

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, March 7, 2022
5:00 P.M.

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Chairman Ricky Bullard

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

2. **Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege.**
3. **Invocation:** Commissioner McDowell
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Watts
5. **Board Minutes Approval:**
 - A. February 15, 2022 Budget Retreat
 - B. February 21, 2022 Regular Session
6. **Approval of March 7, 2022 Agenda** **Pages: 1**
 - A. **Tax Refunds and Releases**
7. **Public Input**
8. **Proclamation – Approval of Proclamation of Appreciation for North Carolina State Trooper T. K. Bryan:** The Commissioners wish to thank Trooper Bryan for his heroism.
Pages: 2-3
(Chairman Bullard will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
9. **Employee Spotlight – Sabrina Evans:** County Manager Eddie Madden will spotlight Columbus County Department of Aging Administrative Assistant II, Sabrina Evans.
Pages: 4-5

(Eddie Madden will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

10. **Proclamation – Approval of Proclamation of Appreciation for Duke Progress Energy, Inc.:** The Commissioners will present a proclamation to John Elliott, Director of Government and Community Relations, to thank Duke Progress Energy for expediting the tower replacement in Fair Bluff. **Pages: 6-7**
11. **ADR Fire – Department Update:** Chief Steve Camlin, ADR Fire Chief, will provide an update to the Board concerning contracting Fire Department Services to Bladen County for East Arcadia. **Pages: 8-16**
(Chief Camlin will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
12. **Columbus County Schools – NBPSCF Grant Application:** Dr. Jonathan Williams, Associate Superintendent, is requesting Board approval. **Pages: 17-27**
(Dr. Jonathan Williams will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
13. **Airport – Approval of State Grant Certification and Conflict of Interest Policy:** Phil Edwards, Director, is requesting Board Approval. **Pages: 28-31**
(Phil Edwards will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
14. **Health – Approval of Increased Fees:** Kim Smith, Director, is requesting an increase in Health Department charges due to the increase in Medicaid payments. **Pages: 32**
(Kim Smith will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
15. **Finance – Approval of Amendments to the Budget and Capital Project Ordinances:** Jay Leatherman, Director, is requesting Board Approval of Budget Amendments, an Amendment to the Capital Project Ordinance for the American Rescue Plan Project and for the Viper Radio and Paging System Project. **Pages: 33-39**
(Jay Leatherman will be present to explain and answer any questions the Board may have.)

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

16. **Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V – Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. March 7, 2022
17. **Water Districts I, II, III, IV and V – Approval of Capital Projects for American Rescue Funds:** Harold Nobles, Director, is request Board Approval. **Pages: 40-41**

(Harold Nobles will be present to 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

18. Comments:

- A. Board of Commissioners; **and**
- B. County Manager.

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19. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (6) Personnel.

20. Adjournment