

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, May 11 (Scheduled Meeting Date: May 04), 2020
6:30 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose of conducting the regularly scheduled meeting on May 11, 2020, for May 04, 2020, it being the second Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Trent Burroughs
 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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**

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 May 11, 2020 (Scheduled Meeting Date: 05-04-2020) Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone participating stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard

AGENDA ADD-ON'S:

Chairman Russ stated the following two (2) add-ons needed to be added to the Agenda.

- #1: **Public Transportation - Approval of Grant Funds from NC Department of Transportation:** Joy Jacobs, Director, is requesting Board approval of \$228,092.00 grant funds received from NC Department of Transportation for supplies needed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and approval of attached Budget Amendment.
- #2: **Proclamation - Law Enforcement Officers Week Proclamation:** Commissioner Trent Burroughs is requesting Board approval and adoption.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the two (2) add-ons to the Agenda as Agenda Item #'s 4A and 4B, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4A: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - APPROVAL of GRANT FUNDS from NC DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION:

Joy Jacobs, Director, requested Board approval of \$228,092.00 grant funds received from NC Department of Transportation for supplies needed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and approval of the following Budget Amendment.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	68-4315-5426001	Department Supplies	228,092
Revenues	68-3450-350000	CARES Act Reimbursement Act	228,092

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the \$228,092.00 grant funds received from NC Department of Transportation for supplies needed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4B: PROCLAMATION - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Commissioner Trent Burroughs requested Board approval and adoption of the following Law Enforcement Officers Week Proclamation.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States of America have designated there be a National Law Enforcement Officers Week; **and**

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of North Carolina play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of the citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement officers and agencies and that members of those agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County recognize and appreciate the contributions made by law enforcement officers at all levels of government; **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners call upon all citizens to observe the week of **May 10th - 16th, 2020** as

“LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK”

in Columbus County, North Carolina, and that all of our people join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities. In so doing, they have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 11th day of May, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

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

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

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Law Enforcement Officers Week Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION to NORTH WHITEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Commissioner James Prevatte requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
NORTH WHITEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

WHEREAS, the **North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department** was chartered many years ago and has been operating to render help since that time; **and**

WHEREAS, **North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department** started working diligently to help anyone in need in a prompt time frame; **and**

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

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

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 4th day of May, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

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

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

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS PROCLAMATION:

Jenny Godwin, Senior Center Coordinator, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Proclamation.

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; **and**

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under recognized and under reported social problems in this country; **and**

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the increasing rise in the number of elderly populations **and**

WHEREAS, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; **and**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately five million (5,000,000) people age sixty plus (60+) suffer elder abuse every year; **and**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately one (1) out of every twenty-four (24) cases of elder abuse is reported; **and**

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly and disabled is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that May 10, 2020 through June 21, 2020, be recognized as “**ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS** ” in Columbus County, and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 11th day of May, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: GOVERNING BODY - TWO (2¢) CENTS RESCUE TAX INCREASE:

Commissioner James Prevatte requested Board approval of the Call for Referendum in November for an increase in the Rescue Tax.

Amanda Prince, County Attorney, stated she received a Public Input statement from Doris Strickland which opposes this tax, which reads as follows:

Chairman Russ and Commissioners,

I am not for putting this referendum on the ballot in November, 2020 simply because of the economic situation the citizens are currently facing which includes loss of income. When the proposal was brought in December, 2019 no one had any idea the circumstances Columbus County citizens would be facing today.

Another reason I am not for this is because the federal government has recently sent North Carolina resources. Whether or not Governor Cooper gives Columbus County any of these resources is another matter. The governor should since Columbus County is one of the biggest counties in the State and is presently the county hit hardest by COVID-19.

The rescue departments in our county are billing Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies. At least they have revenue coming in. These departments are going to have to use their resources wisely.

Please consider this information as you make your decision. Just know that all agencies and businesses are hurting.

Sincerely,
Doris A. Strickland

Public Input #2 (unrelated to the topic being discussed):

Allen Turner, 50 Irvin Enzor Road South, Fair Bluff, NC 28439:

If this has not already been discussed before “public input” in tonight’s meeting, please state publicly during the meeting the Commissioners’ plans for complying with Judge Sasser’s request for their response to his concern about court facilities in Columbus County. Please also announce any date, time and location if a hearing is scheduled with Judge Sasser. Thank you.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Call for Referendum in November for an increase in the Rescue Tax, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: ADMINISTRATION - HMGP 4393 HURRICANE FLORENCE EXPEDITED ACQUISITIONS GRANT AWARD of BIDS for DEMOLITION of HOUSES:

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, requested approval of low bid from the following Bidders List, for Group 1 and Group 2 from HERR, Incorporated, for demolition of twelve (12) properties, and approval of the contract to be executed by Michael H. Stephens after approval of Amanda Prince, County Attorney.

**Columbus County HMGP - Florence
Demolition Bid Tabulation Group #1 (7 Houses):**

Bid Date: April 16, 2020 - 10:30 A.M.

COMPANY	BID AMOUNT
Mitchell Small Construction	\$190,887.50
Lumber River Quality Builders	\$109,000.00
*Jones Grading and Fencing	\$100,500.00
KSC of the Carolinas	\$119,185.50
*Chestnut House	\$155,803.00
Barfield's Backhoe	\$107,465.00
*Herr, Inc.	\$81,725.00

Notes: *Error in addition

I certify that these bids were received by Columbus County at 10:30 A.M. on April 16, 2020. The bids have been checked and verified to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ M. FLOYD ADAMS, P.E.

DATE: 4/17/20

**Columbus County HMGP - Florence
Demolition Bid Tabulation Group #2 (5 Houses):
Bid Date: April 16, 2020 - 10:30 A.M.**

COMPANY	BID AMOUNT
Mitchell Small Construction	\$104,882.00
Lumber River Quality Builders	\$71,500.00
Jones Grading and Fencing	\$78,270.00
KSC of the Carolinas	\$83,743.50
Chestnut House	\$99,536.00
Barfield's Backhoe	\$76,804.00
Herr, Inc.	\$47,490.00

I certify that these bids were received by Columbus County at 10:30 A.M. on April 16, 2020. The bids have been checked and verified to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ M. FLOYD ADAMS, P.E.

DATE: 4/17/20

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve Herr, Incorporated as the low bidder, at the cost of eighty-one thousand, seven hundred twenty-five and 00/100 (\$81,725.00) dollars for Group 1 (7 houses), and the cost of forty-seven thousand, four hundred ninety, and 00/100 (\$47,490.00) dollars for Group #2 (5 houses), seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. 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 6:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board

Meetings Minutes (5 Sets)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book #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 6:44 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC INPUT (BY TELEPHONE, E-MAIL OR LETTER):

The two (2) Public Inputs that were received by e-mail were read orally by Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, during discussion under Agenda Item #7.

Agenda Item #11: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	17-4190-512100	COVID-19 Salaries	35,000
	17-4190-512600	COVID-19 Salaries P/T	500
	17-4190-512700	COVID-19 Longevity	250
	17-4190-518100	COVID-19 FICA	5,000
	17-4190-518300	COVID-19 Retirement Contribution	1,000
	17-4190-518301	COVID-19 Insurance Contributions	1,000
	17-4190-526001	COVID-19 Departmental Supplies	33,016
	17-4190-531100	COVID-19 Travel	2,500
Revenues	17-3580-430172	COVID-19 Grant	76,466
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles (2014 Charger)	1,000
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles (2018 Charger)	1,475
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Misc Revenue	2,475
Revenues	10-3521-437030	Advancing Health Equity	18,000
	10-3991-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	(18,000)

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,156.41
Elliott, Craig	PROPERTY: 24102	Total:	\$2,305.03
Value: \$16,500.00	Year: 10-19	Account: 13-11905	Bill#: 99999
Release sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(28.62)			

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$234.02
Hinson, Rudolph McKenzie	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$268.90
Value: \$15,300.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 16-01952	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Sold mobile home. Release Release Cerro Gordo Fire(29.07) release Columbus Rescue(5.81)			

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$13.06
McLamb, Bobby R Jr.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$14.68
Value: \$11,059.00	Year: 2019	Account: 13-03470	Bill#: 13925
Release value. Release Roseland Fire(1.30) release Columbus Rescue(32)			

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$431.56
Safer Enviromental Cleanup Inc	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$485.17
Value: \$53,610.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-05926	Bill#:	22797
Release total value business sold in Oct 2018. Release Old Dock(42.89) release Columbus Rescue(10.72)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$8.05
Thompkins, Bradley & Candace	PROPERTY: 90579		Total:	\$9.25
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 2019	Account: 06-02171	Bill#:	29388
Release value of SWMH sold and replaced with DW. 2017. Release Yam City(1.00) release Columbus Rescue(.20)				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Best, Luben E REV	PROPERTY: 389		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-05580	Bill#:	86952
Release user fee. Dbilled				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Best, Luben E REV	PROPERTY: 3896		Total:	\$1,400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-05580	Bill#:	86951
Release user fee. Dbilled				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Boswell, Carl Wayne & Eric	PROPERTY: 93835		Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 01-01636	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bowens, James Sylvester	PROPERTY: 27597		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-03660	Bill#:	88062
Release user fee. Can billed on Act#15-13284				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cardenas Odon Herrera	PROPERTY: 93792		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-02348	Bill#:	91045
Release user fee. Billed to SWMH				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 16-50015	Bill#:	91804
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Annie J.	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-03038	Bill#:	94485
Release user fee. Dbillied.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Elkins, J R	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-12920	Bill#:	96571
Release user fee. MH unliveable.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Fisher, Hilda Norris	PROPERTY: 61654		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 13-03618	Bill#:	98038
Release user fee. Vacant land				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Floyd, Thomas Ray	PROPERTY: 1398		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-07182	Bill#:	98305
Release user fee. Dbilled				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, Nastedman & Janie Rose	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 15-14865	Bill#:	62367
Release user fee. No house.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Godwin, Larry	PROPERTY: 15865/66		Total:	\$800.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 09-10580	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees uses a commercial hauler.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00

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Godwin, Larry MHP	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$8,800.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 09-04032	Bill#:	678
Release user fees uses a commercial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Grainger, Roger & Darcus	PROPERTY: 82058	Total:	\$87.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 09-12140	Bill#:	8937
Release portion of user fee. Needed to be billed in city.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hewett, Melissa L.	PROPERTY: 97788	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 09-00659	Bill#:	4884
Release user fee. Can billed on Act#09-03959			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hooks, Margie & Jerry Suggs	PROPERTY: 13813	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 07-08648	Bill#:	6090
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
It's Your Time Help Center	PROPERTY: 81728	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 06-02206	Bill#:	6948
Release user fee. Dblisted.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jenrette Betty Jo	PROPERTY: 13318	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 07-00547	Bill#:	7830
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jernigan, Rosa R	PROPERTY: 19510	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 11-14580	Bill#:	7935
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jones, James S & Shirley	PROPERTY: 27266	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-19	Account: 14-02528	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Billed to SWMH			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Leona P Heirs	PROPERTY: 13403	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-19	Account: 07-10840	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Tamera Anne Arwood	PROPERTY: 7357	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 03-05105	Bill#:	11739
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McKoy, Danille Brown	PROPERTY: 28421	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 15-01184	Bill#:	13846
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McMillan Zander Heirs	PROPERTY: 3458	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-19	Account: 01-57140	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees.			
<i>User FEE</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Patrick, Larry Ray Sr	PROPERTY: 75699	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 04-00058	Bill#:	18502
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Peterson, Sherry Brown	PROPERTY: 29909	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 16-01416	Bill#:	18843
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pierce, Andrew(Heirs)	PROPERTY: 19805	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 11-19340	Bill#:	19044
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

Rattley, Brenda F	PROPERTY: 24201	Total:	\$226.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18/19	Account: 13-34029	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Register, Kenneth S (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 7658	Total:	\$522.17
Value: \$0.00 Year: 15/17	Account: 03-19320	Bill#:	99999
Release all trash fees. Homes are unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Romero, Brigiday & Josue Angel	PROPERTY: 86674	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 15-04357	Bill#:	22291
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Sagendorph Dale Thomas	PROPERTY: 30349	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 16-05307	Bill#:	22799
Release user fee. Uninhabitable.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Sarvis, Madeline R	PROPERTY: 76113	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 01-06407	Bill#:	22998
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Schmidt, Morris Marcus III	PROPERTY: 77391	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-19	Account: 15-03257	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Billed to singlewide.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, Dyght S & Shirley	PROPERTY: 96679	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 13-05616	Bill#:	25293
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Michael Wayne	PROPERTY: 89627	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18/19	Account: 10-02161	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Whaley, Beverly	PROPERTY: 96808	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 01-7745	Bill#:	33313
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams Penny Price	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 11-29991	Bill#:	34244
Release user fee. Billed on land.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wright, Eloise Jackson	PROPERTY: 2744	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 02-09453	Bill#:	35539
Release user fee. Vacant land			

Agenda Item #12: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I encourage people to use healthy safety measures during this COVID-19;
 - I encourage everyone that received a letter on water expansion to not forget to contact the Water Department if you would like to connect, and the Water Department may have to extend the time for this to be done; **and**
 - I am looking forward with meeting the requests by Judge Sasser.

2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I am looking forward to presenting the document in Item #5 to the North Whiteville Fire Department when the time is appropriate;

-On April 30, 2020, we have sent a list of what we have done so far, and what we plan to do, and sent it to the County Attorney and the County Attorney has sent this list to the attorney that we have retained, and he will send a letter; **and**
 - We all need to work together on the COVID-19.

3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - Madame Attorney, I would like to see a copy of that letter that has been prepared to send to Judge Sasser;
 - I would like to see that is covers all the areas of concern;
 - We do not need to be late with this letter; **and**
 - Judge Sasser needs to see that we have done all that we could do at the time.

4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - The Board is doing what needs to be done in the short time that we were given; **and**
 - There is small amounts of tax that this Board can control, and the tax we cannot control needs to be voted on by the people.

5. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - We had a great meeting this morning at the Cape Fear Council of Governments;
 - We have received an additional half million dollars for the aging in the region to help cover the expenses from the COVID-19 virus;
 - The Workforce Development Consortium has received \$1.8 million to offset the expenses from the COVID-19 virus; **and**
 - I would like to encourage people to continue the social distancing and take the necessary safety measures to help control this virus.

- C. **County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):** stated we have received \$1.1 million from the CARES Program which we will dispense accordingly.

- D. **County Attorney (Amanda B. Prince):** stated the following:
 - Columbus County withheld payment of \$390,000 to \$400,000 to Group III Construction for the new Courthouse;
 - The settlement terms are as follows:
 - Architect will contribute \$55,000;
 - Engineer will contribute \$55,000; **and**
 - Columbus County will contribute \$55,000
 - for payment to Group III Construction; **and**
 - We will need Board action to approve or disapprove the settlement.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the settlement terms as listed above to Group III Construction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:58 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. 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, May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020)
6:43 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:43 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meetings Minutes (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:44 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020)
6:43 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:43 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meetings Minutes (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:44 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020)
6:43 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:43 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meetings Minutes (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:44 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020)
6:43 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Trent Burroughs
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:43 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meetings Minutes (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:44 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, May 11, 2020 (May 04, 2020)
6:43 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Trent Burroughs
 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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:43 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meetings Minutes (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:44 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman