

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, September 16, 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 one (1) duly advertised Public Hearing and the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
 P. Edwin Russ, **Vice 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**

6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: **Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application** - the purpose of the Public hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs opened the Public Hearing, and stated this hearing is for the Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

Reading of POLICY:

Chairman Burroughs requested that Amanda Prince, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Ms. Prince orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

No comments were received either orally or written.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:33 P.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

6:33 P.M.**REGULAR SESSION:****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the September 16, 2019 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Jerome McMillian. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

ADJUSTMENT to AGENDA:

On the recommendation of Chairman Burroughs, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to move Agenda Item #11 to the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to approve the September 03, 2019 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION to LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS:

Chairman Burroughs presented the following Certificate of Appreciation to a representative from Lowe's.

**CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION**

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners would
like to recognize the following:
Lowe's Home Improvements of Whiteville, North Carolina
Zach Haines, Store Manager
Dan Morgan, Assistant Manager

On behalf of Columbus County and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, the County would like to present this Certificate of Appreciation for the generous donation of a stove to Columbus County during Hurricane Dorian.

On this, the 16th day of the month of September 2019, in Columbus County, North Carolina.

/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

/s/ JEROME McMILLIAN

/s/ GILES E. BYRD

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL

/s/ MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Vice Chairman

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE

/s/ RICKY BULLARD

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

/s/ AMANDA B. PRINCE, County Attorney

Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION CONSTITUTION WEEK 2019:

Amanda Bible Worley, member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation Constitution Week 2019.

**PROCLAMATION
CONSTITUTION WEEK 2019**

WHEREAS, September 17, 2019, marks the two hundred and thirty-second (232nd) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention;
and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion;
and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as **Constitution Week**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **TRENT BURROUGHS**, Chairman, Columbus County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2019 to be

CONSTITUTION WEEK

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Columbus County

to be affixed this 16th day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation Constitution Week 2019, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION to NAME the US-701 (SOUTH J.K. POWELL BOULEVARD) BRIDGE OVER MAIN STREET in HONOR of TROOPER KEVIN K. CONNER:

Lieutenant Matt Hardee, Fayetteville Highway Patrol, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Requesting North Carolina Department of Transportation to Name the US-701 (South J.K. Powell Boulevard) Bridge Over Main Street in Honor of Trooper Kevin K. Conner.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION to NAME the US-701 (SOUTH J.K. POWELL BOULEVARD) BRIDGE OVER MAIN STREET in HONOR of TROOPER KEVIN K. CONNER

WHEREAS, Trooper Kevin K. Conner was an employee with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol; **and**

WHEREAS, Trooper Conner served with distinguished honor during his tenure with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol; **and**

WHEREAS, Trooper Conner was active in his community, a dedicated family man, and is remembered as a friend and hero by his co-workers and fellow citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County and the State of North Carolina are grateful for individuals who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect their family, friends, and neighbors; **and**

WHEREAS, Trooper Conner made this sacrifice and was killed in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of Columbus County on October 17, 2018; **and**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County and the Columbus County Commissioners are indebted to Trooper Conner for his sacrifice and wish to remember and honor his name.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus County Commissioners respectfully request that NC DOT name the US-701 (South J.K. Powell Blvd) Bridge over Main Street in honor of ***Trooper Kevin K. Conner*** for his years of distinguished public service to the State of North Carolina and fellow citizens of Columbus County.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Manager**

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

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board**

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE, County Attorney**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Requesting North Carolina Department of Transportation to Name the US-701 (South J.K. Powell Boulevard) Bridge Over Main Street in Honor of Trooper Kevin K. Conner, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Vickie Pait, Families First Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2019, a Proclamation.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, October 2019 A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2019, Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout the county of Columbus and urge our community to work toward ending domestic violence by empowering people to develop healthier relationships, assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need, creating better and more resources for people in need, instituting effective intervention and prevention policies and engaging in discussions with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet epidemic of domestic violence.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** this the 16th day of September, 2019.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2019, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of ADDITIONAL STORM DEBRIS FUNDS:

Edward E. Davis, Director/District Conservation Technician, requested Board acceptance and approval of additional storm debris funds in the amount of two hundred sixty-nine thousand, eight hundred seven and no one hundreds (\$269,807.00) dollars under Phase 4 for vegetative debris removal from the 2016 storms.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept and approve the additional storm debris funds in the amount of two hundred sixty-nine thousand, eight hundred seven and no one hundreds (\$269,807.00) dollars, under Phase 4 for vegetative debris removal from the 2016 storms, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - CHAIRMAN to SIGN RESOLUTION and all RELATED DOCUMENTS for TRANSPORTATION GRANT for FY 20-21:

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested Board approval for Chairman to sign the Resolution and all pertinent documents for the Transportation Grant for FY 20-21. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M., on this date before the Meeting.)**

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION
FY 2021 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (Including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5301 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Charles T. Mc Dowell and seconded by Commissioner Ricky Bullard for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); **and**

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds; **and**

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for “purchase-of-service” projects under the Capital Budget Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chairman of the Columbus County Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application(s) for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

I, June B. Hall, Clerk to Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Commissioners duly held on the 16th day of September, 2019

/s/ JUNE B. HALL
Signature of Certifying Official

*Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.

Subscribed and sworn to me: 09/17/2019.

/s/ Paulette A. Varnam
 Notary Public *
 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472
 Address

Seal

My commission expires: 08-18-2022.

Agenda Item #11: FINANCE - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, will deliver a departmental update on Finance’s departmental activities.

On request, a motion was made, seconded and passed to move this item to the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - FIRST BANK for INTERIM FINANCING of WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of First Banking for the interim financing of Whiteville City Schools, from the following Summary of Bids Received.

BANK	RATE	FEES	EFFECTIVE RATE	PREPAYMENT
First Bank	1.99%	\$15,000	2.04%	Year 1 @102% Year 2 @ 100%
Sterling National Bank	2.10%	\$5,000	2.12%	Years 1-2 Noncallable Years 2-5 @ 100%
BB&T	2.18%	\$7,500	2.21%	Anytime @ 100%

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve First Bank for the interim financing of Whiteville City Schools, seconded by Vice Chairman P. Edwin Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

On August 7, 2019 I held a brief agency staff meeting. During the meeting, I informed staff of the upcoming training dates for our new phone system; which was scheduled to be installed on August 21, 2019.

Staff was informed of the closing of the Help Mission of Whiteville; due to the lack of funding to continue operation.

Staff was given some information on Medicaid Managed Care that was discussed at the Social Services Institute. We also discussed some of the different audits that DSS agencies will be facing over the next few years.

I reminded staff our agency computers and phones are county property and they are not to be misused. I informed staff computers and phones can be monitored at any time; as they are for work related use and not personal use. This is mentioned at times due to having new staff.

Prior to ending the staff meeting, I presented several employees with service awards for years of service ranging from 20 to 35 years. These employee names were listed in the institute booklet that was given out in early August.

On August 14, 2019 myself, several Supervisors and line workers attended a Medicaid Managed Care cross-training session at Robeson County DSS. During this session, we received updates from State staff as well as information from the providers for Managed Care.

On August 16 – 21, 2019 training classes were conducted by the CenturyLink Representative for all DSS staff on the use of our new phones. This was a one and one half hour long hands-on training. On August 21, 2019 around 5:30pm installation began. On August 22, 2019 our new phone system went live. We are still getting use to the new phones, but are grateful to have them as we strive to serve and communicate with the citizens of Columbus County more efficiently.

During the month of August, I attended the following meetings: NC Works Leadership Team, JCPC and Columbus County Partnership for Children’s annual meeting.

Lastly, on August 24, 2019 we participated in a Health Fair sponsored by G & G Healthcare in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina. Two workers from our Medicaid Department; Kayla Murphy and Zeldia Smith gave out information about Medicaid and donated school supplies to those who stopped by the DSS table. This was a very well attended event.

**August 2019
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 182 Applications Approved: 208 Active Cases: 5,322 Benefits Issued: \$1,255,977.00 Participants Served: 11,331
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 129 Cases Terminated: 49 Redeterminations: 208 Applications Processed: 115
Family & Children’s Medicaid	Applications Taken: 120 Applications Processed: 116 Redeterminations: 674 Total Medicaid Cases: 17,832 Total Individuals Receiving: 18,588
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 32 Orders Enforced: 903 Active Cases: 3,948 Collections: \$480,070.78

**August 2019
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 7 County Wards: 28 Number of Payee Cases: 14 Adults Served APS: 1 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 2,332 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$45,058.34
Children’s Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 41 Reports Screened Out: 26 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 45 Children Served: 101 Contacts with Families Monthly: 515 Assessments: 32
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 58 Children Placed Outside County: 13 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 2 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 7 Total Children in Foster Care: 60

Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 17 Applications Approved: 12 Individuals receiving Benefits: 221 Entered Employment: 1 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 0
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$3,176.06 New Referrals: 13 Cases Established: 3
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 413 Children on the Waiting List: 459 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$226,131.45

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: August 2019

News/Updates/Vacancies

Food and Nutrition:

Food and Nutrition continues to move forward training 4 new staff so we can consistently meet our timeliness compliance timeframes. The Food and Nutrition Team along with all benefit programs at DSS are required to give every client that applies an application to also register to vote where they reside. We can no longer just ask them if they would like to register to vote; we must give or mail them a voter registration application. If the client request for the worker to assist them in filling out the application, the worker is required to help complete it. Every time a client calls or comes into the office, it is required that we offer voter registration to them. Weather the client is applying, completing a decertification or calling to make a change in their case, it must be documented in NCFAST that we have offered for the client to register to vote. This team is fully staffed.

**Not August related—however---We have received notification from the State office that any households that would receive their Food and Nutrition Benefits between September 9, 2019 and September 21, 2019, will receive their benefits on Saturday, September 7, 2019. This will allow households impacted by Hurricane Dorian to purchase food immediately following the storm. There will also be an early release in October so households do not have more than 40 days between their next issuance cycle.

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

Both Teams in Medicaid are still completing webinars and having to complete courses in NCFAST to prepare for the upcoming Medicaid Transformation. Not only are we preparing for Medicaid Transformation, Adult Medicaid prepares for the upcoming decertification's of all MB/E cases, a limited Medicaid program that only pays for clients' Medicare premiums. These clients' recertifications all come due every December 31st of every year. Family and Children's Medicaid continue to help Food and Nutrition complete phone interviews for recertifications that require one (once every year). The Adult Medicaid Team has 2 vacancies.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Finger printing and extensive background checks will begin for all employees and any new hires on this Team September 27, 2019. Background checks will be completed for any state we have lived, worked or attended school in the last 5 years. NC Child Support pays 66% of the background check charges only and the County pays 34%. We currently have 17 employees that this process will be completed on. Child Support prepared 260 cases for 2 court days in August and our paralegal prepared and reviewed 165 orders. Child Support has 3 workers in training and are presently fully staffed.

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

- WorkFirst/Cash continues to meet their compliance timeframes.
- Medicaid Transportation continues to remain busy sending referrals for medical transportation with 1 vacancy on that Team.
- Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to keep our facility clean.
- Our deputy continues to do a great job with security.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT
Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for August 2019

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed. School has begun and referrals are expected to increase. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County continues to be on hold at this time due to many issues with the NCFAST system that are creating double work, incorrect data, loss of staff, and ultimately will affect the ability to meet performance measures and could affect children's safety and well-being. This Unit is preparing for monitoring by the state which will take place in September. This monitoring was previously postponed due to scheduling changes with Child Welfare going into NCFAST.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to have one vacancy, but has interviewed and hopes to make a recommendation. This Unit is preparing for monitoring by the state which will take place in September. This monitoring was previously postponed due to scheduling changes with Child Welfare going into NCFAST.

Foster Care:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit currently has two vacancies. Interviews have been completed and recommendations should be made soon. This Unit is preparing for monitoring by the state which will take place in September. This monitoring was previously postponed due to scheduling changes with Child Welfare going into NCFAST.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to have a vacancy which occurred in the month of July. Interviews have been completed and a recommendation should be made soon. This Unit continues to plan events for LINKs foster children and Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment. MAPP classes are currently going on for prospective foster parents. This Unit is also very busy assisting the other Child Welfare Units with courtesy visits, etc. This Unit is preparing for monitoring by the state which will take place in September. This monitoring was previously postponed due to scheduling changes with Child Welfare going into NCFAST.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to have a vacancy. Interviews have been completed and a recommendation should be made soon. This Unit continues to encounter 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. A tremendous amount of time is being dedicated to assisting those adults with mental health issues that are unable to be independent and unable to manage their own funds, etc. The addition of another position in this Unit may be a future request to help with client needs.

Work First Employment:

This Unit continues to be fully staffed. The Work First Employment Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system with daily issues. This Unit continues to assist with 200% and Emergency Assistance for those eligible. Participation rates are becoming a hot topic again which will require staff to make more contacts out in the community. The Supervisor of this Unit retired at the end of July, but interviews are being scheduled.

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. The waiting list continues to grow which is a concern for staff, but this Unit continues to monitor the list and occasionally works the list in an attempt to decrease the list by small amounts. The Supervisor of this Unit will be retired at the end of July, but interviews are being scheduled.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. Program Integrity continues to work within NCFAST with issues with regarding data that

correctly reflects the actual work of staff. Numbers continue to be reported as incorrect on reports for all counties Live in NCFAS. The Crisis Intervention Program(CIP) has begun in earnest for the 2019-2010 year. In August, 80 applications were completed with 76 approvals. We continue to have one Temporary worker in the office three days a week.

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

At 7:05 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 Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 03, 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.

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

At 7:09 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, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: Consent Agenda Item: Tax Releases and Refunds.

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

Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$39.28
Boone, Tammy	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$250.73
Value: \$4,880.00	Year: 2019 Account: 15-02721	Bill#:	87749
Release taxes for 2019/Sold SWMH 7-17-18 rebilled to 15-01975. Release Acme Delco(5.86) release Columbus Rescue(.98) release late list(4.61)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$191.43
BYARS, Michael Scott & Hanna	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$196.19
Value: \$23,780.00	Year: 2019 Account: 07-00142	Bill#:	90316
Release value Dbilled. Release Columbus Rescue(4.76)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$116.96
Crowell, William Brad	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$119.87
Value: \$14,529.00	Year: 2019 Account: 01-07226	Bill#:	94021
Release taxes. Sold in 2018 and listed in New Hanover County., ReleaseWhiteville Rescue(2.91)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$362.25
Peacock Plummer B & Lula	PROPERTY: 26912	Total:	\$407.25
Value: \$45,000.00	Year: 2019 Account: 14-11760	Bill#:	18633
Release portion of value. Veteran Exemption. Release Welches Creek(36.00) release Columbus Rescue(9.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Tedder, Silvan F & Frances E	PROPERTY: 5306	Total:	\$27.64
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019 Account: 01-00009	Bill#:	29232
Release late list. Turned in 1-14-19			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Barden, Beverly H.	PROPERTY: 2480	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018 Account: 01-02038	Bill#:	92255
Refund user fee. Vacant			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Freeman, John Q	PROPERTY: 28281	Total:	\$200.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-14820	Bill#: 6056	
Refund user fee.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hamilton, Marvin Eugene Jr			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 81717 Account: 01-36233	Bill#: 9866	
Refund user fee. Billed to single wide mobile home.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Harrelson, Carl W Jr.			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 94842 Account: 07-08080	Bill#: 10532	
Refund user fee.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Jessup Vilena			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 81224 Account: 14-07341	Bill#: 14766	
Refund user fee. Billed to Single wide.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Thelton			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 7395 Account: 03-14860	Bill#: 11750	
Refund user fee. Dbilled.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Mason, Alonzia & Annie Belle Heirs			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 21662 Account: 12-18540	Bill#: 19544	
Refund user fee.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
McDuffie, Billy Joe & Darlene B			Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 16585 Account: 09-05131	Bill#: 20141	
Refund user fees.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Mudassar Mohammed Yaseen			Total:	\$403.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 17-19	PROPERTY: 16495 Account: 09-03138	Bill#: 99999	
Refund user fees. Unliveable.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Shepherd, James C			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 18250 Account: 10-15420	Bill#: 30566	
Refund user fee.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Simmons, Mary B			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 6483 Account: 03-05751	Bill#: 31046	
Refund user fee. Dbl billed to single wide mobile home.				
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Wright, Roger & Carol C.			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	PROPERTY: 16764 Account: 09-36360	Bill#: 42108	
Refund user fee. Dbl Act#9-04567				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bethel Holiness Church			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 01-04864	Bill#: 87047	
Release user fee. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bowen, Ronnie			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 25077 Account: 13-06499	Bill#: 88040	
Release user fee. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brock, Jason & Kimberly			Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 11-05810	Bill#: 88600	
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Ina J. & Van			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 76837 Account: 01-03424	Bill#: 88901	
Release user fee. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bryan, Shelby Jean			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	PROPERTY: 15364 Account: 09-01760	Bill#: 89330	

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Release user fee. Vacant

User Fee

Daniels, Ellen D

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant land.

PROPERTY: 30584
Account: 16-03024

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 94334

User Fee

Fowler, Larry C & Angela

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant

PROPERTY: 76336
Account: 15-14491

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 98792

User Fee

Garner, George O & Alene

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant

PROPERTY: 6599
Account: 03-03715

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 99738

User Fee

Garner, George O & Alene

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Dbilled

PROPERTY: 6931
Account: 03-08200

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 99740

User Fee

Garnica Jacinto

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant

PROPERTY: 17901
Account: 10-04561

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$113.00
Bill#: 99751

User Fee

Gore, Daniel Jackson

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant Bldg.

PROPERTY: 79484
Account: 03-02835

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 1009

User Fee

Griffin Kimberly Ann & Jack Williard

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant

PROPERTY: 25742
Account: 13-03517

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 2703

User Fee

Harrelson, Eunice Norris

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Overbilled.

PROPERTY: 16025
Account: 09-13075

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 3811

User Fee

Hayes, Faye Green

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Only 1 house on property.

PROPERTY: 30272
Account: 16-07720

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 4139

User Fee

Jacobs, Ezzell & Daphine

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Dbilled Act#11-03424

PROPERTY: 85324
Account: 11-14207

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 7317

User Fee

Kelly, Sharon

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Dbilled.

PROPERTY: 28709
Account: 15-22160

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 9221

User Fee

Kermon, Raquel Cox

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. House vacant. 2153 Howard Cox Rd

PROPERTY: 12825
Account: 07-02607

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 9274

User Fee

Lennon, Blanchie J

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fees, Vacant

PROPERTY: 26726
Account: 14-08700

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$400.00
Bill#: 10485

User Fee

Moore, Mildred M.(Dec)

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. No house on property.

PROPERTY: 26857
Account: 14-10987

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 15978

User Fee

Nealy, Theatus(Deceased)

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019

Release user fee. Vacant

PROPERTY: 16496
Account: 09-21903

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$200.00
Bill#: 16889

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ransom, LarryWayne	PROPERTY: 9887	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 05-05560	Bill#:	20821
Release user fee. Dbilled			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Sexton, William M & Sylvia	PROPERTY: 18717	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 11-00510	Bill#:	23793
Release user fee. House Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spaulding, Herman L.	PROPERTY: 96183	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 08-03856	Bill#:	26547
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spivey, Ricky Lee Jr.	PROPERTY: 86535	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 09-00205	Bill#:	26949
Release user fee. Dbilled Act#9-28488			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Sullivan, Rickie Lee	PROPERTY: 78622	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 16-15763	Bill#:	28692
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
T & H Enterprizes, Inc.	PROPERTY: 29692	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 15-02826	Bill#:	28886
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Vaught, Annie R McGirt	PROPERTY: 24924	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 13-41115	Bill#:	30892
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Waccamaw Storage Inc.	PROPERTY: 75991	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 08-19633	Bill#:	31133
Release user fee. Storage Bldg.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Christopher Bryan	PROPERTY: 13552	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 07-04425	Bill#:	31799
Release user fee. Dbilled			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williamson, Hank	PROPERTY: 86880	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 12-30645	Bill#:	34544
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williamson, Larry J. & Cheryl W	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 11-30060	Bill#:	34645
Release user fee. Drilled for can Prop#83676/20459			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wright, Roger & Carol C	PROPERTY: 16764	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 09-36360	Bill#:	35604
Release user fee. Can billed on another account.			

Agenda Item #16: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for Public Input, and requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Policy for Public Address to the Board. Ms. Prince orally read the policy in its entirety. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS - EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY CERRO GORDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval of the exchange of 1.58 acres for 6.70 acres for the Cerro Gordo Elementary School site.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the exchange of 1.58 acres for 6.70 acres for the Cerro Gordo Elementary School site, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** I would like to thank our employees and everyone who helped and was involved at the Emergency Center during the hurricane.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** started the following:
 - There is much discussion being conducted relative to our Closed Session Minutes;
 - I need to know if we are following the correct procedure we need to do with our Closed Session Minutes; **and**
 - Reply - County Attorney:** If we state that we discussed the topic, that is enough in accordance with the information that I have.
 - This Board needs to be consistent and allow enough transparency to satisfy the public and the press that is within legal limits.
 - Chairman Burroughs:** stated he has spoken with the County Attorney and the County Manager and encouraged them to provide more details for the public.
3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I truly appreciate all of our employees and everyone that rendered their help during the storm;
 - I would like to commend Kay Worley and David for the letter received from Red Cross that stated our emergency operations are top notch; **and**
 - Relative to the Closed Session Minutes, we need to provide more details for the public and the press and stay within the legal subject limitations.
4. **Commissioner McMillian:** stated the following:
 - I would like to thank the Administration Office and the Soil and Water Conservation Office for their help and information provided to me when I call; **and**
 - The citizens are concerned relative to the upcoming election, and I have contacted the Elections Office for the information.
5. **Vice Chairman Russ:** I am having trouble with the keypad in the Administration Office.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - Relative to the Closed Session Minutes, we need to be more detailed, release the information in a timely manner, and stay within the restricted legal subjects;
 - I talked to Toby at the Lake Waccamaw State Park about the removal of the sediment at the entrance to the lake several months ago, and I would like to know status of this situation;
 - REPLY:** Edward Davis replied stating this process would involve the Army corps of Engineers and it will take several years to obtain the permit that is needed;
 - Spearman and Robeson Road may be a State road, and there is a hot power line on the ground, and we need to find out if it is a State road;
 - The \$20,000 that we approved for Southeastern Community College to entice the president needs to be revisited;
 - As an eyewitness, I have all the information that is needed for processing as to dumping trash on Robeson Road; **and**
 - This Board needs to unify and operate as one (1) Board with seven (7) members.
7. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - I appreciate the schools board attending this meeting;
 - I appreciate the Daughters of the American Revolution attending and presenting a copy of the Constitution to the Board;
 - The Columbus County 4-H's have been absent for the last two (2) years at the NCACC Conference, and I encourage the 4-H's to attend;

-I received a letter from the American Red Cross complimenting our Emergency Center and stated the center was the most organized and prepared center they had worked with;

-I would like to thank our employees and everyone else who worked during the hurricane;

-Responses to a concerned citizen's complaints are as follows:

1. A hurricane is on its way, and there is no evacuation plan for the eastern part of the County, that is from highway 211 back.

- Hurricane Dorian was a Category 2 storm and based on information from the National Weather Service, there was no reason to issue a mandatory evacuation anywhere in the County. However, emergency evacuation shelters were opened for anyone that felt the need to evacuate their home.

2. There is no designated supply center located from Highway 211 back to help our residents. I am asking you as nice and polite as I can, we need help down there, we need water, we need hurricane supplies, maybe we need an evacuation center.

- During Hurricane Dorian there were no Points of Distribution Sites (POD's) set up throughout the County. POD's are generally not set up until after an event, when there is an extended amount of time when people are without power or if roads are flooded that would prevent people from travel. In the past, POD sites have been set up at the local Fire/EMS departments. At POD sites in the past, we passed out MRE's, bottled water, and tarps. These are not items that are passed out before a disaster.

- East Columbus High School along with other sites was opened as a shelter on Wednesday, prior to the storm.

3. The generators at East Columbus High School went out last year. Have they been maintained? Has anyone checked on this?

- Prior to the storm, Columbus County Schools Maintenance Director Timmy Ward was contacted regarding generators at our Emergency Evacuation Shelters. Mr. Ward relayed that the generators at the schools that we use for Emergency Evacuations were operational. He even told us that they had recently installed new fuel tanks at some of these locations.

4. We will probably lose electricity in the Bolton/Prosper areas for four (4) days if the hurricane bares down. If we do lose electricity for four (4) days, we will be without water again in excess of four (4) days.

- POD sites are set up at the local fire/ems departments ASAP if there is an extended amount of time when people are without power or if roads are flooded. Water, MRE's and tarps are made available to those in need.

- There are a lot of residents throughout Columbus County that do not have access to the Columbus County Public Water Supply System. When a major storm hits the County, unfortunately residents will be without electricity and water supply.

5. I am asking you again for County water in Prosper, and I have heard a promise before. The citizens have paid for County water before and have never received it.

- The Public Utilities Department has been working with Green Engineering on potential water system extension projects in all water districts throughout the County. If a project is financially feasible to complete, the County hopes to extend water lines to the residents that have been requesting water service in their area. Due to such a huge financial burden on the County, there are restrictions to receiving County water. A minimum of 15 houses per mile must hook up to the system or the project will not be feasible to complete.

- All citizens within Columbus County are required to pay taxes for their property. Although the tax covers a lot of expense within the County, the Columbus County Public Water Supply is not covered by residential tax payments. The Columbus County Public Utilities Department is an enterprise fund and does not directly affect the general fund balance for Columbus County.

6. We have a recycling center that will not take our trash.

- The Byrdville Recycling Center is a recycling center only. It was not constructed to accept household trash, only recyclable materials. This facility is operated with funding from the State of NC. Therefore, the guidelines and procedures that Columbus County follows for all recycling centers are required by the State. The citizens located within the County limits pay

\$200 a year in taxes for residential trash collection services. Household trash is to be placed in the receptacle at the resident's home for proper disposal

7. It is time that the eastern part, between highway 211 and the County line, get some help. We are paying Columbus County taxes. I think the Board should look at the part between Highway 211 and back, in getting us some help. We are getting nothing in the eastern part of North Carolina. You can give all the excuses you want to, but we are getting nothing in this area.

- Columbus County EDC has applied for and been awarded a \$2.15 million grant to complete the sewer service that will support development in both the International Logistics Park as well as the Mid-Atlantic Rail Served Industrial Park.
- Columbus County EDC is in the process of submitting a \$3.4 million grant application to the United States Economic Development Administration that will provide two new wells for the water district, as well as extending the 16 inch water main from the county line down to the entrance and into the International Logistics Park. Included in the project is planned co-location of conduit and vaults that can be leased to an internet service provider in the future.
- Columbus County EDC is in the process of submitting a business incubator grant application to the US EDA for approximately \$1 million to establish a facility in the Town of Bolton (on Blacksmith Road).
- Columbus County EDC has been in frequent contact and has written several support letters in support of Great Grant applications being made by ATMC to expand internet coverage throughout the underserved areas of Columbus County.
- Columbus County EDC is in the process of investigating the cost of up-fits for the wastewater treatment plant located on Fertilizer Road near the Hexion/Momentive Chemical facility to enable that facility to handle human waste in addition to chemical wastes currently processed. This would open the area to further industrial development. The plant is rated for 150,000 gallons per day and is using less than 25,000 gpd.
- Columbus County approved an economic development incentive grant for International Paper Company in support of their \$160,252,000 expansion and addition of a second fluff paper line. The incentive grant totaled \$4,314,800.
- Columbus County has supported 3 recent expansions at the West Fraser dimensional lumber mill in the last few years. Total investments at the mill have exceeded \$20 million in total. The most recent expansion totaled \$2.5 million and the Columbus County incentive grant associated with that expansion was \$76,745.
- Columbus County Utilities has recently undertaken a water line extension and new well on Old Lake Road in support of the West Fraser Mill.

8. There are a lot of people in our area that cannot afford a generator. It is terrible.

- We realize that there are a lot of our folks throughout the county that cannot afford generators. The county opened shelters in the county well in advance of the storm so that these residents had plenty of time to evacuate. All shelters have food and water available to folks throughout the storm.

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

- I would like to reiterate what has been stated relative to Kay Worley and David Ransom;
- I need to thank all of our employees and the First Responders for their hard work and dedication to make our citizens safe;
- Last week I have been talking to a gentleman from the State about broadband infrastructure in Columbus County; **and**
- ATMC notified me today stating they have been awarded a grant in the amount of one million dollars, plus, which will serve 755 locations.

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

At 7:43 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) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege; and (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE; and (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:29 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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 Burroughs requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *“The Board of Commissioners discussed personnel matters with the attorney hired to do an investigation. No decision or action was taken on this topic during the Closed Session”*.

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

STATEMENT by CHAIRMAN BURROUGHS:

I would like to state that the investigation revealed no evidence confirming the substance of the complaint. All County Commissioners are satisfied with the results of the investigation, and this concludes the investigation of Mike Stephens.

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:31 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, September 16, 2019
7:05 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**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 03, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 03, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, with the recommended correction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. 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, September 16, 2019
7:05 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**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 03, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 03, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, with the recommended correction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. 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, September 16, 2019
7:05 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**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 03, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 03, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, with the recommended correction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. 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, September 16, 2019
7:05 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**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 03, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 03, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, with the recommended correction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. 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, September 16, 2019
7:05 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**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice-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**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:05 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 #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 03, 2019 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 03, 2019 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, with the recommended correction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:09 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman