

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 21, 2018****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 their regularly scheduled meeting, it being the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the May 21, 2018 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

Agenda Item #4: RETIREMENT PLAQUES:

Sandra Harrelson	08-10-1993	-	03-20-2018
Betty C. McKeithan	07-01-1986	-	04-20-2018

The above listed retirees could not attend, and these plaques will be presented at another time.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Chairman McKenzie stated he needed to add Attorney-Client Privilege N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3), to Agenda Item #25.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to add N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege to Agenda Item #25 Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the May 07, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman McKenzie opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke.

- Donna Hammond, P.O. Box 128, Riegelwood, NC 28456:** stated the following:
 - I am here about the Malec Brothers proposed plant in the Delco area;
 - I have passed out a Safety Data Sheet on methyl bromide;
 - In Section 2 - Hazards Identification section, what I am very concerned about is Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeat Exposure - Nervous System, lungs, stomach, kidney, heart - Hazardous to the Ozone layer - that sums up my comments right there;
 - I have been in EMS and fire long enough to know there is much danger involved;
 - I care about the citizens of Columbus County;
 - I teach classes regarding hazardous materials;
 - The other companies in the area have spent millions of dollars to make the process of using

chemicals safe;

-We have seen nothing from Malec Brothers to make their use of methyl bromide safe;

-I am against this, and please don't let it come to Columbus County; **and**

-Jobs are great, but we want jobs that profit our citizens and Columbus County.

2. **Rosanna B. Ezzell, 150 Mill Run Road:** stated the following:

-I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak;

-I am president of the Whiteville Women's Civic League;

-Thank you for serving as a County Commissioner;

-I have taught school or worked with many of the Board members;

-One (1) of our programs is Public Affairs, and that is why we are here tonight, and many of our members have never attended a Commissioner's meeting;

-We are a member of the General Federation of Women's Club, the North Carolina GFWC and District 7 which includes Brunswick, Robeson, Bladen, Pender, New Hanover and Columbus Counties;

-All twenty-six (26) members are strong volunteers;

-In addition to many volunteer hours, we give away a lot of money;

-This year, we gave away twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) dollars to schools, charitable organizations, scholarships, and so forth;

-We have being this ever since the club was organized in 1983;

-Thank you for painting the Historic Courthouse, it looks good, thank you for the fine parking lot and please pull up that shrubbery around the courthouse and let pretty grass grow; **and**

-Keep up the good work to give us good schools, a good college and we have a safe place to live, work, worship and play.

3. **Ron England, 1571 Neils Eddy Road, Riegelwood, NC 28456:** stated the following:

-I am one of the owners of Cape Fear Extreme;

-We are a relatively new business that opened up in the Riegelwood area;

-The people in Riegelwood are very nice, and I do oppose the use of methyl bromide;

-The battle is the use of methyl bromide;

-We are asking that you come out and adamantly show your opposition with the use of this chemical in this area;

-It will adversely affect the health of the children; **and**

-Please do the right thing for the people east of Highway 211.

4. **Moody Bardin Worley, 5654 Cherry Grove Road, Cerro Gordo, NC 28430:** stated the following:

-There is a lot of trash along Dolph Lewis Road and Cherry Grove Road;

-There is a lot of beach traffic now, and they are littering;

-I have called Fayetteville Sign Committee and they did not do anything;

-I have asked for litter signs to be put up and they have not done so; **and**

-When hauling in the back of a truck or pickup, if items fall out, you need to stop and pick them up.

5. **Harold F. Buchanan, 155 Onslow, Riegelwood, NC 28456:** stated the following:

-I live one-half (1/2) mile from the Malec Brothers' business;

-I am here to address the methyl bromide issue;

-I believe in the constitution and I believe in democracy;

-Elected officials are representatives to represent the majority of the people;

-At the last meeting, the question was asked for the people who opposed the Malec Brothers permit to stand, and close to 100% of the people stood up to oppose the permit; **and**

-I don't understand why the representative for this area of Columbus County is going along with this.

6. **Steve Camlin, 608 Lake Side Drive:** stated the following:

-I have been a Chief in the east end for 35 years, and been in the fire department for 41 years;

-I have some concerns as a citizen and a Chief for the release of methyl bromide gas at a rate of 140,000 tons per year;

-As a Chief covering this area, I am heavily concerned for the 4,782, plus, citizens in Ransom Township; **and**

-We have received training on how to handle various hazardous materials, and the proper way for them to be handled by the companies using them.

7. **Andrew Franklin Buchanan, 155 Onslow Road, Riegelwood, NC 28456:** stated the following:
- I am here in opposition to the use of methyl bromide by Malec Brothers;
 - At the first meeting, you stated you were there to gather information;
 - At the second meeting, no one spoke;
 - At this time, you have one more chance to show your opinion by standing or sitting; **and**
 - If this is not the proper time to demonstrate your opinion, please help us and let us know how you plan to do this.

MOTION:

After discussion was conducted, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to start the process of permitting for Malec Brothers over again, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

8. **Paula J. Dudley, P.O. Box 922, Riegelwood, NC 28456:** stated the following:
- I live less than two (2) miles from the Malec Brothers site;
 - Everyone is very upset, and we don't want them to use methyl bromide;
 - There are many questions that need to be answered for the citizens, as follows:
 1. The Commissioners knew about this before the community was informed by social media video?
 2. Does Mr. Lanier who approved the Special Use Permit have to get the Commissioners' approval before he grants Special Use Permits?
 3. Where do Commissioners stand on Malec Brothers' use, now I know, don't worry about it;
 4. Can you please issue a public statement, individual or as a group, so people will know where you stand?
 5. Are any Commissioners involved in any business that uses or wants to use methyl bromide in Columbus County, including Delco or Chadbourn? **and**
 6. Can you please adopt a Resolution for Columbus County banning the use of methyl bromide?
 - We already have a petition with over three hundred (300) signatures since the hearing on the 18th and we will have a lot more;
 - Is it true that Malec Brothers will need an industry permit, and if so, when is that hearing, and could you please let us know?; **and**
 - Please help us to stop them from using methyl bromide.
9. **James Wade Duncan, 109 Church Road, Riegelwood, N C 28456:** stated the following:
- The library in Riegelwood is in bad shape and about to fall down;
 - We need help from the County Commissioners to update this library;
 - They have no computers that work;
 - The ramp is about to fall down and the boxcar in the back is leaking and needs a new roof and we need some money to do that;
 - We have received no help in that part of the County;
 - I am against that company that is coming down there that does fumigation;
 - We need to ban people from hauling timber out of our country;
 - We build ramps for Columbus County and the application is taking too long; **and**
 - We need help in that part of the County.
10. **Steven Craig Creech, 1800 Veneer Road, Delco, NC 28436:** stated the following:
- There is a statement on Page 24 of the application that Columbus County has provided complete support for this;
 - If you are going to support this process over, you need to contact DEQ and let them know that you have pulled that complete support for further investigation;
 - On page 6 of the application, it states we are going to wait until the wind speed picks up;
 - I understand that Gary Lanier is over Economic Development and over the Planning Board, and I don't understand why this is not a conflict of interest;
 - I called Mr. Lanier's office and could not get him, and talked to his secretary;
 - I wanted the meeting minutes from the Planning Board, and can not find them;
 - These situations need to be addressed;
 - His secretary stated she would e-mail me the minutes, and I have not received them;
 - We need to know why that is not a conflict of interest; **and**
 - The Health Director stated that she did not know about this, and why did that happen?

11. **Randy Coleman, 3777 Spearman Road, Bolton, NC:** stated the following:
 - The first question I have is, how did such a thing like this happen;
 - Everyone that had a hand in bringing this company knew exactly what the deal was, from the landowner, to the Commissioners, to the timber sellers, Malec Brothers, and everyone;
 - There is no way you go in a lease to have a company come in and operate on your property and not know what they are going to do;
 - This company got run out of New Hanover County and Brunswick County;
 - If they don't get the industrial permit, they can not operate;
 - This community is upset, infuriated, lack of representation;
 - The reason there was not many people at the first meeting, nobody knew about;
 - The only reason we found out about a meeting was a facebook live post, and that is inexcusable;
 - We feel like the County of Columbus stops at Highway 211;
 - We deserve answers instead of sitting back waiting for answers; **and**
 - You need to look deep into this situation.

12. **John W. Cooke, III, 2454 Old 87 Road, Delco, NC 28436:** stated the following:
 - I live right beside Malec Brothers;
 - They have eighteen (18) crews going in there driving 60-80 miles per hour, and they don't care; **and**
 - Vehicle congestion has created a problem in the area.

13. **Loretta W. Johnson, 2454 Old 87 Road, Delco, NC 28436:** stated the following:
 - We need to discuss the Malec Brothers Fumigation Plant;
 - After the Public Input has ended, we need to have additional discussion;
 - Everyone is against the fumigation of the logs;
 - We are let down by the Planning Board's decision for it to be put there;
 - The plant was located at a very dangerous intersection, and now we have container trucks and log trucks at that intersection, plus they are traveling through a residential section;
 - The chemical is odorless and colorless and could cause additional catastrophic wrecks to occur; **and**
 - Please do what you can to prevent this permit from being granted.

14. **Johnny Edge, 470 Happy Home Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following:
 - How the people can work with you leaders to make Columbus County a better place to live;
 - Obviously, there is a break down in communication;
 - Who do you bring your concerns to if you can't bring them to your County Commissioners?;
 - Do you Commissioners work together to solve problems?;
 - Having seven (7) districts is part of the problem;
 - All citizens who live in Columbus County needs to be considered as one (1) unit;
 - People want to know and be involved in the decisions that are made in Columbus County because it can affect everyone; **and**
 - We are asking to get the audio where, if it is streamed, the citizens in Columbus County, inclusive of the ones who cannot attend, know what is going on with the leadership of Columbus County.

15. **Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
 - Memorial Day is on May 28, 2018, and we are having a Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Park;
 - Everyone is invited to the Memorial Service;
 - There is plenty of room and remember to bring your chair; **and**
 - It will be held at 10:00 A.M.

16. **Will White, 1206 Lakeside Drive:** stated the following:
 - I am 58 years old and live in Riegelwood all my entire life;
 - I have worked at that mill, and retired due to disability after 23 years;
 - The mill had three (3) gases used, NCG, SOG and TRS and they were released properly;
 - This company just wants to release the gas in the air;
 - In two (2) years, this gas is going to be outlawed;
 - We are not going to have that there; **and**
 - When you built the East Columbus High School, you were not considerate of the citizens in the eastern end of Columbus County.

17. **Sarah Barefoot Thompson, 517 N. Madison Street, Whiteville, N C 28472:** stated the following:
- Thank you for allowing me to be present tonight;
 - The Whiteville Woman's Civic League would like to compliment you and thank you for serving as County Commissioners and what you do for Columbus County;
 - We are not here to complain or ask for money; **and**
 - We would like to applaud you for your service to Columbus County as our Commissioners.

COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard: I stated at the last meeting, when citizens in a community are against something that shows danger, I will not support it.

Chairman Amon E. McKenzie: Everyone has shown the same sentiment relative to the Malec Brothers, and I do also. Safety is our number one priority.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION - PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM:

Sarah Thompson, Chairperson, Whiteville Women's Civic Group, would like to deliver information relative to Public Affairs Program.

This information was delivered by Ms. Thompson as #17 under Public Input, Agenda Item #6.

Agenda Item #8: INMATE LABOR AVAILABILITY - TABOR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION:

George Baysden, Tabor Correctional Facility, delivered the following requested information relative to the availability of inmate labor.

1. My name is George Baysden and I am the Assistant Superintendent for Programs at Tabor Correctional Institution;
2. One of my jobs is the placement of inmates in jobs, programs and things of that nature;
3. One of the things the State does offer, we have job placement where we assign inmates to work in municipal government, city and county, etc.;
4. You already do have some inmates who can do menial tasks;
5. The paperwork that I distributed to you is the standard contract that we use;
6. Currently, we have forty (40) inmates working between Columbus County and Bladen County;
7. This is a good thing to have to help save money;
8. We pay one and 00/100 (\$1.00) dollar per day which totals \$260.00 per individual;
9. The inmates will require supervision but it does not need to be a law enforcement officer;
10. The supervisor of the inmates will need custodial training which is a 3-4 hour class at our facility, and if the number of supervisors is large enough, we can train onsite;
11. If you are interested, contact me and I will get the process started which takes approximately 30-60 days; **and**
12. You can reach me by calling the facility at: (910) 653-8190.

Agenda Item #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS - FY 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Alan Faulk, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools, presented their FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget, and stated the following.

1. We are submitting a local expense budget that will increase \$820,644.00 for FY 2018-2019, and it would go for increases in maintenance of facilities, utility costs and fleet transportation.
2. The increase also reflects seventeen (17) teaching positions to maintain the K-5 Elementary Art and Health/PE programs as well as being able to maintain the curricula for a fair and equitable education for the students of Columbus County Schools.
3. Due to the age and custodial needs of our facilities, Columbus County Schools are also requesting funds to staff ten (10) custodian positions across the county schools.
4. In our capital outlay budget, we are requesting an increase of \$1,187,687.00 for FY 2018-2019. We have made efforts to identify our most significant needs for our school system by line item including roofing repairs especially at West Columbus High School, auditorium

repairs and tennis court repairs at all high schools, and HVAC repairs/replacements to mention a few.

5. Our schools are looking forward to a much-needed increase in current expense and capital outlay for FY 2018-2019.

Agenda Item #10: HEALTH - 2018 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, and Daniel Buck, Heath Educator, presented the following review of the 2018 County Health Rankings.

1. These rankings came out in March;
2. Columbus County, overall, is ranked 96, that is one level up from last year;
3. Let me remind you, the health outcomes are based on the length and quality of life; **and**
4. We are 91 with the health factors, and we were 89 last year.

Agenda Item #11: HEALTH - 2017 STATE of the COUNTY HEALTH REPORT:

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director, and Daniel Buck, Heath Educator, presented the following review of the 2017 State of the County Health Report.

1. This report was due to the State the first Friday in March;
2. Our report was on time;
3. We complete this report because it is required by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services;
4. Our State of the County Health Report was accepted by State consultants with no corrective actions;
5. It is based on our 2010 census data, and we are looking forward to getting the census that will come out in 2020;
6. Most of the information we used came from the State data site;
7. We are concentrating on chronic health diseases, obesity and substance abuse; **and**
8. Our Teen Pregnancy Program ranking was #8 in 2013, and in 2015 it was #15 and that is an improvement.

Agenda Item #12: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension Director, delivered the following departmental update.

1. Farmers have started growing industrial hemp and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture gives the approval, and this involves approximately ten (10) acres;
2. Pesticide education is vitally important and needed if you plan to use any; **and**
3. We are working with the farmers and everything is going well.

Agenda Item #13: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following Monthly Administrative Report.

On April 4, 2018 our monthly staff meeting was held. Staff was given information about the change in NCFAST that will change the way information is keyed and viewed. We also talked about the go-live date in June for Child Welfare Services. This will require Social Workers to put all information into NCFAST during intake and case management. Documents will also have to be scanned. Staff are now taking their online training; learning how to work in the system.

During the meeting, staff was given information about House Bill 630 and information about the written agreements that all 100 counties will sign by July 12, 2018. These agreements will consist of the responsibilities of DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) and local county departments of Social Services. There will also be performance measures for all program areas. It will outline the steps to be taken by DHHS to work with counties to develop corrective plans when those performance measures are not met for a period of time. It will be important for staff to follow policy, state laws and federal requirements in each program area.

Staff were reminded; they must call their Supervisor, Program Manager or the Director when they need to be out to request leave. Also, staff should be signing in or out in our attendance system

(Scotland Yard); so the front desk will know how to direct customers when they call or come in for services.

Staff was informed; the mold test conducted on our building was negative and maintenance has cleaned the air vents to help prevent mold.

Lastly, staff were recognized for years of service to the county. They were presented with certificates from DHHS.

On April 6, 2018 the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Michael Backetts visited with us. During his visit, he met with the Social Work Program Manager, the Economic Services Program Administrator and I. The purpose of his visit was to talk about how rural counties operate and the challenges they face; and to look at resources, or the lack of, plus our readiness for go-live information about what the state is working on.

On April 13, 2018 Melinda Lane and I attended the eastern counties cluster meeting at Robeson County Department of Social Services. During this meeting, we discussed how to handle conflict cases when they are transferred to other counties. We also talked about the type of devices being used in the various counties as they prepare for Child Welfare entering in NCFAS. We looked at ways to help our staff deal with job stress in order to keep them healthy and motivated.

On April 18, 2018 a training was held for our Supervisors on personnel. The training was conducted by Sylvia Johnson, who conducts training and provides consultant services for local government agencies across the state. This training was provided to Supervisors to help them understand personnel policies and procedures; and to assist them in their roles as Supervisors. This was a very informative training session.

The county agreements, that are required by House Bill 630 for DHHS and county DSS agencies to sign, have been revised to include recommendations from the Director's Association, the County Commissioners Association and others. It is suggested it be signed by the DSS Director and the County Manager; as this is a partnership that involves the county. Some of the programs, such as Medicaid and Adult Services, have been removed at this time; but could be added at a later date. This agreement may be revised at least one more time, before the final draft is sent out. The state has communicated that these agreements are scheduled to be signed by June 29, 2018.

**April 2018
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 235 Applications Approved: 166 Active Cases: 5,631 Benefits Issued: \$1,330,115.00 Participants Served: 11,981
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 137 Cases Terminated: 42 Redeterminations: 322 Applications Processed: 266
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 90 Applications Processed: 103 Redeterminations: 478 Total Medicaid Cases: 13,891 Total Individuals Receiving: 23,410
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 74 Orders Enforced: 974 Active Cases: 4,008 Collections: \$505,842.42

**April 2018
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
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Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 23 County Wards: 23 Number of Payee Cases: 18 Adults Served APS: 14 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,616 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$32,685.94
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 36 Reports Screened Out: 14 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 31 Children Served: 58 Contacts with Families Monthly: 264 Assessments: 29
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 57 Children Placed Outside County: 18 Agency Adoptions: 1 Pending Adoptions: 3 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 2 Total Children in Foster Care: 61
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 17 Applications Approved: 16 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 283 Entered Employment: 1 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 1
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$15,852.63 New Referrals: 1 Cases Established: 3
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 372 Children on the Waiting List: 696 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$149,484.00

Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and Housekeeping
Food and Nutrition and Family and Children's Medicaid
Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: April 2018 **News/Updates/Vacancies**

Food and Nutrition:

Food and Nutrition is a program that has the most fluctuation of clients coming in to apply. Each day there are 4 workers on rotation taking applications as quickly as possible and each one could take up to 1 hour; some are quicker than others. If a client comes in to apply for Medicaid, Food & Nutrition and Child Support, we try to direct that client to the program with the least amount of wait time first so this client will be ready to be seen by the next department. In these cases, it gets difficult to tell them how long it will be before they will be seen in each department. If a client comes in at 5:25pm, State policy says we must see that client for benefits. On these rare occasions, if a worker has an appointment after closing hours and lets her supervisor know, another worker then sees the client and takes the application. We have passed our compliance timeframes on this team and currently have 2 vacancies and 1 in training.

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

Social Security office has begun the process of mailing out new Medicare cards to our clients. These cards have a random number instead of the client's social security number and the State is automatically changing these numbers within NCFAS. The Adult and Family and Children's team met all compliance timeframes for April. Both of these teams have several workers who rotate on intake and it could take up to 2 hours to take some applications on the Adult team. Very rarely does a client have to wait longer than .20 minutes to apply on either of these teams. The same State policy applies if a client comes in at 5:25pm; the client must be seen. If it is expected to be a 2-hour

application, an appointment is made for the next day for the client to come back and the application date is held for the same day they came in to apply. This team also pulls another worker if the worker on rotation has an appointment after work and cannot stay. Staying more than fifteen minutes after closing time to see a client is a rare occasion on this team also. We currently have 2 vacancies on these teams. The Supervisor of the Intake/Processing team retired April 20th and we have currently hired someone within the agency to replace her.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Progress is moving along with the 3 new workers in training. We continue to have 2 court days per month where they prepared 269 cases for court. This team is not currently meeting all of the required timeframes due to vacancies and untrained staff. We currently have 1 agent vacancy and 1 processing assistant vacancy. Interviews have been scheduled.

Our paralegal has been completing orders and helping with the clerical duties while we have a vacancy. She prepared 117 orders and reviewed 2 the attorney prepared.

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and Housekeeping/Deputy:

- Our interpreter has been very busy this month with a great deal in the Food & Nutrition and Child Support Departments. A documented alien working at least 20 hours per week/80 hours a month can receive Food & Nutrition Benefits.
- WorkFirst Cash continues to meet their timeframes.
- Transportation continues to have new clients each month that need services.
- Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to keep our building and grounds clean.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for April 2018

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed and busy! All staff have busy caseloads and are continuing to get updated training. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been moved to June 2018, but staff are beginning to get the required training now. The Supervisor of this Unit attended a training in April regarding the new modified Child Welfare Manual.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit is finally fully staffed with a new worker beginning mid-month – she is currently in Pre-Service training. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been moved to June 2018, but staff are beginning to get the required training now. The Supervisor of this Unit attended a training in April regarding the new modified Child Welfare Manual.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be fully staffed and going strong. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been moved to June 2018, but staff are beginning to get the required training now. The Supervisor of this Unit attended a training in April regarding the new modified Child Welfare Manual.

Transitional Unit:

The new transitional unit is busy building caseloads and planning events for LINKs and Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment. Billboards, along with other forms of advertisement for recruitment are in place. MAPP training for new candidates for foster parents continue to progress. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been moved to June 2018, but staff are beginning to get the required training now. The Supervisor of this Unit attended a training in April regarding the new modified Child Welfare Manual.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be fully staffed and very busy. Cases are becoming more complex with more issues. This Unit is encountering more and more issues with homeless adults and adults with mental health issues which creates other problems because of the slow response time of mental health agencies. Members of this Unit continue to cross-train in order to work together more efficiently.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system with daily issues. This Unit continues to assist with 200%.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system dealing with daily issues and updates. This Unit is currently dealing with reviewing and correcting, when needed, a list of over/under payments that were made to daycares by the state. It appears NCFAST may have created the majority of these errors. This is a problem being dealt with across the counties and is taking a lot of time away from the usual daily routine.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. Collections are increasing due to increasing caseloads and tax refund season. Only one temporary worker continues to take Crisis Intervention Program applications due to remaining funds. In April 43 applications were taken for CIP with 42 approvals. It appears this program will continue to have funding through the most of the month of May and cooling assistance will begin.

Agenda Item #14: MAINTENANCE - CLOSED DETENTION CENTER MOLD and MILDEW REMEDIATION:

Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director, requested the Board to approve the quote from Pure Maintenance for fifty-five thousand, five hundred forty-four, and 87/100 (\$55,544.87) dollars to remediate the mold and mildew in the old Detention Center.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the quote from Pure Maintenance for fifty-five thousand, five hundred forty-four, and 87/100 (\$55,544.87) dollars to remediate the mold and mildew in the old Detention Center, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

After discussion was conducted relative to the details of what the quote entailed, Commissioner Prevatte withdrew his motion and Commissioner Byrd withdrew his second.

Agenda Item #15: MAINTENANCE - HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT:

Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director, requested the Board to approve the contract for the Historical Courthouse Roof Replacement to the lowest responsible bidder from the following bid tabulation.

COMPANY	QUOTE	DETAILS
Torres Construction	\$43,349.00	Includes \$2,000 crane rental, rubber base coating applied over existing metal portion
E.L. Hawks, Inc.	\$44,800.00	Turnkey job, utilizes a fiber impregnated coating over existing metal portion, recommends 5-step white HDRO-Stop Roof System for additional \$18,000 totaling \$62,800.00
JDM Roofing	\$46,850.00	Turn-key job

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve E.L. Hawks, Incorporated for the Historical Courthouse roof replacement, at the cost of forty-four thousand, eight hundred, and 00/100 (\$44,800.00) dollars, with the five (5) step white HDRO-Stop Roof System, for an additional eighteen thousand and 00/100 (\$18,000.00) dollars, which equates to the cost of sixty-two thousand, eight hundred and 00/100 (\$62,800.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: MAINTENANCE - UNOCCUPIED BOARD of ELECTIONS/HUD HANDICAP RESTROOM:

Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director, requested the Board to approve a quote for a handicap restroom at the unoccupied Board of Elections/HUD building from the following bid tabulation.

BIDDER	QUOTE	DETAILS
S&P Electrical and Plumbing	\$2,950.00	Install handicapped restroom
Larry Cartrette Plumbing	\$4,200.00	Install handicapped restroom

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve S & P Electrical and Plumbing for a handicap restroom for the unoccupied Board of Elections/HUD building, for two thousand, nine hundred fifty, and 00/100 (\$2,950.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: FIREWORKS - PERMISSION for FIREWORKS at SOUTH COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL on TUESDAY, JULY 03, 2018, REQUEST for \$1,000.00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT and WAIVER of FEE PERMIT:

Cynthia S. Nelson, EVP, Tabor City Chamber of Commerce, requested permission for fireworks for the 31st Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, request for \$1,000.00 financial support and waiver of the fee permit.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve permission for fireworks at South Columbus High School, for the 31st Annual Columbus County Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, request for \$1,000.00 financial support and waiver of the fee permit, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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 8:23 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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 McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP:

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

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of RESCINDING the EXISTING and REPLACING the WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN (SECOND READING):

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to rescind the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and replacing. (The first reading was held at the May 07, 2018 Meeting.)

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

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT WELL SITE APPROVAL:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to purchase the well site from F. & E. Family Investments, LLC.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District V.

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

At 8:27 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 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: BUDGET - PRESENTATION of the PROPOSED COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET:

Mike Stephens, County Manager/Attorney, will present the Proposed Columbus County FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget for acceptance, and request the establishment of a Public Hearing for June 04, 2018, at 6:30 P.M.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to accept the Proposed Columbus County FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	571
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	571
Expenditures	10-5171-526001	Dental Health Departmental Supplies	4,400
Revenues	10-3510-440098	Dental Health Grants	4,400

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$72.29		
Ammons, Donna			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$290.43
Value: \$8,980.00	Year: 2017		Account: 09-05737	Bill#: 47960
Release value of S/W. Switched into Marvin Justin Moore. Release Williams Fire(5.39) release Columbus Rescue(1.80) release late list(7.95)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$12.64
Batten, Tommie Lee			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$15.97
Value: \$1,570.00	Year: 2017		Account: 13-01515	Bill#: 49606
Release value of boat. DBL Act#13-02418. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(1.57) release Columbus Rescue(.31) release late list(1.45)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$268.41
Brown, Julia Hestine			PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$2,459.03
Value: \$2,410.00	Year: 08-17		Account: 01-09358	Bill#: 99999
Release value of S/W M/H torn down per aerials. Release Klondyke Fire(23.17) release Columbus Rescue(6.61) release late list(29.84)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$719.75
Hope of Glory Pentecostal Church			PROPERTY: 96353	Total: \$805.25
Value: \$95,000.00	Year: 2017		Account: 01-07265	Bill#: 69011
Release value. Should be exempt. Release Brunswick Fire(66.50) release Whiteville Rescue(19.00)				
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount: \$39.24

Hughes, William J.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$48.48
Value: \$500.00 Year: 10-17 Account: 03-00840		Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Sold. Release Old Dock(3.86) release Columbus Rescue(.98) release late list(4.40)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$52.32
Pollard Wilhelmenia Murphy(Heirs)	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$469.82
Value: \$3,250.00 Year: 16-17 Account: 12-21831		Bill#:	99999
Release value. Should have been tax exempt. Release Evergreen Fire(5.20) release Columbus Rescue(1.30)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$58.85
Prevatte, Bobby Ray Sr.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$701.77
Value: \$2,380.00 Year: 15-17 Account: 12-05242		Bill#:	99999
Release value of S/W M/H No mobile home. Release Evergreen Fire(5.84) release Columbus Rescue(1.47) release late list(6.61)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$300.16
Shaw, Tony L.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$337.46
Value: \$18,644.00 Year: 14-15 Account: 14-03855		Bill#:	99999
Release value. Overbilled chicken houses. Release Welches Creek(29.84) release Columbus Rescue(7.46)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,341.12
Shaw, Tony L. & Kimberly	PROPERTY: 88881	Total:	\$1,374.44
Value: \$101,800.00 Year: 16-17 Account: 14-00210		Bill#:	99999
Release value. Overbilled chicken houses. Release Columbus Rescue(33.32)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$3,620.89
Shaw, Tony L. & Kimberly B	PROPERTY: 88880	Total:	\$3,710.85
Value: \$293,000.00 Year: 16-17 Account: 14-00210		Bill#:	99999
Release value. Overbilled chicken houses. Release Columbus Rescue(89.96)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$200.07
Soles, Betty Jo	PROPERTY: 80476	Total:	\$205.33
Value: \$5,300.00 Year: 14-16 Account: 11-00842		Bill#:	99999
Release value. Sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(5.26)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$243.35
Wright, Roger	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$476.58
Value: \$30,230.00 Year: 2017 Account: 09-01469		Bill#:	97513
Release value. DBL Act#9-02262. Release Roseland Fire(24.18) release Columbus Rescue(6.05)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Anderson, Harry Mitchell Sr.	PROPERTY: 17366	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Account: 10-00400		Bill#:	48025
Release user fee. Destroyed in Hurricane Matthew.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bay One, LLC	PROPERTY: 11483	Total:	\$1,421.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Account: 06-02808		Bill#:	49654
Release user fees. Cans have been picked up.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bellamy, Laverne	PROPERTY: 90835	Total:	\$140.27
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2011 Account: 01-01396		Bill#:	25366
Release user fee sold at tax sale.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Blanks, Wilbert	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2012 Account: 15-03413		Bill#:	827
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Blanton, Irene Smith (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 27533	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Account: 15-02660		Bill#:	51061
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Boswell, Carl Wayne & Eric Michael Jordan	PROPERTY: 93835	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Account: 01-01636		Bill#:	51318
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

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Bryant, Jeffrey		PROPERTY: 96029	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-01936	Bill#:	52769
Release user fee. No can present.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bullock, Anita R.		PROPERTY: 77128	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-01828	Bill#:	53160
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Dicks William Andrew		PROPERTY: 75851	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-03854	Bill#:	58369
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Billie G(Jr)		PROPERTY: 87501	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-00403	Bill#:	60000
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Evans, Myra & Vera Ruth		PROPERTY: 17632	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-05020	Bill#:	60324
Release user fee. Damaged from Hurricane Matthew.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
George, Sharon		PROPERTY: 26522	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 14-03348	Bill#:	63218
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Grovner Sharnee L		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,282.83
Value: \$0.00	Year: 12-17	Account: 15-04053	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Inman, William Milton		PROPERTY: 60250	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-12920	Bill#:	69785
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
McKenzie, Anthony		PROPERTY: 60353	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-17443	Bill#:	76326
Release user fee. Only 1 can.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Porter, Timothy Alan		PROPERTY: 6410	Total:	\$1,308.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 03-05957	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Powell, Harry S. (Sr)		PROPERTY: 19896	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-21040	Bill#:	82154
Release user fee. Can was picked up.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Reyes, Clemte		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,721.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 10-17	Account: 03-02046	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Only 1 can for 8 years.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Scholl, Michael Gerd(Jr)		PROPERTY: 82197	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 13-03251	Bill#:	85424
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Spann, Jessica Lenore		PROPERTY: 26657	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 14-01937	Bill#:	88624
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Squires, Jancie E		PROPERTY: 8270	Total:	\$426.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 15-16	Account: 03-05663	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. House was vacant.				

Agenda Item #24: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Manager:

Sheriff Lewis L. Hatcher: stated the following:

-I have had the County Manager to come and look at the condition of the Sheriff's Office building;

-I would like for the Commissioners to come by and look at the condition of the building; **and**

-This is too much for the Maintenance Department to handle.

B. Board of Commissioners:

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

-We need to listen closely to the people in opposition to Malec Brothers; **and**

-I would like to thank the Board members who voted for the well at Old Dock Elementary School.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** Mr. Pridgen, will you help the library at Delco?

3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

-I have an e-mail from ATMC asking anyone that will to take a survey or prepare a Resolution in support of high speed internet and grants for this purpose;

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for the Board to prepare and approve a Resolution in Support of High Speed Internet and to support any grants needed for the process, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

-Trillium is here, they have met with the providers, they have established eight (8) dates from one end of the county to the other end, seven (7) will be for input from the citizens;

-They have provided two (2) times each date for citizens;

-One (1) meeting is a power point providing what Trillium does;

-My statement to the citizens relative to Malec Brothers, I did not know about this situation until May 07, 2018, do not support it, but we can not control what the State does and please understand that; **and**

-We are trying to get the necessary information we need about this situation.

4. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:

-I have a vacancy on the Animal Control Advisory Council, and I would like to appoint Johnny Worley, 5402 Sidney-Cherry Grove Road, Tabor City, North Carolina 28463, Telephone: (910) 653-_____;

-We need to take the interests of our citizens into consideration when it comes to their community and honor their wishes whenever we can; **and**

-The first information that I received relative to the Malec Brothers was at the last Board Meeting.

5. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:

-I was not aware that tires were falling off of the vehicle that was transporting them, and I do have people that are picking them up, and being made aware that these tires need to be made secure during transport;

-My business is Edwin Russ, Contract Hauler, LLC, Whiteville, NC, and we haul anywhere in the State of North Carolina;

-I sent an e-mail to David Parks on May 13, 2018, at 2:52 P.M., to be read at the meeting at East Columbus High School as follows:

"I, Edwin Russ, want David Parks to read the following on my behalf due to my absence. As your County Commissioner of District IV, because of the need for further information, I support the opinions and beliefs of the citizens of the east

end of the County. I know that this is of the most importance to our community, although the County Commissioners may not support this, the State of North Carolina has the final say-so on this matter. I hope a decision can be reached that will be will beneficial to the citizens and economic development of our county.

Sincerely, Edwin Russ;

-I talked to David Parks this morning and he stated he did not get the me-mail from me;

-I have talked to someone from the Delco Library and they stated they did not get the Internet service;

-Today, someone called me from Delco about water tiles being washed out and dirt being on the roads and I have sent this to Ken Clark with the Department of Transportation; **and**

-Two (2) weeks ago, I went to the ROTC Awards at Dale's Seafood, for South Columbus High School, and the children were proud of the awards they received.

6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:

-I do own the Chadbourn Woodyard, and we purchased that property in 2010;

-I purchased this solely for rental property, and it is currently rented to Lighthouse Commodities Group;

-At the time I rented this property to them, I did not know anything about fumigation or anything they were doing, and this is a small operation;

-When I attended a meeting on May 03, 2018 regarding the Malec Brothers, I had no information or knowledge relative to what the company done;

-My purpose for attending the meeting was to seek information;

-My main interest is to work for the betterment of Columbus County;

-This Board has made a decision for this matter to go back to the Planning Board, and the process to start all over again;

-The bail bonds in Columbus County are too low and allows the criminals to get out of jail too easily; **and**

-Property tax values can fluctuate greatly between counties.

C. **County Manager / County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:

-I would like to make a few comments on the Budget Message that we presented;

-For education, schools have increased three (3%) percent;

-All employees will receive a three and one-half (3 ½%) percent COLA adjustment, and that increase will be effective on July 01, 2018, subject to this Board's approval;

-Some of the departments are not going to be happy with some of the cuts in their budget;

-Our priority is the employees too;

-I would like to commend the Department Managers, they worked hard; **and**

-I would especially like to commend Bobbie Faircloth for the good job she did on the budget.

ESTABLISHMENT of BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

After in-depth discussion, the Budget Workshops were established for Tuesday, June 05, 2018, and Monday, June 11, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., in the Commissioners Chambers.

HOME and COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT for AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL:

The following factors were revealed regarding the Home and Community Care block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council:

1. A meeting was scheduled for their approval of a grant that means a lot to the senior citizens;
2. Only two (2) members of the council attended the meeting;
3. In order for the grant to be approved, a quorum must be present; **and**
4. Vice Chairman Burroughs will make the necessary contacts to get a quorum present for the approval of the grant which needs to be done by May 31, 2018.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL and (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

At 9:25 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel; and Agenda Add-on: N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #25: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL; and
AGENDA ADD-ON: N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 10:23 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman McKenzie requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Manager/Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“The Board of Commissioners interviewed an applicant for the position of County Attorney. No decision or action was taken”*.

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

Agenda Item #26: ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:25 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 21, 2018
8:23 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:23 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the May 07, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested the Board to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of RESCINDING the EXISTING and REPLACING the WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN (SECOND READING):

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to rescind the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and replacing. **(The first reading was held at the May 07, 2018 Meeting.)**

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve rescinding the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and to replace with the **amended** Water Shortage Response Plan, on its second reading, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of the Water Shortage Response Plan may be found in the May 07, 2018 Water Board Meeting Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
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8:23 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
/ **County Attorney**
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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May 07, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the May 07, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

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Monday, May 21, 2018
8:23 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:23 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the May 07, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested the Board to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of RESCINDING the EXISTING and REPLACING the WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN (SECOND READING):

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to rescind the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and replacing. **(The first reading was held at the May 07, 2018 Meeting.)**

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve rescinding the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and to replace with the **amended** Water Shortage Response Plan, on its second reading, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of the Water Shortage Response Plan may be found in the May 07, 2018 Water Board Meeting Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 21, 2018
8:23 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Edwin Russ
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:23 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the May 07, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested the Board to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of RESCINDING the EXISTING and REPLACING the WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN (SECOND READING):

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to rescind the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and replacing. **(The first reading was held at the May 07, 2018 Meeting.)**

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve rescinding the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and to replace with the **amended** Water Shortage Response Plan, on its second reading, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of the Water Shortage Response Plan may be found in the May 07, 2018 Water Board Meeting Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 21, 2018
8:23 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Edwin Russ
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:23 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 07, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the May 07, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V - REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested the Board to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 04, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time for a workshop to discuss a bulk water rate study, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of RESCINDING the EXISTING and REPLACING the WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN (SECOND READING):

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to rescind the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and replacing. **(The first reading was held at the May 07, 2018 Meeting.)**

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve rescinding the existing Water Shortage Response Plan and to replace with the **amended** Water Shortage Response Plan, on its second reading, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. The contents of the Water Shortage Response Plan may be found in the May 07, 2018 Water Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V - OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT WELL SITE APPROVAL:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval to purchase the well site from F. & E. Family Investments, LLC for the Old Dock Elementary School Water Project.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the purchase of the well site from F. & E. Family Investments, LLC, for the Old Dock Elementary School Water Project, at the cost of fifteen thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:27 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman