

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, October 05, 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 a Public Hearing and 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
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus (CV) Funding** - the purpose of the first Public Hearing is to solicit public input on community development and needs in the county in relation to CDBG-CV funding.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the Public Hearing was for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus (CV) Funding, and the purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public input on community development and needs in the county in relation to CDBG-CV funding.

COMMENTS:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for comments. No comments were received either orally or verbally.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:31 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

6:31 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

At 6:31 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the October 05, 2020 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian.

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: **BUILDING INSPECTIONS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Wayland Townsend, Building Inspections Director, delivered the following departmental Update.

Six hundred and sixty-three (663) permits have been written, collecting a total of one hundred and forty-five thousand, two hundred and forty-two and 00/100 (\$145,242.00) dollars. Sixteen million, eight hundred and six thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three and no 100 (\$16,806,953.00) dollars have been added to the tax base.

Currently, the county is divided into two (2) sections and has been this way since 2005. Lake Waccamaw, Bolton, Delco, Riegelwood and all areas north of NC 74, are done on Mondays and Wednesdays. The remainder of the county is done on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is not firm. We work with contractors as best we can. Time is important to contractors and we work with them as best we can and try not to hold them up.

Generators are somewhat troublesome. We are there when they ask and they are not ready when we arrive. The inspector has to wait, sometimes for long periods. Often, we have to return the next day, making multiple trips when one should be enough. We make sure that no one is without power overnight, whatever it takes.

Inspectors go out every day. We do inspections on Fridays covering the whole county on a limited basis. This is done to lighten the loads on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The COVID has caused some problems on scheduling Standard Exams for the inspectors. Chuck Britt is to take his Plumbing Exam on October 20, and Darin Jackson is to take his Plumbing 1 Exam on October 15. Eric is working on his Electrical 1, and then the Building 1. They have taken all the required classes and are waiting to schedule exams.

Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, OCTOBER 2020:

Lucy Byrd, Families First, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2020, A Proclamation.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, October 2020
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, 1 in every 3 teenagers, 1 in every 4 women, and 1 in every 6 men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime; **and**

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; **and**

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; **and**

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; **and**

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; **and**

WHEREAS, survivors should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; **and**

WHEREAS, survivors of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; **and**

WHEREAS, we encourage domestic violence survivors and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations and the Families First, Inc. crisis hotline (910-641-0444), it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; **and**

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; **and**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2020, **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** throughout the county of Columbus and urge our community to work toward ending domestic violence by empowering people to develop healthier relationships, assisting victims

in accessing the information and supportive services they need, creating better and more resources for people in need, instituting effective intervention and prevention policies and engaging in discussions with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet epidemic of domestic violence.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 5th day of October, 2020..

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY: /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2020, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: RESOLUTION - REQUEST for ASSISTANCE in the CONTROL of ILLEGAL DRUGS with STRINGENT PUNISHMENT:

Robert Adams, Private Citizen, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Request for Assistance in the Control of Illegal Drugs with Stringent Punishment Resolution.

**REQUEST for ASSISTANCE in the CONTROL of
ILLEGAL DRUGS with STRINGENT PUNISHMENT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, illegal drugs are prevalent in Columbus County, the State of North Carolina and a large percentage of the United States of America; **and**

WHEREAS, these illegal drugs are detrimental to individuals, families and youth, which are our future; **and**

WHEREAS, the effects of the sale of illegal drugs for monetary profit does not encompass the detrimental effects it places on the users; **and**

WHEREAS, drug usage has no social or economic barriers, and restricts and destroys the future of many young citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, the results of drug use leads to the destruction of families, friendships, communities, talents, abilities, and even lives; **and**

WHEREAS, we are requesting laws that govern drug-related crimes, both the sale and usage, need to be revamped with more stringent penalties. These laws need to be enforced to aid in the control of prevalent drug trafficking that is destroying youth and families everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, request that our delegates, on all levels, look into this request utilizing all the power within their realm of authority to help get this problem under control to save the lives and futures of our deserving youth and help the many families which have been affected.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 5th day of October, 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 Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Request for Assistance in the Control of Illegal Drugs with Stringent Punishment Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - AMENDMENT TO Contract with First Transit:

Joy Jacobs, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the following amendment to the contract to help First Transit.

**AMENDMENT TO
Contract to Provide Community Transportation Services for
Columbus County, North Carolina**

THIS AMENDMENT (the “ Amendment”) is made and entered into as of the 5th day of October, 2020, by and between the County of Columbus, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472 (“County”) and First Transit, Inc. (“Contractor”), with its national headquarters at 600 Vine Street, Suite 1400, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (collectively, the "Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Contract to Provide Community Transportation Services dated July 1, 2018 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the level of service provided pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act makes \$25 billion in supplemental funding available for the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) grantees to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement and Section VI.B of the Agreement provides that that amendments shall be submitted in writing and will become part of the Agreement when agreed upon by both Parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **COMPENSATION.** In addition for compensation received by Contractor pursuant to the terms of the Agreement for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, the County shall reimburse Contractor for actual operating expenses for such period, including but not limited to costs necessary to operate, maintain and manage effective mobility choices as required by the Agreement, which shall include fuel and maintenance costs of vehicles, driver salaries, personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies. Within 15 days of the end of each month of service, the Parties shall meet to review and reconcile the operating expenses for the prior month to determine the appropriate reimbursement amount to be paid to the Contractor.
2. **CONTINUING TERMS.** All other terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and except as amended herein by this current Amendment

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been signed and executed in duplicate on behalf of the Parties hereto by persons duly authorized on the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
By: /s/ P. EDWIN RUSS
Title: Chairman

FIRST TRANSIT, INC.
By: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:
By: JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to the Board

ATTEST:
By: _____

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Amendment to Contract to Provide Community Transportation Services for Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING for COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP GRANT) FY 21-22:

Joy Jacobs, Public Transportation Director, requested the establishment of November 16, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for the Community Transportation Plan FY 21-22.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish November 16, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., as the date

and time for the Community Transportation Plan FY 21-22 Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE for the FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN GRANT:

Edward E. Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, requested the Board's approval of the grant and acceptance of the Grant Budget Ordinance.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the eighteen thousand, two hundred and 00/100 (\$18,200.00) dollars grant for the Farmland Protection Plan, and approve the following Grant Project Ordinance, Columbus County Farmland Protection Plan, County of Columbus, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
COLUMBUS COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Chapter 159, Section 13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Columbus County Farmland Protection Plan described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement between this unit and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

Section 2. The officers of the unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

53-3982-422035	Farmland Protection Plan Grant	\$18,200.00
	TOTAL:	\$18,200.00

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

53-4966-518817	Farmland Protection Plan Grant Expenditures	\$18,200.00
	TOTAL:	\$18,200.00

Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain with the Grant Project Fund sufficient detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Disbursements will be electronically wired to Columbus County as request for payments are submitted to the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

Section 7. Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Agenda Item #11: FINANCE - AMENDED GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT:

Dylan Bowen, Deputy Finance Director, requested Board Approval of the following **Amended** Grant Project Ordinance, Watershed Restoration Project, County of Columbus.

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE (AMENDED)

**WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Chapter 159, Section 13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Watershed Restoration Project described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement between this unit and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Section 2. The officers of the unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

19-3543-432007	Watershed Restoration Project Grant	\$906,314.75
	TOTAL:	\$906,314.75

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

19-4532-559043	Watershed Restoration Project Grant Expenditures	\$906,314.75
	TOTAL:	\$906,314.75

Section 5. The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain with the Grant Project Fund sufficient detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Disbursements will be electronically wired to Columbus County as request for payments are submitted to the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Section 7. Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Amended Grant Project Ordinance, Watershed Restoration Project, County of Columbus, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 6:37 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 21, 2020 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.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - UTILITY SYSTEM WAIVERS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, would like to hold a discussion relative to the utility system waivers.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each Water District, respectively.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM for the PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of \$1,989,575 for the Automatic Meter Reading System.

This information will be recorded in Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, and V.

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

At 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II,, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: PUBLIC INPUT (by TELEPHONE, E-MAIL or LETTER).

Chairman Russ opened the floor for Public Input. The following person spoke by e-mail.

Doris Strickland (no address submitted): stated the following:

It was very disheartening some of you participated in a Biden parade this past Saturday throughout Columbus County. Former VP Biden did have the respect to not air any negative ads while President Donald J. Trump was fighting for his life in the Walter Reed Medical Center.

Just goes to show how heartless you commissioners are, but what can we expect since you identify with killing babies, open borders, allowing illegals to vote, defunding the police.....all part of the platform you support.

Hopefully, Columbus County will NOT have any of you on this board in just a few short months.

Agenda Item #16: 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	10-4330-579940	Grant	9,300
Revenues	10-3433-430010	Hazard Material Planning Grant	9,300
Expenditures	10-4263-535110	M & R Bldg/Grounds	8,330
	10-4264-550000	Capital Outlay	152,767
Revenues	10-3991-449101	Fund Balance Appropriation	161,097
Expenditures	10-9600-560075	Rope Rescue	9,600
	10-9600-560079	Water Rescue	1,708

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Revenues	10-3991-449101	Fund Balance Appropriation	11,308

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$100.92
Brown, Bobby	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,750.57
Value: \$2,030.00	Year: 10-17	Account: 06-03758	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Home burned. Release Yam City(13.64) release Columbus Rescue(2.74) release late list(13.38)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$113.51
De Lage Landen Financial Service Inc.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$116.33
Value: \$14,101.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-05524	Bill#: 67117
Release amount clerical error. Release \Whiteville Rescue(2.82)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$227.82
Grainger, Peggy D (Life)	PROPERTY: 17740	Total:	\$261.78
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 10-06975	Bill#: 74475
Release portion of value. Acres corrected. Release Cole Service(28.30) release Columbus Rescue(5.66)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$30.51
Jin Jin Chinese Restaurant	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$31.27
Value: \$3,790.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-03020	Bill#: 80421
Release value of business equipment. Sold. Release Columbus Rescue(.76)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$201.25
Long, Betty Louise Ward	PROPERTY: 13368	Total:	\$226.25
Value: \$127,400.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-10340	Bill#: 83855
Release portion SHB transferred exemption. Release Nakina Fire(20.00) release Columbus Rescue(5.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$11.53
Marathon Petroleum Company LLC	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$11.82
Value: \$1,432.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-01215	Bill#: 85038
Release value of business equipment. Release Columbus Rescue(.29)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$26.01
Marathon Petroleum Company LLC	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$26.66
Value: \$3,231.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-01094	Bill#: 85037
Release value of business equipment. Release Columbus Rescue(.65)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$430.68
Nofsinger, Kay B	PROPERTY: 9642	Total:	\$684.18
Value: \$53,500.00	Year: 2020	Account: 05-02038	Bill#: 89951
Release value. Transfer 05-02038 . Release North Whiteville(42.80) release Columbus Rescue(10.70)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$408.94
Rabon, Steve & Elizabeth	PROPERTY: 9646	Total:	\$659.74
Value: \$50,800.00	Year: 2020	Account: 05-02212	Bill#: 93324
Release value. Transfer to Act#05-02212 Release North Whiteville(40.64) release Columbus Rescue(10.16)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$51.96
Ray, Hilda K	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$58.59
Value: \$2,151.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 08-05622	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Destroyed in Hurricane. Release Columbus Rescue(1.29) release late list(5.34)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$24.15
Thompson, William Harold	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$629.55
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 01-95021	Bill#: 99999
Release value SHB on Act#1-03116. Transferred to Dennis Worley 2017. Release Brunswick Fire(2.10) release Columbus Rescue(.60) release late list(2.70)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$8.05
Wards Auto Sales	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$9.08
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-05493	Bill#: 5309
Release value of rotten boat. Release Whiteville Rescue(.20) release late list(.83)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$4.00

Watts, Don & Mary S	PROPERTY: 13082	Total:	\$4.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 07-02104	Bill#:	5530
Release discount charged in error.			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$4.03
Zengel Lisa Lynn	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$4.87
Value: \$500.00 Year: 2020	Account: 09-03151	Bill#:	8753
Release value of boat. Sold Release Columbus Rescue(.30) release columbus Rescue(.10) release late list(.44)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$417.39
Gainey, Verna Marie	PROPERTY: 28303	Total:	\$689.98
Value: \$51,850.00 Year: 2020	Account: 15-15137	Bill#:	71867
Release value. Conveyed in 2019 to Act#15-05519. Release Acme Delco(62.22) release Columbus Rescue(10.37)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
White, Jerry Randolph	PROPERTY: 81428	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 03-04118	Bill#:	40028
Refund user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Askew, gloria & Ezzell	PROPERTY: 18459	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 11-00543	Bill#:	56929
Release user fee. Billed on Act#11-11804			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ayes, Herman Jr. & Josephine	PROPERTY: 7145	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 03-10720	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Not liveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Beck, Valerie Ellen & Deleon	PROPERTY: 83854	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 04-05623	Bill#:	58497
Release user fee. Unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bennett, Jim & Sandra Papatello	PROPERTY: 82560	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 06-05219	Bill#:	58806
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Benton, Bernard L.	PROPERTY: 63767	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 11-00531	Bill#:	58865
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$40.41
Brown, Bobby	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$651.08
Value: \$1,780.00 Year: 18-20	Account: 06-03758	Bill#:	99999
Release value and user fees. SW burnt in 2017. Release Yam city(5.02) release Columbus Rescue(1.01) release late list(4.64)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bryant, Odessa	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-20	Account: 11-04239	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Insolvent collections			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Buck, Beverly & John	PROPERTY: 79258	Total:	\$189.87
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 03-01058	Bill#:	61648
Release user fee. Burned			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Byrd, Giles & Sons Inc.	PROPERTY: 19205	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 11-00308	Bill#:	62575
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cypress Creek Freewill Baptist Church	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 03-50025	Bill#:	66406
Release user fee. Billed in error.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Czartoszewski, Walter & Elizabeth	PROPERTY: 6209	Total:	\$226.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-07609	Bill#:	66415

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Release user fee. Dbilled.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Czartoszewski, Walter & Elizabeth	PROPERTY: 4297		Total:	\$226.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-01481	Bill#:	66412

Release user fee. Dbilled.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Czartoszewski, Wlodzimierz	PROPERTY: 8449		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-03351	Bill#:	66411

Release user fee. Dbilled.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Edmund, Joseph Richard	PROPERTY: 83852		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-05709	Bill#:	68554

Release user fee. Dbilled.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Edwards, James A	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 11-03321	Bill#:	68669

Release user fee. Campground

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Faulk, Randy	PROPERTY: 30078		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 16-04726	Bill#:	69978

Release user fee. House unliveable.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Faulk, Randy	PROPERTY: 30077		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 16-04300	Bill#:	69977

Release user fee. Unliveable

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
George, Gracie N Troy	PROPERTY: 26558		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 14-02948	Bill#:	72424

Release user fee. Dbilled

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Gore, Kevin Duval	PROPERTY: 7965		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-03263	Bill#:	73629

Release user fee.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hall, Carol B Trustee	PROPERTY: 98217		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-00864	Bill#:	75242

Release user fee. Unliveable

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hardwick, Darcy Daryl	PROPERTY: 15757		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 09-01170	Bill#:	75898

Release user fee. Unliveable

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hayes, James Henry	PROPERTY: 30279		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 16-07780	Bill#:	76504

Release user fee. Unliveable

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hinson, Derek & Melinda	PROPERTY: 96422		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-05557	Bill#:	77852

Release user fee. Billed to wrong account.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Inman, steven Elster & Wanda	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-04066	Bill#:	50006

Release user fee. Rebilled to wrong acct.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Jenkins, Mary E	PROPERTY: 2779		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-47520	Bill#:	80178

Release user fee. Unliveable.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Jenkins, Mary E	PROPERTY: 63761		Total:	\$200.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-47520	Bill#: 63761
Release user fee. Unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Timothy Burns		PROPERTY: 7390	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-05837	Bill#: 84283
Release user fee. Billed on Act#3-05005			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$517.62
Lovette Sylvia Jean Prince		PROPERTY: 11712	Total: \$643.48
Value: \$64,300.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-04633	Bill#: 84462
Release property value and user fee. Vacant. Release Columbus Rescue(12.86)			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mccoy, Jannie L. & Janice		PROPERTY: 1372	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-03494	Bill#: 85791
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Palmer, Tommy		PROPERTY: 79138	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-31863	Bill#: 24869
Release user fees. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Powell, George Edward		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 14-01308	Bill#: 92329
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Rouse, Willie Mae		PROPERTY: 26874	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 14-13023	Bill#: 95225
Release user fee. Dbilled			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sasser, Michael		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$1,229.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 15-20	Account: 06-03311	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sasser, Steven B		PROPERTY: 100044	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 11-04701	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Timberland.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sexton, William M. & Sylvia		PROPERTY: 18717	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 11-00510	Bill#: 96495
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Smith, Charles Bryant		PROPERTY: 8658	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 04-14540	Bill#: 97891
Release user fee. No power.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Smith, Janice Y		PROPERTY: 4829	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-08027	Bill#: 98225
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Stevens, Barbara H		PROPERTY: 100782	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-01957	Bill#: 422
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Stevens, E H		PROPERTY: 12138	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-36820	Bill#: 442
Release user fee. No power			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Stocks, Jeff K & Patsy		PROPERTY: 90524	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-02330	Bill#: 634
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sumpter Mildred Sharlean & Joseph		PROPERTY: 60664	Total: \$200.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-06989	Bill#: 1493
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sumpter Susie Vernel		PROPERTY: 25665	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-39146	Bill#: 1501
Release user fee. No power.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Thompson, Boyd & Margaret B		PROPERTY: 8151	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-25180	Bill#: 2202
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Waddell, Dewey Craig & Brenda		PROPERTY: 18117	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 10-17773	Bill#: 3922
Release user fee			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Watts, Don & Mary S Watis		PROPERTY: 12968	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-02104	Bill#: 5532
Release user fee			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
White, Jerry R Jr		PROPERTY: 82107	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 14-02623	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Burned.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
White, Jerry Randolph		PROPERTY: 81428	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 03-04118	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Billed to SWMH			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
White, Jerry Randolph		PROPERTY: 60461	Total: \$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 03-04118	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Billed to SWMH			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
williamson, Pedrew E		PROPERTY: 94613	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-03330	Bill#: 7472
Release user fee. Vacant land			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Worrell Richard D (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 14-18080	Bill#: 8232
Release user fee. MH unliveable.			

Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I have been receiving many complaints about gunfire in the last few weeks;
 - Some of the gunfire is close to resident houses and church services;
 - In the process of our work on firing ranges, I remember an established distance from houses, schools and churches; **and**
 - I will ask the County Attorney to check into these established distances from houses, schools and churches.

2. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
 - Gun season opens up on October 17, 2020, and I ask every one who hunts to be responsible and safe; **and**
 - The COVID-19 numbers are rising, and I ask everyone to be safe and use your mask.

3. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the roadside ditches are in rough shape, and needs attention.

4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - Relative to the roadside ditches, there are not any funds available at this time, and there are a lot of rules and regulations forbidding them to do what needs to be done;
 - The government is pushing loans for county water; **and**
 - The USDA might be the place to go at this time.

5. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - We need the pray for the President and all of his staff that have been dealing with the COVID-19 virus, and all others who have been affected; **and**
 - There are many washouts on the public roads that NC DOT needs to address.

6. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - There is a bad and deep washout on Macedonia Road, just past Floyd Grocery Store, that needs the attention of NC DOT; **and**
 - Mold has been discovered at the Sheriff's Department, and has the air quality test been done? Mike Stephens, County Manager, replied stating there are two (2) mold areas that need to be addressed right away, and there is a lot of rot in the building. The entire building needs to be replaced in the near future.

7. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I concur with what has been stated about the roadside ditches;
 - Washouts on our public roads are constantly occurring;
 - North Carolina is known as the red state due to the Corona Virus;
 - Columbus County has been signaled out as a hot spot due to the Corona Virus; **and**
 - I recommend that you do what you can to control the Corona Virus and follow the directions of DHHS.

C. County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):

1. I would like to commend the Board of Commissioners for their move on the water meter readings, and if we want to expand our water system, we can't stand stagnant;
2. I appreciate all the work Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, has done for work on the financing of the meter reading equipment;
3. I met with Chris Barnhill relative to the Animal Control Rabies Vaccine;
4. A fire hydrant is torn up; **and**
5. We will need a Resolution at the next meeting for reimbursement of the funds for the meter reading equipment.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 7:13 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) Real Estate and (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE and (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Russ requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *"The County Commissioners discussed acquiring real property with the County Manager, and the County Manager discussed a personnel matter with the County Attorney. No official action was*

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

Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:11 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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, October 05, 2020
6:37 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:37 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - UTILITY SYSTEM WAIVERS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, would like to hold a discussion relative to the utility system waivers.

After a lengthy and detailed discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to take this matter under consideration.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM for the PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of \$1,989,575 for the Automatic Meter Reading System.

After a lengthy and detailed discussion relative to the pros and cons, based on numbers and facts, Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the \$1,989,575 for the Automatic Meter Reading System for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III and V, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Bullard requested this information be on record - **This action will not raise water rates.**

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, October 05, 2020
6:37 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:37 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - UTILITY SYSTEM WAIVERS:

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After a lengthy and detailed discussion relative to the pros and cons, based on numbers and facts, Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the \$1,989,575 for the Automatic Meter Reading System for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III and V, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Bullard requested this information be on record - **This action will not raise water rates.**

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, October 05, 2020
6:37 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:37 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - UTILITY SYSTEM WAIVERS:

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, October 05, 2020
6:37 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:37 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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After a lengthy and detailed discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to take this matter under consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, October 05, 2020
6:37 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose 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
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:37 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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After a lengthy and detailed discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to take this matter under consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman