportation was filled in October and she is currently being trained.
- Work First Cash continues to keep their work timely.
- Deputy Best continues to help us feel safe as we work.
- Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to remain busy as our Energy Programs are taking some applications.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager

Vacancies/Updates/News for October 2018**Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed and very busy! All staff have had busy caseloads as well as busy with shelter duty and D-SNAP during the month of October. Child Welfare go-live for NCFast for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed. The Program Development Plan and Record Review was rescheduled to October 30th and went well. A formal report is forthcoming.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit currently has one vacancy due to a social worker leaving during the month of August. Interviews are currently being conducted. All staff have had busy caseloads as well as busy with shelter duty and D-SNAP during the month of October. Child Welfare go-live for NCFast for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed. The Program Development Plan and Record Review was rescheduled to October 30th and went well. A formal report is forthcoming.

Foster Care:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit currently has one vacancy due to a social worker leaving during the month. All staff have had busy caseloads as well as busy with shelter duty and D-SNAP during the month of October. Child Welfare go-live for NCFast for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed. The Program Development Plan and Record Review was rescheduled to October 30th and went well. A formal report is forthcoming.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to plan events for LINKs foster children and Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment. This Unit is also very busy assisting the other Child Welfare Units with courtesy visits, etc. All staff have had busy caseloads as well as busy with shelter duty and D-SNAP during the month of October. Child Welfare go-live for NCFast for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed. The Program Development Plan and Record Review was rescheduled to October 30th and went well. A formal report is forthcoming.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to have one vacancy due to a social worker leaving in August. Interviews are currently being conducted. Cases are becoming more complex with more issues. This Unit is encountering more and more issues with homeless adults and adults with mental health issues which creates other problems because of the slow response time of mental health agencies. A tremendous amount of time is being dedicated to assisting those adults with mental health issues that are unable to be independent and unable to manage their own funds, etc. Members of this Unit continue to cross-train in order to work together more efficiently. The addition of another position in this Unit may be a future request to help with the increasing caseloads. All staff have worked shelters and have been assisting with D-SNAP, as well as do their regular job duties.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to work within the NCFast system with daily issues. This Unit continues to assist with 200% and is now providing Emergency Assistance for those eligible. All staff have worked shelters and have been assisting with D-SNAP, as well as do their regular job duties.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work within the NCFast system dealing with daily issues and updates. The waiting list continues to grow which is a concern for staff, but this Unit has slowly begun to work small amounts of the list which is slowly decreasing the list by small amounts. All staff have worked shelters and have been assisting with D-SNAP, as well as do their regular job duties.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. One staff member has been on medical leave due to surgery. Staff are preparing for Program Integrity to begin in NCFast. More temporary workers will soon begin working with the Crisis Intervention Program. In October 356 applications were taken for CIP with 19 approvals. All staff have worked shelters and have been assisting with D-SNAP, as well as do their regular job duties.

Agenda Item #15: ESSENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION LOAN POOL DISASTER RECOVERY 2017 - AMENDED GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool - Disaster Recovery 2017 Amended Grant Project Ordinance.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY
ESSENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION LOAN POOL - Disaster Recovery
2017 (ESFRLP-DR)
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
Adoption Date: April 3, 2017
Amended Date: November 19, 2018**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Chapter 159, Section 13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is **HEREBY ADOPTED**:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is for the rehabilitation of homes impacted by Hurricane Matthew, Tropical Storms Julia and Hermine which are owned and occupied by Columbus County homeowners that does not exceed 100% of Area Median Income for the County.

SECTION 2. The project administrator is hereby directed to proceed with the implementation of such project.

SECTION 3. The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2017-2019.

SECTION 4. The following revenues will be available to the County to complete the project.

ACCOUNT#	TITLE	AMOUNT
22-3320-3330040	North Carolina Housing Finance Agency	\$150,000
22-3320-3330040	North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (Additional Pool Funds)	\$500,000
TOTAL:		\$650,000

SECTION 5. The following amounts are appropriated for the project.

ACCOUNT#	TITLE	AMOUNT
22-5130-549720	Hard Cost	\$120,000
22-5130-549720	Hard Cost (Pool Funds)	\$400,000
22-5130-549725	Soft Cost	\$30,000
22-5130-549725	Soft Cost (Pool Funds)	\$100,000
TOTAL:		\$650,000

SECTION 6. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. He/she shall keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

SECTION 7. Copies of the Grant project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for directions in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 2018.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the **Amended** Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Disaster Recovery 2017 Grant Project Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: GOVERNING BODY - APPROVAL of BRONZE PLAQUE in the COURTHOUSE in MEMORY of FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS:

Commissioner Bullard requested Board approval of a bronze plaque to be placed in the courthouse in memory of fallen law enforcement officers.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve a bronze plaque to be placed in the Columbus County Courthouse in memory of fallen Law Endorsement officers, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: ADMINISTRATION - EARLY DISTRIBUTION of PAYROLL CHECKS and CHRISTMAS BONUSES, and INCREASE in CHRISTMAS BONUSES:

Michael Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval of the distribution of December payroll checks and Christmas bonuses on December 21, 2018, and a ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars increase in Christmas bonuses.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the distribution of December payroll checks and Christmas bonuses on December 21, 2018, and a ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) dollars increase in Christmas bonuses, seconded by Commissioner Russ. 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 7:56 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs 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 Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 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.

AREAS of CONCERN:

1. Keep building to the County water system, no operations to add going on at this time;
2. Have we acted on the petition from the St. James area yet?; **and**
3. Place a representative in the St. James Area, the Welches Creek Area and the Farmers Union Area to provide information about the County Water System.

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

At 8:00 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs 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 Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

Tax Releases and Refunds:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Property Value Amount: \$2,313.90

McPherson, Wade & Kelly	PROPERTY: 80715	Total:	\$4,694.10
Value: \$32,900.00 Year: 09-18	Account: 09-19925	Bill#:	99999
Release value on leasehold. Deceased owners. Release Roseland Fire(192.04) release Columbus Rescue(57.16)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$448.83
Silver Eva Maria Tyree	PROPERTY: 98681	Total:	\$493.43
Value: \$113,900.00 Year: 2018	Account: 01-07176	Bill#:	30863
Release portion of value. Partially exempt for elderly exemption. Release Williams Fire(33.45) release Whiteville Rescue(11.15)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$569.18
Strickland, Christine S	PROPERTY: 76346	Total:	\$632.81
Value: \$270,300.00 Year: 2018	Account: 01-01724	Bill#:	34703
Release portion of value. Exemption for 2018 taxes. Release Klondyke Fire(49.49) release Columbus Rescue(14.14)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Malpass, Ashford Gene	PROPERTY: 28876	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 15-25340	Bill#:	18989
Refund user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Blackman, Susan Ann & Kenneth Dale	PROPERTY: 76798	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 03-01444	Bill#:	94143
Release user fee. Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Fearil G (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 26295	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 14-02460	Bill#:	95745
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Butler, Wilbur	PROPERTY: 75305	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 06-03932	Bill#:	97161
Release user fee. Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Carteret Ronald Gene	PROPERTY: 75564	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 09-02700	Bill#:	98279
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Castellanos, Bertoldo	PROPERTY: 82233	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 03-05841	Bill#:	98630
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Corene Graham & Howard	PROPERTY: 1128	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 01-00997	Bill#:	1372
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Edwards, Debbie Williamson	PROPERTY: 23213	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 12-30260	Bill#:	3158
Release user fee. Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Millie A	PROPERTY: 8814	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 04-05532	Bill#:	6125
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Frink, Annie (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 88297	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 13-13884	Bill#:	6219
Release user fee. Only 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Greene, Jerry(Travis)	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 14-04242	Bill#:	9306
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hammonds, Elizabeth Dale	PROPERTY: 20747	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 12-03947	Bill#:	10058

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Release user fee. Vacant			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Hayes, Dennis Earl		PROPERTY: 60073	Bill#:	10895
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 16-07640		
Release user fee. Vacant			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Hinson, Reba McPherson		PROPERTY: 16079	Bill#:	12426
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 09-04817		
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Inman, J E (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 24637	Bill#:	13572
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-20820		
Release user fee. Vacant			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Keaton, Rufus R		PROPERTY: 28690	Bill#:	15817
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-21820		
Release user fee. Only 1 can.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Malpass, Sabrina		PROPERTY: 86968	Bill#:	19117
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-02828		
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$1,047.00
MCCray, Carrie Lee		PROPERTY: 86121	Bill#:	99999
Value: \$0.00	Year: 14-18	Account: 05-05302		
Release user fees. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Ou Sophie		PROPERTY: 84049	Bill#:	24611
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 03-02548		
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$161.07
Pope, James Edward JR.		PROPERTY: 19875	Bill#:	26048
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 11-01361		
Release portion of user fee.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$113.00
Powers, Samuel Devon & Robertha Lynn		PROPERTY: 1198	Bill#:	26593
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 01-05957		
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$811.00
Price, Anthony Brian		PROPERTY: 7308	Bill#:	99999
Value: \$0.00	Year: 16-18	Account: 03-02529		
Release user fees. House condemned.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$400.00
Robinson, Miami Young & Travis		PROPERTY: 94497	Bill#:	99999
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-03521		
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$400.00
Waddell, Earl		PROPERTY: 29593	Bill#:	37692
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-36790		
Release 2 user fees. Overbilled.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Watkins, Matthew Lee		PROPERTY: 5961	Bill#:	39165
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 02-02841		
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$800.00
Watts, Ollen Stewart		PROPERTY: 12418	Bill#:	39413
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 06-42460		
Release user fees. Overbilled.			Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total:	\$200.00
Weaver, Beverly Ann Long		PROPERTY: 86310	Bill#:	39587
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 03-03551		
Release user fee. Overbilled.				

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Willoughby, Linda Bass	PROPERTY: 78759	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 12-03128	Bill#:	41387
Release user fee. DBL			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wilson, Gwendolyn & William	PROPERTY: 12504	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 06-00149	Bill#:	41437
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Worley, William Grey Jr.	PROPERTY: 86038	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 16-05728	Bill#:	41912
Release user fee. Vacant.			

Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I have spoken to Harold Nobles about the debris pickup being two (2) pickups in lieu of one (1), and the hardest hit areas need to be first;
 - Thank you Amon for your dedicated service; **and**
 - I wish Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - At some of our voting precincts, the outside workers were not allowed to use the bathrooms; **and**
 - Amon, it was a pleasure to work with you.
3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I have some concerns about election day and the process followed, namely the voters listed in Commissioner districts, and Columbus County is always the last one to report the votes; **and**
 - Amon, it has been good to serve with you and I wish you well.
4. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - The Board of Elections has their own Board, and we do not operate or control, but we do have to fund;
 - I concur with Commissioner McDowell about the trash pickup being in the hardest hit areas;
 - I wish everyone a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving; **and**
 - I appreciate all your many years of service and I appreciate you being my friend.
5. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 - I would like to thank Phil Edwards for all the hard work he does at the Columbus County Airport;
 - The Board of Elections is governed by their own Board and the State;
 - I wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. **And**
 - Amon, thank you for the many years of service to Columbus County.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - The limited parking spaces at the voting precincts are being capitalized by County employees who are working there;
 - We need a motion to give the County Manager the authority to make the decision about the inspection of the building discussed earlier; **and**

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to authorize Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, to make the decision on the inspection requested by Christopher J. Schuh, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman McKenzie, Commissioners Russ, Byrd and Prevatte; **and**

NAYS: Vice Chairman Burroughs, Commissioners McDowell and Bullard.

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

-It has been a pleasure to work with you for the past ten (10) years.

7. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:

-It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Columbus County;

-We have dedicated employees;

-It has been a pleasure to work with the members of the Board;

-All of the members of the Board learn to work together with the same goal in mind;

and

-Always keep the citizens in high priority with the material you are granted to work with.

C. **County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):** we need the Board to approve the securing of a Surety Bond for the new Sheriff.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the securing of a Surety Bond for the new Sheriff, Steadman Jody Greene, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

D. **County Attorney (Amanda B. Prince):** stated I would like to thank Chairman McKenzie for his many years of service to Columbus County.

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018
7:56 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
P. Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:56P.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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 05, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN:

Discussion was conducted relative to the following water concerns:

1. Keep building to the County Water System, and at this time, no operations to add are going on at this time;
2. Have we acted on the petition from the St. James area yet?; **and**
3. Place a representative in the St. James Area, the Welches Creek Area and the Farmers Union Area to provide information about the County Water System.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:00 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018
7:56 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
P. Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:56P.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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 05, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN:

Discussion was conducted relative to the following water concerns:

1. Keep building to the County Water System, and at this time, no operations to add are going on at this time;
2. Have we acted on the petition from the St. James area yet?; **and**
3. Place a representative in the St. James Area, the Welches Creek Area and the Farmers Union Area to provide information about the County Water System.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:00 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018
7:56 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
P. Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:56P.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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 05, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN:

Discussion was conducted relative to the following water concerns:

1. Keep building to the County Water System, and at this time, no operations to add are going on at this time;
2. Have we acted on the petition from the St. James area yet?; **and**
3. Place a representative in the St. James Area, the Welches Creek Area and the Farmers Union Area to provide information about the County Water System.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:00 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018
7:56 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
P. Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:56P.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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 05, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN:

Discussion was conducted relative to the following water concerns:

1. Keep building to the County Water System, and at this time, no operations to add are going on at this time;
2. Have we acted on the petition from the St. James area yet?; **and**
3. Place a representative in the St. James Area, the Welches Creek Area and the Farmers Union Area to provide information about the County Water System.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:00 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018
7:56 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
 P. Edwin Russ
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:56P.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 #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 05, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 05, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

AREAS of CONCERN:

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