

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, July 01, 2019****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 duly advertised Public Hearing and the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
 Jerome McMillian  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 Ricky Bullard  
 Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice Chairman**

**6:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** **CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization (NC Neighborhood) Program Application:** the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow all interested parties to speak.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs opened the Public Hearing and stated the Public Hearing was for the CDBG Neighborhood revitalization (NC Neighborhood) Program Application. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow all interested parties to speak. Chairman Burroughs requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Ms. Prince orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

**Floyd Adams, The Adams Company:** stated the following:

- I have been asked to assist Columbus County in preparing the application;
- This is the first of two (2) public hearings that are required;
- The first public hearing is to receive input from the citizens related to the grant;
- The grant is a housing related grant and is suppose to include housing activities or housing-related activities;
- Those activities include rehabilitation, clearance, relocation, substantial rehabilitation, re-construction, replacement housing and emergency repairs;
- There are two (2) national objectives that the program is intended to benefit, as follows:
  1. To benefit low to moderate income families; **and**
  2. Address slums and blight;
- Natalie and I are working putting this application together;
- The purpose of this hearing is to receive citizen input related to these activities and locations of houses and so forth;
- The application will require the second public hearing which will be at your next meeting because the deadline for submitting the grant is Tuesday after the next meeting, July 16, 2019;

**DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

1. Requesting the maximum amount - \$750,000;
2. Meeting scheduled with the Columbus County Housing Committee;
3. Houses can be together or scattered;
4. Concentrating on people who have not received any help from damage with Hurricane Florence; **and**
5. Maximum per site;
  - Rehabilitation - \$44,000;

- Build new house - no limit;
- May exceed limit case by case;
- Concentration on worst cases or establish limited cost;
- Any liability for Columbus County;
- Keeping money amount within their ability to handle costs within the future; **and**
- Length of time required for owner to occupy the house.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:44 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion passed unanimously.

**6:44 P.M.**  
**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

At 6:44 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the July 01, 2019 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Jerome McMillian.

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the June 10, 2019 Budget Workshop Number 2, as recorded, and the June 17, 2019 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5:      BOARD of ELECTIONS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Carla Strickland, Elections Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

The Columbus County Board of Elections has been through a tumultuous year. Although there have been numerous hurdles facing the Columbus County Board of Elections, we have continued to strive to serve our voters and candidates with professionalism and expediency. We will continue to pursue excellence in all facets of the Elections processes there by insuring efficient, fair and open elections.

In 2020, North Carolina will be required to have voters to show a photo identification (photo ID) when they present to vote.

History:

In 2013, the North Carolina State Legislature passed a statute to require that voters present a photo ID to vote beginning in 2016. The Voter ID requirement was implemented during the 2016 Primary Election. However, the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit struck down the state's photo ID requirement on July 29, 2016.

In 2016, a ballot measure to amend the North Carolina Constitution was presented by the State Legislature to require voters to present a photo ID to vote in person. The ballot title was as follows:

- [ ] For
- [ ] Against

Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person.

The statewide results were as follows:

North Carolina Voter ID Amendment:

<b>Result</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	2,049,121	55.49%
No	1,643,983	44.

Voter ID equipment has already been set up in the Columbus County Board of Elections office for those who will need a Voter ID for voting purposes. Voter ID will be required in 2020.

The Columbus County Board of Elections will be hosting two public Voter ID Symposiums Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

On October 10, 2018, a representative from Department of Homeland Security came to inspect our offices and to interview the Director. He found that there is an array of security issues surrounding the Columbus County Board of Elections presently that need to be addressed. Shared security codes between HUD, contracted maintenance and Board of Elections Employees in order to enter and secure the building upon leaving.

- Duplicate Keys to doors/ singular keys to duplicate doors given to both HUD and Board of Elections Employees.
- Security lighting and cameras are needed
- A temporary partition in place to divide HUD and the Board of Elections offices was found unacceptable.
- Server cabinet set-up to be shared by both departments(has since been changed)
- Telephone systems need to be separate

Please note it was clearly reported that the facility in use at this time is a temporary setting.

The abovementioned, are only a few areas of concern in our office. With the many changes affecting the Elections processes come changes in technology and security there is a greater challenge for all employees to be trained on the implementation of the same. There are now 28 different computer applications utilized in the Board of Elections office. The Director and staff are required to be proficient in these applications, in how the Federal and State laws are to be addressed with each, and where each application is best utilized.

Statistically, the registration environment has also shown gradual changes.

YEAR	TOTAL VOTERS	DEM VOTERS	%	REP VOTERS	%	UNA VOTERS	%	LIB VOTERS
2010	36,842	25,016	68	5,770	16	6,036	17	20
2012	36,472	24,209	67	5,879	17	6,353	18	33
2014	37,216	23,418	63	6,235	17	7,514	21	49
2016	29,108	15,729	54	6,062	21	7,276	25	41
2018	32,716	16,968	51	6,994	21	9,698	26	56

We are also seeing changes in the demographics of political affiliation as well.

Voter turnout fluctuates depending on the type of Election and if there are heated races (usually on a Countywide race).

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Voter Turnout</u>
05-06-2014 Primary	9,425
11-04-2014 General	15,259
03/15-2016 Primary	10,522
11-08-2016 Presidential	23,807
05-08-2018 Primary	6,274
11-06-2018 General	19,001

Presently the Columbus County Board of Elections is preparing for the November 5, 2019 Municipal Elections. Candidate filing for the Following towns and seats begins on July 5, 2019 at 12:00 noon and ends on July 19, 2019 at 12:00 noon.

<u>Seats up for Election</u>	<u>Number of Seats</u>

TOWN OF BOLTON MAYOR	1
TOWN OF BOLTON TOWN ALDERMAN	3
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMISSIONER	2
TOWN OF CERRO GORDO MAYOR	1
TOWN OF CERRO GORDO TOWN COUNCIL	2
TOWN OF CHADBOURN MAYOR	1
TOWN OF CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	3
TOWN OF FAIR BLUFF TOWN COMMISSIONER	2
TOWN OF LAKE WACCAMAW TOWN COMMISSIONER EAST WARD	1
TOWN OF LAKE WACCAMAW TOWN COMMISSIONER WEST WARD	1
TOWN OF SANDYFIELD MAYOR	1
TOWN OF SANDYFIELD TOWN COUNCIL	3
TOWN OF TABOR CITY MAYOR	1
TOWN OF TABOR CITY TOWN COUNCIL	2
CITY OF WHITEVILLE MAYOR	1
CITY OF WHITEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 01	2
CITY OF WHITEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02	1

In closing, although the Columbus County Board of Elections office is surrounded by the constant of politics, it is the responsibility of the Board of Elections staff to remain politically unbiased. Our focus is and always will be on the Electoral processes only. It is this Director’s priority to maintain the same in the Board of Elections office throughout day-to-day operations and during each election cycle.

**Agenda Item #6: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- FORMAL APPROVAL to MOVE FORWARD with GRANT APPLICATION to the UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to approve the grant submission to EDA for a water line extension and two (2) additional wells to serve the International Logistics Park of North Carolina.

Doctor Lanier stated the following:

1. This is a grant submission to the United States Economic Development Agency;
2. This is for water line extension and two (2) new wells, and locating an empty conduit for future internet fiber;
3. ATMC is very interested;
4. This is an 80/20 grant, and the County match will be approximately \$800,000;
5. The water lines will run west of Livingston Creek toward Bolton; **and**
6. The County match will come from the water district funds.

**MOTION #1:**

After discussion was conducted relative to the source of the County match, Commissioner Bullard made a motion to request the North Carolina and South Carolina Legislation to aide in finding the funds for the 20% County match, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION #2:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve moving forward with a grant application to the United States Economic Development Agency for a water line extension and two (2) additional wells to serve the International Logistics Park of North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - GRANT APPLICATION to EDA for INCUBATOR FACILITY in BOLTON:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested formal approval for EDC to move forward with a grant application to the United States Economic Development Agency.

Dr. Lanier stated the following:

1. The Town of Bolton needs an incubator;
2. The Town of Bolton will provide the land needed and it will need to be deeded to the County, and it is a 2-3 acres of land that this project will go on, located on Blacksmith Road, about a mile from Highway 74/76;
3. The cost of the incubator will be approximately \$1.3 million;
4. The local impact on the community will be approximately \$11.1 million;
5. The land cannot go toward the local match; **and**
6. We will need to finance this or use the Article 44 Tax amount.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve Economic Development to move forward with a grant application to the United States Economic Development Agency for an incubator facility in Bolton, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT LETTER for BUILDING REUSE GRANT for CAROLINA BOTANICALS and ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of a Resolution of Support Letter for a Building Reuse Grant and establishment of public hearing date.

Doctor Lanier stated the following:

1. The Carolina Botanicals is looking at the former W.F. Cox Building which is in bad shape;
2. They feel like they can make it and needs help to do so;
3. They are asking for a five (5%) percent local match; **and**
4. This money will be a rebate over the years on local taxes.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support Letter for the Building Reuse Grant for Carolina Botanicals, and the establishment of August 05, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. for a Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: EMERGENCY SERVICES - PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR:**

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested a part-time Fire Inspector. Ms. Worley stated the following.

1. We are requesting some additional fire inspection assistance in the Fire Marshall's Office;
2. At this time, we have two (2) employees that are doing fire inspections;
3. We have to do inspections for the entire County - new construction, existing businesses, group homes and foster homes, schools (2 times a year), all business, and churches;
4. This does not include plan reviews that the Fire Marshal is responsible for;
5. The fire Marshall is on call 24 hours a day; **and**
6. We are asking for a full-time person, but will gladly accept a part-time employee.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve a part-time Fire inspector. No second was received, and the motion died.

After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the board to provide the requested information at the July 15, 2019 Board Meeting.

**RADIO COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION:**

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, presented the following update.

1. The Radio Communications Committee met with the VIPER Network with the Highway Patrol;
2. They brought their team down and we met for several hours;
3. They gave us a broad overview of the current VIPER system;
4. Currently, there are three (3) tower sites in the county;
5. We have one (1) at Delco, one (1) at Chadbourn and one (1) at Nakina;
6. They provided us with VIPER coverage maps;
7. The maps covered about ninety-five (95%) percent of front-road coverage, not in buildings;
8. The maps provided to us did not cover any in-building coverage;
9. There are areas in the County that may not have good VIPER coverage;
10. These areas are the same ones we now have limited and sketchy coverage;
11. In buildings may still be an issue, because of the metal material;
12. There is no radio system that is one hundred (100%) percent coverage;
13. If we go with the VIPER system, the areas we are having trouble with now may still be the same with the VIPER system;
14. If we go with the State VIPER System, they are responsible for the tower sites;
15. We will not be responsible for the equipment on the tower sites any longer;
16. I am currently maintaining the FCC licensing for the communications system we have now, and I will no longer have to worry about that licensing anymore;
17. The State maintains the FCC licensing for the State VIPER Network;
18. As far as the County, we will be responsible for maintaining the equipment at the 911 Center, maintaining a fiber connection between the 911 Center and the Highway Patrol Farm Bureau Tower Site;
19. That allows the data to connect and make sure the information is transferred from this County and their county;
20. The things we need to look at if the County decides to covert to this system is as follows:
  - A. The 911 Center has to be replaced;
  - B. The equipment in the console has to be replaced;
  - C. We will need connectivity to the VIPER tower site, and it is recommended that we have two (2) fiber links in case of damage;
  - D. I have talked to one (1) vendor about the cost of replacing the console, and Spectrum;
  - E. I have talked to Highway Patrol and they are recommending NCNC;
  - F. I have talked to NCNC to see what the cost would be to get those fiber lines put in, and I am waiting for the prices from them;
  - G. We would have to design templates, and templates are the channels that are in the radios that the fire and rescue and law enforcement talk on;
  - H. State Highway Patrol will only allow so many talk groups, and if we exceed that number of talk groups, there may be additional expense for that;
  - I. One of the biggest expense would be the actual field unit radios, and these are the radios for the EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement agencies;
  - J. They would need radios for their vehicles, portable radios, so this, to me, would be the biggest expense we will encounter;
  - K. I have contacted the departments as to see the number they would need;
  - L. The radios needed could range - mobile in a vehicle \$1,200.00 to \$4,000.00, portable radios could range from \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00;
  - M. Paging is a different animal, and it is a system all to itself;
  - N. We are addressing paging; **and**
  - O. It will take about sixty (60) days to get a price, and if you convert, it will take one (1) year to install.

**Agenda Item #10: FINANCE - FUND BALANCE POLICY:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval on the second reading. (The first reading was done at the June 17, 2019 Meeting.)

After in-depth discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, to bring a schedule starting at fifteen (15%) percent, twenty (20%) percent, and twenty-five (25%) percent at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #11: GOVERNING BODY - DESIGNATION of VOTING DELEGATE to NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

Michael Stephens, County Manager, requested the Board to appoint the voting delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to appoint Trent Burroughs, Chairman, as the voting delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested appointments/reappointments/replacements to the following committees and boards..

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COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	I III	Vacant Vacant	--- ---	HOLD HOLD
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	VI	Brendon H. Jones	06/30/2019	RE-APPOINT
Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council	II	Sue Bell	06-30-2019	HOLD
		Betty Williamson (Deceased)	"	HOLD
	III IV	Richard Wilson Dan Watts	"	HOLD HOLD
Housing Advisory Committee	VII	James Register	06/30/2019	Re-Appoint
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority M= Bullard S= McMillian	EB	Carl Meares, Jr.	06/30/2018	Cathy Ashley
Tabor City Zoning Board of Adjustment M= Prevatte S= McDowell	EB	Kenny Stanley	April, 2019	Re-Appoint
Whiteville Planning Board/Board of Adjustment	EB	Robert White	09-08-2018	HOLD

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

At 8:19 P.M., Commissioner Byrd 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 Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 17, 2019 **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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESULTS/RECOMMENDATIONS of the RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested a workshop to be scheduled on July 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., to discuss the results/recommendations by Engineer Leo Green of the Riegelwood Sanitary District Feasibility Study.

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

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

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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 Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Tax Releases and Refunds, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Tax Releases and Refunds.**

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$97.80
Buck, Harry Wayne	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$546.25
Value: \$5,870.00	Year: 13-14	Account: 07-02347	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Double billed on Act#7-00891. Release Columbus Rescue(2.43) release late list(10.02)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$270.39
Cutler, Lottie(Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 95148	Total:	\$278.43
Value: \$6,700.00	Year: 12-17	Account: 01-18940	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Sold at tax sale. Release Whiteville Rescue(8.04)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$177.10
Everett, Margaret H	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82680	Total:	\$425.90
Value: \$11,000.00	Year: 17-18	Account: 01-25359	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Release Brunswick Fire(15.40) release Whiteville Rescue(4.40)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$801.78
Hair Alice Willoughby	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92248	Total:	\$1,304.38
Value: \$49,800.00	Year: 17-18	Account: 12-01148	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Rebilled to Larry Willoughby Release Evergreen Fire(79.68) release Columbus Rescue(19.92)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$169.52
Long, Tommy	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83577	Total:	\$1,056.32
Value: \$5,200.00	Year: 09-12	Account: 03-04248	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Unliveable should have been deleted. Release Old Dock Fire(16.64) release Columbus Rescue(4.16)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Little Ann M.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 98514	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 16-05817	Bill#: 17830
Refund 2 user fees. Double billed.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Anderson, Harry Mitchell Sr	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17366	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 10-00400	Bill#: 91377
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Baldwin, Stacie L ETAL	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 84069	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 06-03403	Bill#: 92144
Release user fee. Double listed.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00



Carteret Benjamin Shane	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 96299	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 08-05514	Bill#:	98270
Release user fee. Double listed.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Chappell, Frances	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 87992	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 09-00464	Bill#:	98769
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gore, Arneil Heirs & Patricia Heirs	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6982	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 03-08820	Bill#:	7726
Release user fee. Double listed.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hamer, Dolroe Jr & Jacqueline	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25682	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 13-01712	Bill#:	9810
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hoglund, Nancy Katherine Wilson	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20477	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 11-02911	Bill#:	12633
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Modern Developers Inc.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25033	Total:	\$226.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 13-27960	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Property#25033,25039 Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Newell, Maxine Z	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3761	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 01-65280	Bill#:	23662
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Newell, Maxine Z	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3761	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 01-65280	Bill#:	23662
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, James Curtis & Shelby Heirs	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25169	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 13-30040	Bill#:	23861
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powers, Willie JR	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 01-72601	Bill#:	26597
Release user fee. House not complete.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stephens, Sheri Ward	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 03-05235	Bill#:	34159
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Sutherland, Joseph A. Jr	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13233	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 07-17862	Bill#:	35327
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thompson, Donald	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75191	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 14-03053	Bill#:	36038
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thompson, Donald	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25447	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 13-03944	Bill#:	36023
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Whaley, Glen Edward	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5378	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2018	Account: 02-	Bill#:	39848
00358ee			
Release user fee. Double listed.			

**Agenda Item #16: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for Public Input. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

**Agenda Item #17: Comments:**

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

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - Legislation has approved the State Budget with some much needed funds for Columbus County and I would like to publicly thank our representatives and senator; **and**
  - I wish everyone a very safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
  - Mission Serve has been working in Columbus County, and they have done twenty-four (24) jobs;
  - We need to prepare a Proclamation of Appreciation to Dave Keller for getting this activity together; **and**
  - They had approximately two hundred ninety-one (291) participants in this program.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to prepare a Proclamation of Appreciation or a Letter of Support for Dave Keller, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** I wish everyone a very happy July 4<sup>th</sup>, and please stay safe.
4. **Commissioner McMillian:** stated the following:
  - I would like for us to get the water and sewer straight for our citizens; **and**
  - I wish everyone a very safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - There is sediment buildup at Lake Waccamaw so severe you cannot get through Big Creek into Lake Waccamaw, and we need help with this situation.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to proceed with contacting The Town of Lake Waccamaw and request their help in addressing the sediment issues, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

- On Robeson Road, roofing shingles are being dumped by the large truckload, and these trucks are not just citizens, they are contractors, and this is creating danger for the citizens who travel this area and needs to be addressed; **and**
  - I wish everybody a nice and safe July 4<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
    - The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to salute to America July 04, 2019, at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
    - The North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee Regional White House Conference is Thursday, August 08, 2019, 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.;
    - There is an upcoming Recovery and Resiliency Meeting on July 10, 2019 either in Kenansville or Wallace; **and**

-In response to the letter received about the closing of Urgent Care at the hospital, the County Commissioners did not close Urgent Care, the hospital closed Urgent Care.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

At 8:32 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) (4) Economic Development, and (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; and (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

No action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 9:37 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Burroughs requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *“The Columbus County Commissioners discussed Economic Development matters pending litigation and possible future litigation. No formal decision or action was taken by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on these topics during this Closed Session”*.

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

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion on the Economic Development issue, to notify Lake Waccamaw that we will split (½ Columbus County and ½ Lake Waccamaw) the cost of the D.O.T. Grant Assessment, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:39 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 01, 2019  
8:19 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:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Jerome McMillian  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 8:19 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 17, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 01, 2019  
8:19 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:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Jerome McMillian  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 8:19 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 17, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 01, 2019  
8:19 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:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Jerome McMillian  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 8:19 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 17, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 01, 2019  
8:19 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:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
Jerome McMillian  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 8:19 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 17, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESULTS/RECOMMENDATIONS of the RIEGELWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested a workshop to be scheduled on July 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., to discuss the results/recommendations by Engineer Leo Green of the Riegelwood Sanitary District Feasibility Study.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve a workshop on July 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., to discuss the results/recommendations by Engineer Leo Green of the Riegelwood Sanitary

District Feasibility Study, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman



**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, July 01, 2019**  
**8:19 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:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
 Jerome McMillian  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 Ricky Bullard  
 Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 8:19 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 17, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**