

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, January 06, 2020****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 the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Trent Burroughs,
 Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the January 06, 2020 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Pastor Gregory Spaulding, Union Baptist Church. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION: RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman Russ presented the following retirement plaque to Amanda Harrelson for her thirty-one, plus, (31+) years of employment with the Columbus County Department of Aging.

PRESENTED TO***AMANDA HARRRELSON******IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION******FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY******TO******COLUMBUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING******07-01-1988 - 12-20-2019******* * * * *******COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS*****Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the December 02, 2019 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Russ presented the following Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to Whiteville High School Cheerleaders.

**RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
WHITEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is blessed with talented individuals with strong determination to continuously strive to be the best; **and**

WHEREAS, the field of sports encompasses many areas of expertise inclusive of the need for support from family, friends' attendance at games and strong energetic routines and voices from their cheerleaders; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has many young ladies who participate and excel in their field of expertise; **and**

WHEREAS, the *Whiteville High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders* competed in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Cheerleading Invitational on December 07, 2019, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and placed first, and were named the NCHSAA Cheerleading Small JV Non-tumble Division 2 State Champions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize the following players and coach for their achievement of being the **NCHSAA Cheerleading Small JV Non-tumble Division 2 State Champions**:

Left to Right (Row 1):	<i>Whitley Dockery, Trinity Skipper, Kelsey Skipper, Bella Sellers, Ella Inman, Sarah Friese, Haley Wyatt</i>
(Row 2):	<i>Alexis LaForte, Autumn Bullard, Leah Quarles, Addie Bailey, Tyashia McKenzie, Dasia McMillian, Mary-Gregg Williamson</i>
<i>Coach: Amanda Tedder</i>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each cheerleader and coach who gave of their time and abilities to accomplish this victory.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 6th day of January 06, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, Chairman

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**/s/ Vice Chairman

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Chairman Russ presented the following Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to West Columbus High School Cheerleaders.

**RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
WEST COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is blessed with talented individuals with strong determination to continuously strive to be the best; **and**

WHEREAS, the field of sports encompasses many areas of expertise inclusive of the need for support from family, friends' attendance at games and strong energetic routines and voices from their cheerleaders; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has many young ladies who participate and excel in their field of expertise; **and**

WHEREAS, the *West Columbus High School Varsity Cheerleaders* competed in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Cheerleading Invitational on December 07, 2019, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and were named the NCHSAA 2019 Division 2 Medium Varsity Non-tumble State Champions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize the following players and coach for their achievement of

being the NCHSAA Cheerleading Medium Varsity Non-tumble Division 2 State Champions:

Seniors: *Madison Nance, Maggie, Waddell*
Juniors: *Naya Bryant, Haley Gordon, Erin Griffin, Emma Strickland, Lexi Bullard, Kaley Smith, Brooke Dyson, Anyla Bellamy-Bullock, Bailey Nance, Alyssa Strickland, Anna Ty Ivey*
Coach: *Tasha Bass Dyson*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each cheerleader and coach who gave of their time and abilities to accomplish this victory.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 6th day of January 06, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, Chairman
 /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**
 /s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**
 /s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**/s/ 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 Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to Whiteville High School Cheerleaders and the Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to West Columbus High School Cheerleaders, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - INTRODUCTION of DR. WILLIAM C. AIKEN, INTERIM PRESIDENT, and NC CAREER COACH GRANT ALLOCATION:

Henry Edmund, Board Chair, introduced Dr. William C. Aiken as the Interim President for Southeastern Community College, by stating the following:

1. We have two (2) processes going on right now;
2. We are getting bids from consulting firms;
3. Judge Jack Hooks has agreed to chair the Search Committee;
4. In the mean time, we have an interim that has agreed to serve; **and**
5. I would like to introduce Dr. William C. Aiken who has agreed to serve as the Interim President and he is the past president of Sampson Community College, and he is well qualified.

Dr. William C. Aiken stated the following:

1. The State made available the possibility of a Career Coach, and that Career Coach was designed to work with vocational programs;
2. The grant required that we provide a match, and Dr. Clark did ask that you help with the match and you agreed;
3. There was good response to the grant and the match;
4. The State did decide that Tier I counties did not have to meet the match;
5. I am here to ask if you do still agree with the match and that match will be used to hire an additional coach, full or part time;
6. Your pledge to that match was \$16,559 for year 1, \$17,290 for year 2 and \$17,933 for year 3;
7. I am here to find out if you will still honor that match and allow us to hire an additional person;
and
8. I thank you for your support.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve transferring the funds that were pledged to Southeastern Community College for hiring a second Career Coach, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: AUDIT - JUNE 30, 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT:

Alan Thompson presented the Columbus County June 30, 2019 **Draft** Annual Audit with the following Management Letter.

To the Board of Commissioners
Columbus County
Whiteville, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Columbus County for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 10, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Columbus County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The County implemented Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 88 "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placement" in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by Columbus County during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Significant estimate(s) for the County are allowance for doubtful accounts and depreciation.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. There are no such disclosures identified.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Some of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statement taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representation

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 19, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion:” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Auditing Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Columbus County’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

In reviewing the investment policy, it was noted that there were various reports that should be provided to the Board each year to ensure that the investment accounts are properly monitored. The Board should ensure that the policy is enforced.

The balance sheets required several adjustments to correct the balances. Postings throughout the year are mapped to incorrect accounts, and several cleanup entries are posted to correct these accounts. These accounts should be monitored closely throughout the year and reconciled timely. Efforts should be made to correct these original postings so significant adjustments won’t be needed to correct these balances (particularly payroll accounts). Bank reconciliations should be prepared each month, and subsidiary ledgers should be reconciled throughout the year.

There are several projects that need to be closed out. Please review all funds and close out and capitalize projects that should be capitalized. Construction in process needs to be reviewed and projects need to be capitalized that are finished.

When we performed revenue testing, we noticed that some departments are not turning in receipts daily as is required by the policy. In addition, G.S. 159-32 requires that deposits over \$500 are made each day. The County makes daily deposits, but should make sure they enforce each department to turn in receipts each day. We also noted discrepancies in reviewing collection in the inspection and tax department.

The Revenue bond in Water District II did not meet the covenant requirements. The County needs to review the water rates and maintain the water districts separately to ensure that the proper revenue and expenses are recorded by district as opposed to attempting to allocate the numbers by year-end adjusting entries.

There were several items noted in the Medicaid compliance testing that are described in the audit report as findings 2019-03, 2019-04, and 2019-05.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Schedule of County’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Assets (LGERS), Schedule of County Contributions (LGERS), Schedule of County’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset (ROD) and Schedule of County Contributions (ROD), Schedule of change in Total Pension Liability -Law Enforcement Officer’s Special Separation Allowance, and Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining and individual non-major fund statement schedules, budgetary schedules, and other schedules, and the schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from

the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Commissioners and management of Columbus County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,
/s/ **Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Co., P.A.**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the **DRAFT** June 30, 2019 Annual Audit, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -REVISED DRUG and ALCOHOL POLICY for COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION (CCT):

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested board approval of the Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy for Columbus County Transportation (CCT).

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy for Columbus County Transportation, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, and the Columbus County Public Transportation Office, for review.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - COUNTY MANAGER and FINANCE DIRECTOR to SIGN the CERTIFICATION and APPLICATION for ROAP FUNDING for FY2020:

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested Board approval for the County Manager and the Finance Director to sign the Certification and Application for ROAP Funding for FY2020.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the County Manager and the Finance Director to sign the Certification and Application for ROAP Funding for FY2020 for the Columbus County Public Transportation, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "B" and kept in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, and the Columbus County Public Transportation Office, for review.

Agenda Item #11: EMERGENCY SERVICES - VIPER RADIO SYSTEM and PAGING CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Viper Radio System and Paging Capital Project Ordinance.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY
VIPER RADIO SYSTEM AND PAGING PROJECT ORDINANCE
January 06 20120**

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

SECTION 1. The project authorized is for the Viper Radio System and Paging Project.

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

SECTION 3. The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the

project.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	AMOUNT
55-3437-422030	NC 911 FUNDS	\$574,572
55-3437-422040	PAGING PROJECT FUNDS	\$390,000
55-3437-431020	COUNTY APPROPRIATION	\$4,042,549
TOTAL:		\$5,007,121

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	AMOUNT
55-4322-519056	ENGINEER DESIGN/ADMINISTRATION	\$857,586
55-4322-519931	MOTOROLA PAGING	\$261,100
55-4322-519932	CONTRACTS	\$113,972
55-4322-519933	MOTOROLA VIPER	\$717,712
55-4322-519934	MOTOROLA CONSOLES	\$251,538
55-4322-519936	MOTOROLA RESPONDERS	\$2,785,213
55-4322-999910	CONTINGENCY	\$20,000
TOTAL:		\$5,007,121

SECTION 6. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. 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, Project Manager and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chair**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, CLERK TO BOARD**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adopt the Columbus County Viper Radio System and Paging Project Ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item12: MAINTENANCE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director, presented the following Departmental Update.

General Departmental Overview Presentation

Maintenance Staff have worked a year and a half without a lost time accident. This not only includes in excess of 20,000 Custodian man-hours; it also includes in excess of an additional, 12,000 mechanical man-hours.

Due to the wide range of Chemicals, electrical equipment and hand tools used by Maintenance, this is a great milestone for any Maintenance organization.

From May 24th to date, Maintenance has secured the support and funding of 3 additional staff through the help of Mr Stephens and a combined effort of Southeastern Community College, FEMA and The Council of Governments program.

Those 3 staff members have provided in excess of 2000 man-hours of maintenance work at no cost to the county.

Notable Note: One of our county Maintenance employees, Hank Williamson, volunteered to work hand and hand with, and oversee the support worker's projects and their assigned Work Orders with no additional pay added to his normal hourly pay.

He was the only volunteer for the assignment and has provided in excess of 800 hours on a voluntary basis at no additional cost above his hour rate, to the county.

The support program is expected to last until May 2020 or until funds run out.

Maintenance has re-implemented and improved the Preventative Maintenance program that was suspended in 2015. Maintenance Generated P/M's will be added into the county's standard Work Order system by MIS. In that system P/M's will be assigned a set date to automatically be issued to Maintenance thereafter.

Maintenance has Implemented a Tool Control program in order to track tools purchased with county funds. All tools are assigned a tool number. By entering that tool number into the program it will identify the tool, show where the tool is located and who is responsible for that tool. Tools are also inventoried once a year.

Maintenance has implemented a Key Control program. All spare keys are stored in a double locked Key Box with limited access. Only 2 people have keys to the key lock box. Keys removed from the Key Box are either signed out on a temporary sign out log or permanent sign out. Individual Maintenance worker's keys are signed out on a permanent sign out. Each Maintenance Worker has an assign lock Box for key storage when not in use. The program will be improved as needed.

WORK ORDERS (for the last year)

1,543 work orders were entered into the system

1,465 of those were completed

25 were assigned to staff

8 are on Hold

45 Are on Back log with most being low priority.

Note: Back log was around 125 in January of 2017.

MAINTENANCE FACILITIES HIGHLIGHTS

(Issues that are on the NC Council of Governments Report, that have been addressed or is planned to be addressed in this budget year are identified by an underline)

Highlights:

The parking areas around the Courthouse, Annex and Tax office have been significantly up-graded.

New roofs have been installed on the Airport and 50 Legion Facility. Several other roofs are scheduled to be replaced which were action items in the Council of Government Report.

Items that are highly supported by this Board are:

Security walls were added to the Administration, Transportation and Coop entrances. This included an additional door to the Administration and Transportation wall, as well as a sliding glass window in the Coop and Transportation entrance. The windows allow communication with the public while maintaining security. All of which was added by staff at a substantial savings to tax payers.

A state-of-art security system was installed in the administration building. An Electronic Security Entrance control was added to the Coop entrance and the same is in the process of being added to the Transportation facility.

All buildings will continue to receive security up grades.

Through continued test and readjustments Maintenance has seemingly eliminated the yearly flooding/leaking of the courthouse clerk's area brought on from the Roof Top HVAC Unit. With help from outside contractors the prolonged humidity issue has been reduced but is still not at an acceptable

level which was also an action item on the Council of Governments report.

Maintenance staff have remodeled 3 offices in Juvenile Justice, which also added another office, to help meet a state policy change, a change that increased the need for office space.

Maintenance is also working on remodeling a closed hallway that will add 6 available offices to address Health Department growth. Both of these projects being performed in-house will result in substantial savings and both were action items on the Council of Governments Report.

Maintenance Shop

Maintenance workers have converted the old boiler house, previously used for storage to a full operational Maintenance Shop. The functions of the shop include Carpentry, Sheet Metal, Welding and an array of prefab work such as plumbing and electrical prefabrication. This shop has eliminated the need and dependence on a substantial amount of contract work.

Annex

Contractors extended the parking lot concrete and restriped it to assure maximum parking.

Administration

Metal Steps were rebuilt by staff to prevent total replacement at a substantial savings to tax payers as well as county budget.

A Security wall & door was added by staff at a substantial savings to tax payers. A state-of-art security system was installed by vendor to protect staff and customers, two items that were highly supported by this Board.

Very aged and damaged facial was replaced to match nearby buildings by staff at a substantial savings to tax payers.

As per Council of Government recommendations we will replace 1 of the aged and problematic HVAC units soon. (funds budgeted)

Airport

Contractors have installed a new Roof, also an action item on the Council of Government list. Temporary back-up power was added to the hangers and will remain until a permanent back-up is installed which was one of the action items from the Council of Government.

Animal Control

A substantial amount of the state required work was performed by staff at a savings to tax payers. This included the installation of lights and cage panels in the vendor contracted remodeled cat room, as well as installing the state required industrial dog cage divider curtains.

Old Animal Control

As requested by the Kennel and recommended as an action item by the Council of Government, Maintenance staff cut the extended growth and trees from around the facility and cleaned out the building in order for the Kennel to put it back in use. This was also done at the fraction of the cost compared to the services from a vendor.

Current Courthouse

The facility continues to be a challenge for Maintenance as well as others involved. Through continued test and readjustments Maintenance has seemingly eliminated the yearly flooding/leaking of the Courthouse Clerk's area brought on from the Roof Top HVAC Unit, as well as the extensive flooding of the lobby from rain water. With help from outside contractors the prolonged humidity issue has been reduced but is still not at an acceptable level which was also an action item listed on the Council of Governments report.

Historical Courthouse

The Historical Courthouse Renovation was also an action item on the Council of Governments report. A Historical Courthouse Team of 8 has been assembled to oversee and advise on the renovation project. To prevent as many obstacles, setbacks and surprises as possible, an array of information is being gathered and the team will grow as the need arises. Input from other outside sources are also being requested by the team as needed. Upon the present team's consensus, the project was placed on hold for a short while in order to work out some unseen issues. Those issues have been resolved and the project will be regaining its momentum very quick. At present, with the assistance of outside

sources, as well as the team's input, we are getting cost quotes and estimates, to determine the needed budget. Maintenance is in the process of removing equipment that could be used at other county locations that will otherwise be disposed of by the renovation contract once hired. Some equipment such as ceiling grid, ceiling tile and sliding glass windows have already been reused.

DSS

As per the Council of Governments recommendation we will replace 1 of the aged and problematic HVAC units soon. (funds budgeted)

Detention Center (closed)

Cell bar removal in the detention area is still pending an awarded contract. The Administration area ceiling and carpet was removed and facility cleaned by contractor. Maintenance staff did extensive plumbing work and returned HVAC to operating condition. A Contractor performed the first phase of Mold Remediation to the entire facility including all HVAC systems to kill present mold and prevent any future Mold growth. The contractor has also repainted the Administration area and Maintenance is in the process of replacing the ceiling tile as time allows. Several walls will be added by Maintenance converting the facility to an office complex. It will consist of about 18 offices, ½ of which could easily be converted to secured storage rooms. Our biggest challenge at this time is getting the cell bars removed. Once the cell bars are removed, walls will be added and the detention area will be repainted. The facility will then receive the second and final phase of Mold Remediation.

Health Department/Inspections facility

Staff Installed a solid vinyl fence to shield the unsightly appearance of the old emergency room entrance.

Maintenance staff installed a new high quality Laminate Flooring in the Lobby.

A very low maintenance long life concrete Handicap Ramp is being installed to accommodate the south wing, now occupied by Port Health.

With some help of an outside contractor, the unusable Metal Steps were rebuilt by staff in order to reopen the closed entrance.

As per Council of Government recommendations we will replace 1 of the aged and problematic HVAC units soon

As per Council of Government recommendations, we have scheduled 4 of the HD Facility's high maintenance roofs to be replaced and we are working on getting the elevator modernized and back running.

Maintenance is also working on remodeling a closed hallway that will open 6 available offices, another issue, lack of office space, noted as an action item on the Council of Governments report.

50 Legion (old BOE)

A new roof was installed by a contractor.

The facility is presently being partially occupied by Guardian Ad Litem

A state storm support group, is expected to move in next month and remain there for a couple of years. The use of this building was also addressed in the Council of Governments Report.

County Owned Graveyard

The site which proved itself to be an insult to certain members of the public was upgraded to a presentable standard. It is now on scheduled inspections

Juvenile Justice

Maintenance staff remodeled 3 offices, which proved to be another substantial savings to tax payers and the county budget. This also address the recommendation of the Council of Government to address the coming growth of JJ due to State Policy changes, by adding 1 office.

Landfill

As Recommended by the Council of Governments, Maintenance staff remodeled the Head House in order to put it back in use, also at a saving to tax payers and the county budget compared to a contractor cost

Mollie Convenience Site

County staff rebuilt an exterior wall, repaired floor joist, replaced a large area of floor and replaced a door pocket to prevent the soon to coming need to replace the entire office building which generated a substantial savings.

Parks & Recreation

Install a large drain basin, grate and 60 feet of 12" drain line to prevent further deterioration of the Main office's foundation that has been taking place for years.

Register of Deeds/TAX OFFICE/MIS facility

County staff replaced the ROD reception area carpet, again a great savings compared to contractor quote.

Tax Office

The entire Tax Office parking lot was repaved which included Register of Deeds. All was restriped including the Annex and Courthouse parking lots.

Transportation

With the help of a contractor the maintenance staff cleared very heavy growth from the facility's surrounding security fence. Staff also repaired the highly neglected fence. To address security issues Maintenance staff have installed a security wall, sliding glass window and door. This will be followed by a electronic security control entrance

COOP

To address security issues Maintenance staff installed a sliding glass window and had an electronic security control entrance added to the door.

ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE FACILITIES THAT RECEIVE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

BOE/HUD facility (\$100 limit per visit, leased)

DA/SCJudge/DCJudge facility

Department of Aging and Remote Sites (\$100 limit per visit for remote leased site)

Emergency Services

Library and Remote Sites (\$100 limit per visit for remote leased sites)

Public Utilities

Sheriff Department

Veterans Office

Agenda Item #13: HEALTH - PRE-ORDER OF FLU VACCINE:

Kimberly Smith, Health Department Director, requested Board approval to pre-order flu vaccine, at the cost of thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred eighty-five and 84/100 (\$37,785.84) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve to pre-order flu vaccine, at the cost of thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred eighty-five and 84/100 (\$37,785.84) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION in SUPPORT of NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH in COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Kimberly Smith, Health Department Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation in Support of National Radon Action Month in Columbus County, North Carolina.

Proclamation In Support of National Radon Action Month in Columbus County, North Carolina

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of our citizens and their families; **and**

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; **and**

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur

in the United States each year; **and**

WHEREAS, radon is found in one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels; **and**

WHEREAS, any home may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; **and**

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive and radon problems can be fixed; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County Board of Commissioners, the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NC Department of Health and Human Services' NC Radon Program and the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control support efforts to encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced; **and**

WHEREAS, many residents in Columbus County don't know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families and a proclamation of National Radon Action Month is an opportunity to educate individuals on the available measures to reduce radon.

NOW, THEREFORE, Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **JANUARY 2020 as National Radon Action Month** in Columbus County, North Carolina

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**
ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation in Support of National Radon Action Month in Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: FINANCE - RESOLUTION CALLING a PUBLIC HEARING on WHETHER the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for the COUNTY of COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE a PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING to FINANCE a PORTION of the COST of the VIPER RADIO and PAGING SYSTEM PROJECTS:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina should approve a Proposed Installment Financing to Finance a Portion of the Cost of the VIPER Radio and Paging System Projects.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") for the County of Columbus (the "County") held a regular meeting in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, at 6:30 P.M. on January 6, 2020. The following Commissioners were:

Present: Chairman P. Edwin Russ, Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian, Commissioners James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, Trent Burroughs and Ricky Bullard.

Absent: Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.

Commissioner Ricky Bullard introduced the following Resolution which was read by title, and moved it be adopted:

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING TO FINANCE A PORTION OF

THE COST OF THE VIPER RADIO AND PAGING SYSTEM PROJCTS.

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus (the "County") has determined to finance a portion of the cost of the viper radio and paging system project (the "Project"); **and**

WHEREAS, the County is considering undertaking an installment financing pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,895,137 with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project, and the County is authorized to do so only after a public hearing on such proposed agreement; **and**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to call a public hearing on such proposed installment financing agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. A public hearing shall be held at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on January 21, 2020 in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") should approve (a) such proposed installment financing and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,895,137, with any other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project.
2. The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in The News Reporter once at least 10 days before January 21, 2020.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.
Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Six (6).

NAYS: Zero (0).

ABSENT: One (1).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS)

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, located in the State of North Carolina, was duly held January 06, 2020, such meeting having been noticed, held and conducted in accordance with all requirements of law (including open meetings requirements), and minutes of that meeting have been or will be duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of the Board of Commissioners.
2. The attached extract accurately reflects the actions taken by the Board of Commissioners with respect to the matters therein.
3. That extract correctly states the time when the meeting was convened and the place where the meeting was held and the members of the Council who attended the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County as of January 06, 2020.

(SEAL)

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to establish a Public Hearing on January 21, 2020, at 6:30

P.M., on Whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina Should Approve a Proposed Installment Financing to Finance a Portion of the Cost of the Viper Radio and Paging System Projects, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments/re-appointments/replacements be made to the following boards/committees.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Airport Authority	IV	Larry G. Mercer	10-20-2019	John P. Grice
Board of Adjustments (Columbus County)	I	James Stephens	09-30-2019	HOLD
Cape Fear Council of Governments Motion=Byrd Second: Prevatte	EB	Trent Burroughs	?	Re-Appoint
Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority (Columbus County members) Motion=Bullard Second=McMillian	EB EB	Al Leonard Trent Burroughs	01/02/2020 01/02/2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint

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

At 7:29 P.M., Commissioner Byrd 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 Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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

December 02, 2019 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 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	68-9600-560061	Rural Gen Public - DOT Grant	(3,701)
	68-9600-560066	DSS - Work 1 st /EMPL Transportation	22,123
	68-9600-560070	CCT EDTAP	12,759

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Revenues	68-3452-430116	NCDOT-Rural Operating Asst Prg	31,181
Expenditures	10-4317-560160	Grant Expense IP Grant	2,015
Revenues	10-3431-440035	Grant Income	2,015
Expenditures	10-4220-519104	Professional Services Attorney	60,000
	10-9800-598022	Transfer to Disaster Fund	12,195
	13-4334-512100	Salaries and Wages	12,195
	13-4433-512240	Hurricane Dorian Pay	148,699
	13-4433-518100	FICA	12,309
	13-4433-518200	Retirement	147,120
	13-4433-522000	Food and Provisions	2,782
	13-4433-525000	Vehicles Supplies and Materials	1,688
	13-4433-525105	Gas and Propane	1,137
	13-4433-525110	M & R Bldg/Ground	720
	13-4433-526000	Office Supplies	15
	13-4433-526001	Departmental Supplies	4,720
	13-4433-531000	Travel and Transportation	145
	13-4433-535200	Maintenance and Repair Equipment	1,020
	13-4433-541900	Rental	24,310
Revenues	10-3991-499115	Various Fund Balance	72,195
	13-3314-423000	Federal Shared Revenues	258,498
	13-3314-433000	State Shared Revenues	86,167
	13-3314-437000	Local Funds	12,195

B. TAX REFUNDS AND RELEASES:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$20.13
Avant, Waitus Hampton & Greer Wooten	PROPERTY: 99495	Total:	\$20.63
Value: \$16,600.00	Year: 2019	Account: 11-00039	Bill#: 84862
Release portion of value. Value corrected. Release Columbus Rescue(.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$20.13
Avant, Waitus Hampton & Greer Wooten	PROPERTY: 95926	Total:	\$20.63
Value: \$16,600.00	Year: 2019	Account: 11-00039	Bill#: 84866
Release portion of value. Value corrected. Release Columbus Rescue(.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$20.13
Avant, Waitus Hampton & Greer Wooten	PROPERTY: 95925	Total:	\$20.63
Value: \$16,600.00	Year: 2019	Account: 11-00039	Bill#: 84865
Release portion of value. Value corrected. Release Columbus Rescue(.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$20.13
Avant, Waitus Hampton & Greer Wooten	PROPERTY: 99496	Total:	\$20.63
Value: \$16,600.00	Year: 2019	Account: 11-00039	Bill#: 84864
Release portion of value. Value corrected. Release Columbus Rescue(.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$20.13
Avant, Waitus Hampton & Greer Wooten	PROPERTY: 20300	Total:	\$20.63
Value: \$16,600.00	Year: 2019	Account: 11-00039	Bill#: 84863
Release portion of value. Value corrected. Release Columbus Rescue(.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$544.20
Boyette Kiva Mrs	PROPERTY: 85986	Total:	\$557.72
Value: \$16,900.00	Year: 16-19	Account: 13-03560	Bill#: 99999

Release value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(13.52)	Amount:	\$473.36
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$485.12
Boyette Kiva Mrs	PROPERTY: 23608	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$14,900.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 13-06560		
Release value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(11.76)	Amount:	\$61.99
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$63.53
Boyette Kiva Mrs	PROPERTY: 10158	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$4,100.00 Year: 16-19 Account: 06-02220		
Release value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(1.54)	Amount:	\$599.73
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$727.63
Caulder, Tonia	PROPERTY: 18100	Bill#: 91775
Value: \$74,500.00 Year: 2019 Account: 10-03756		
Release property value. Buy out for FEMC. Release Columbus Rescue(14.90)	Amount:	\$0.00
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$1,162.31
GNG Logging LLC	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 49406
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 04-04155		
Release late list dropped in box up front office.	Amount:	\$144.18
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$1,627.55
Jackson, Kathy Mae	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-19 Account: 06-20292		
Release value house torn down. Release Columbus Rescue(3.59) release late list(14.78)	Amount:	\$11.67
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$11.96
Lazy C Farms Ben Carteret	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 10183
Value: \$1,450.00 Year: 2019 Account: 08-10935		
Release personal property value. Business closed. Release Columbus Rescue(.29)	Amount:	\$23.43
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$228.97
McCumbee, Billy	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 13323
Value: \$2,910.00 Year: 2019 Account: 09-05605		
Release value of mobile home. SWMH moved off in 2016.	Amount:	\$3,047.73
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$3,426.33
R J Corman c/o Carolina Lines	PROPERTY: 100172	Bill#: 20662
Value: \$100,172.00 Year: 2019 Account: 09-00844		
Release value shb exempt. Release Roseland Fire(302.88) release Columbus Rescue(75.72)	Amount:	\$5,140.73
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$5,907.05
R J Corman c/o Carolina Lines	PROPERTY: 100173	Bill#: 20663
Value: \$638,600.00 Year: 2019 Account: 09-00844		
Release value shb exempt. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(638.60) release Columbus Rescue(127.72)	Amount:	\$87.45
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$90.25
Reaves, Kathleen	PROPERTY: 11777	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$0.00 Year: 15-18 Account: 06-31000		
Release value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(2.80)	Amount:	\$726.77
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$1,008.69
Reaves, Von & Kathleen	PROPERTY: 11778	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$0.00 Year: 10-18 Account: 06-31020		
Release value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(17.92)	Amount:	\$43.41
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$48.95
Rogers, Roy & Ann	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-19 Account: 12-23460		
Release value of boat. Junked in 2013. Release Columbus Rescue(1.17) release water II(1.02) release late list(3.35)	Amount:	\$490.25
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$676.33
Sec*ure Inc	PROPERTY: 30646	Bill#: 23420
Value: \$60,900.00 Year: 2019 Account: 16-00948		
Release portion of value. Overbilled. House torn down. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(60.90) release Columbus Rescue(12.18)	Amount:	\$0.00
<i>Property Value</i>	Total:	\$10.33
Spivey, Robert	PROPERTY: 63228	Bill#: 26950
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 09-28505		
Release 2%. Error Release (10.33) Yam City		

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$13.69
United Pentecostal Holy Churches of	PROPERTY: 98408	Total:	\$14.03
Value: \$1,700.00 Year: 2019	Account: 06-03538	Bill#:	30799
Release both city and county taxes. SHB tax exempt. Religious purposes. Release Columbus Rescue(.34)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,162.67
Walker, Helen B (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 12314	Total:	\$1,822.94
Value: \$30,100.00 Year: 14-19	Account: 06-40635	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(30.10)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,199.42
Hardy Vernice ETAL	PROPERTY: 21238	Total:	\$1,389.40
Value: \$23,600.00 Year: 13-19	Account: 12-10925	Bill#:	99999
Release Value sold at tax sale. Release North Whitevillerelease Columbus Rescue(33.04) release water II(24.78)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Aleso Irma Aleo Martinez	PROPERTY: 93402	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 15-05564	Bill#:	91103
Refund user fee. Double billed.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Aleso Irma Aleo Martinez	PROPERTY: 93402	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 15-05564	Bill#:	84176
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Arthur Deborah L. ETAL	PROPERTY: 22513	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-19	Account: 12-00807	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Keyed in twice.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Beck, Tammy	PROPERTY: 12829	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-19	Account: 07-00921	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. No power Flooded during hurricane			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bellamy, Celia & Lofton	PROPERTY: 12659	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$20,300.00 Year: 2019	Account: 07-00200	Bill#:	86446
Release user fee. Billed on Act#06-01621			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Benton, Lisa Williamson(ETAL)	PROPERTY: 26025	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 13-02408	Bill#:	86768
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
BFMH Enterprises LLC	PROPERTY: 5957	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 01-06802	Bill#:	87077
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Clark, Rebecca Ann	PROPERTY: 12788	Total:	\$1,683.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-19	Account: 07-02110	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Tenant in nursing home.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Collins, Michael Carl	PROPERTY: 82914	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 10-01647	Bill#:	92878
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Shelton & Shirley N	PROPERTY: 15643	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 09-06240	Bill#:	93935
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Edwards, Melinda L.	PROPERTY: 17550	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 10-03935	Bill#:	96410
Release user fee. Billed on Act#10-01533			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Giles Cornelia (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 13006	Total:	\$1,086.18

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Value: \$0.00	Year: 11-19	Account: 07-05340	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. House unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Hayes, Norma Jean Rogers& Steven		PROPERTY: 30560	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 16-05254	Bill#: 4226
Release user fee. Billed to Singlewide.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Henry O Milligan Revocable Trust		PROPERTY: 75089	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 06-03450	Bill#: 4654
Release user fee. Home has burned.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Henry O Milligan Revocable Trust & Lou		PROPERTY: 77494	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 07-03623	Bill#: 4669
Release user fee. Home unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Hughes, James Madison		PROPERTY: 7188	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-11540	Bill#: 6510
Release user fee. Single Wide has only 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jacobs Anthony D		PROPERTY: 8989	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 04-05725	Bill#: 7239
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jolly, Jimmy		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 09-03643	Bill#: 8413
Release both cans vacant houses.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jolly, Jimmy		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-03332	Bill#: 8412
Release user fee. House has no power.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jolly, Jimmy & Patricia		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-05810	Bill#: 8416
Release both cans vacant houses.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jolly, Patricia		PROPERTY: 21437	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 12-13680	Bill#: 8424
Release user fee. House has no power.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Joseph Lindon Jr. & Sharon		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-14330	Bill#: 11585
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Richard Olon		PROPERTY: 13394	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 07-00254	Bill#: 11704
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Lynn, Nicole LLC		PROPERTY: 15739	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 09-03656	Bill#: 12092
Release user fee. Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Marsha Milligan Trust		PROPERTY: 11700	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 06-03909	Bill#: 12675
Release user fee. Home unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
McPherson, Janice Maxine		PROPERTY: 88137	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 09-00446	Bill#: 14359
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Moore, Linwood		PROPERTY: 26873	Total: \$200.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 14-02853	Bill#: 15923
Release user fee Dbilled			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Nakina Pentecostal Holiness Church			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 00000	Bill#: 16496
Release 1 user fee. Overbilled for 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Parker, David Andrew			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-28998	Bill#: 18301
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Patrick Reginald Rendell			Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 15-02329	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. House vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Peterson, D J & Joyce			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 78201	Bill#: 18816
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Porter, Joruth S & Leslie			Total: \$1,800.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-02910	Bill#: 19464
Release user fee. Mobile home park.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Powell, Anna S			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 14-12020	Bill#: 19571
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Powell, Rosemary & George			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 18935	Bill#: 19875
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Pridgen Jeremy Clayton			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-06092	Bill#: 20272
Release user fee. No home on property.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Rogers, Craig & Melissa			Total: \$1,495.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 11-19	Account: 12-05601	Bill#: 99999
Release all cans.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sarvis, Danny Richard & Coleman Paul			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 16712	Bill#: 22965
Release user fee. No power to home.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Simmons, Danny Lee			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-21240	Bill#: 24425
Release user; fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Simmons, Danny Lee			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 60423	Bill#: 24429
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Simpson, Calvin R			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-34025	Bill#: 24692
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Simpson, James C			Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-03932	Bill#: 24706
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Singletary, Melvin & Sheila			Total: \$400.00
PROPERTY: 7836			

Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 03-02052	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Only 1 S/W on property.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
State of North Carolina			PROPERTY: 00000
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2011	Account: 12-50150	Total: \$185.33
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.			Bill#: 71199
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Stephens, Bettina			PROPERTY: 77279
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-26387	Total: \$200.00
Release user fee. Dbilled.			Bill#: 34011
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Teichmann, Mary Alice			PROPERTY: 81191
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-86092	Total: \$200.00
Release user fee. Unliveable.			Bill#: 29245
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Turnage Jenny Elizabeth			PROPERTY: 60646
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-06668	Total: \$200.00
Release user fee.			Bill#: 30506
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Whaley, Glen Edward			PROPERTY: 5378
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 02-00358	Total: \$200.00
Release user fee. Vacant			Bill#: 33333

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Kimberly Smith, Health Director:** stated the following:
 - Thank you very much for the funds to purchase the flu vaccine;
 - There have been ten (10) deaths in the state from the flu; **and**
 - There have been five thousand, two hundred (5,200) deaths in the United States from the flu; **and**
 - Please come by and get your flu vaccine.

2. **Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension Director:** stated the following:
 - I have been asked to chair the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census;
 - We will be having a meeting on January 21, 2020;
 - The Census is very important;
 - There are 675 billion dollars available from Federal funding based on census numbers;
 - The last census that was done, we only had approximately 35-36 percent of the people, and that is not acceptable, we need at least 75% of the population counted;
 - By Federal law, the information given can not be used against you in any way by any government agency;
 - Do the census without fear;
 - The census affects the funding for Columbus County;
 - You can do the census on line, by telephone or by mail;
 - I am working with 30-40 various backgrounds;
 - Four (4) things to accomplish at the meeting:
 - Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools;
 - Smart Start personnel;
 - Target everybody including the underserved; **and**
 - We need all people to be on the same page;
 - The Census Bureau is hiring people to go door-to-door and pay \$14.50 per hour and gas mileage at \$0.58 per mile; **and**
 - These numbers will affect Columbus County for the next ten (10) years.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:

-We have an employee at the Sheriff's Department that is retiring on January 31, 2020, with thirty (30) years of employment, and we need to have special recognition of his service to Columbus County at a meeting in February; **and**
 -Debbie Worley, a lady that lives on River Road, is being informed to do some questionable things with her lot and house from the Planning Department, and Mike I would like for you to check into this situation.

2. **Commissioner McMillian:** stated the following:
 -What is going on at the Board of Elections? Mike Stephens, County Manager, replied stating that Carla Strickland, Elections Director, had called him and stated that some ballot boxes were missing, and he in turn called the Sheriff; **and**
 -We, as a board, need to work together for all County employees and we need to do what is right.
 3. **Chairman Russ:** I have ordered the Evaluation Forms for the employees the Board appoints.
- C. **County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:
1. I would like to introduce Ms. Sabrina Evans, who is the Interim Department of Aging Director until we intervene and hire a Director;
 2. We need to start thinking about our Board Retreat; **and**
 3. I would like to thank Dalton Dockery who has agreed to chair the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census.

Agenda Item #20: Public Input:

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

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 06, 2020
7:29 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:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2019 **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 December 02, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 06, 2020
7:29 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:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2019 **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 December 02, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 06, 2020
7:29 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:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2019 **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 December 02, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 06, 2020
7:29 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:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2019 **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 December 02, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 06, 2020
7:29 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:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice-Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Charles T. McDowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:29 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

December 02, 2019 **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 December 02, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman