

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



AGENDA -and- BACKUP

Monday, March 01, 2021

6:30 P.M.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Chairman Ricky Bullard
2. **Invocation:** Commissioner Charles T. McDowell
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian
4. **Board Minutes Approval:**
 - A. February 08, 2021 Board Planning Retreat; **and**
 - B. February 08, 2021 Joint Meeting with Southeastern. Community College Board of Trustees.
5. **Public Input (by telephone, e-mail or letter).**
6. **Proclamation - Proclamation of Achievement and Recognition to Columbus Regional Healthcare System:** Chairman Bullard is requesting Board approval and adoption of this Proclamation of Achievement and Recognition of the Accessibility of Ophthalmology here in Columbus County. *Pages: 01 - 02*
(Chairman Bullard will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
7. **Finance - Cerro Gordo School Construction: Dylan Bowen, Deputy Finance Director,** is requesting Board approval of the following Resolutions: *Pages: 03 - 08*
 - A. Resolution Making Certain Findings and Appointments and Requesting Approval of the Local Government Commission;
 - B. Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina Should Approve Proposed Installment Financing to Finance a Portion of the Cost of Various Projects and Whether Said County Should Acquire Certain School Property Included in Such Projects; **and**
 - C. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, Declaring its Intention to Reimburse Said County from the Proceeds of One or More Tax-Exempt Financings for Certain Capital Expenditures.**(Dylan Bowen will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)**
8. **Human Resources - Amendment to Bereavement Policy:** Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, is requesting Board approval of the amendment to Policy 400, Section 18, Bereavement Policy. *Pages: 09 - 10*
(Virginia Taylor will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

9. **Finance - Approval of Work Order:** Dylan Bowen, Deputy Finance Director, is requesting Board approval of Work Order Number 2 from First Tryon Advisors in the amount of \$50,000.00. *Pages: 11 - 13*
(Dylan Bowen will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
10. **Economic Development - Resolution of Support for Grant Application:** Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, is requesting Board approval of this Resolution for a Building Re-Use Project, SEAL, for \$200,000, with a local match of 5%. *Pages: 14 - 15*
(Dr. Gary Lanier will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
11. **Economic Development - Resolution of Support for Grant Application:** Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, is requesting Board approval of this Resolution for a Building Re-Use Project, Ag-Blend, for \$103,000, with a local match of 5%. *Pages: 16 - 17*
(Dr. Gary Lanier will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
12. **Governing Body - Employment Agreement for Edwin H. Madden, Jr.:** Chairman Ricky Bullard is requesting Board Approval of the Employment Agreement for Edwin H. Madden, Jr. *Pages: 18 - 27*
(Chairman Bullard will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
13. **Appointments - Committees/Boards/Commissions:** June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, is requesting the following appointments/re-appointments/replacements be made to the following boards/committees/commissions. *Page: 28*
(June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE
Cape Fear RPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (2 year terms)	Alternate	-Vacant-	
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III	-Vacant-	HOLD

14. **Governing Body - Columbus Regional Healthcare System Audit Presentation:** June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, is requesting a date and time established for the presentation of the annual audit (Virtual Meeting). *Page: 29*
(June B. Hall will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

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

15. **Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III and V - Bids for Water Line Extensions:** Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, is requesting Board approval of the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions, and approval to move

forward with the contract and Notice to Proceed. *Pages: 30 - 34*
(Gail will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

16. **Columbus County Water District II - Old Dock Water Project - Test Well at Guideway School, Change Order Number2:** Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, is requesting approval from the Board to move forward with the Change Order/Proposal for a test well from Bill's Well Drilling, at the cost of \$29,000. *Pages: 35- 41*
(Gail will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

17. **Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV - Bids for Waterline Extension into International Logistics Park:** Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, is requesting Board approval of bids. *Pages: 42 - 45*
(Gary Lanier will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

18. **Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV - Easement at Hallsboro Water Tower Site:** ATMC is requesting a Perpetual Utility Easement for the storage of equipment. *Pages: 46 - 50*
(Amanda Prince, County Attorney, will explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

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

19. **Consent Agenda Items:** *Pages: 51 - 70*
A. Budget Amendments; **and** **Pages: 51-58**
B. Tax Refunds and Releases. **Pages: 59-70**
20. **Comments:**
A. Department Managers;
B. Board of Commissioners; **and**
C. County Attorney.
21. **Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) Real Estate, and (6) Personnel.**
22. **Adjournment**